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NEWSLETTER

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**School Re-opens on
Monday 6th June at
normal time.**

**Swimming is for Year 1
and Year 6 after half
term.**

**Summer Fete
Saturday 2nd July
1pm—3pm**

**Please help—we are
currently collecting
bottles and gifts for
the gift tombola. After
half term we would
greatly appreciate any
confectionary—boxes of
chocolate and sweets.**

Good afternoon everyone—I know it is only Thursday but as we have a Teacher Training Day tomorrow I suddenly realised I won't see you again for over a week! We have had a lovely (if little shorter) week in school.

This morning we all went to Corpus Christi Church together to meet up with Corpus Christi School and celebrate the Feast Day of our Parish. It was a lovely occasion—the Year 3 children all dressed in their Communion finery and all sang their hymns beautifully. The celebration was wonderful and we hope that Father Paul enjoyed his final Feast Day with his parish and school family. I took lots of photographs as a special memento for him.

So we finish school this afternoon and when we return it will be the final half term of the school year—this means, reports, Year 6 assembly and leavers Mass, trips, Sports Days, assemblies, inspires and hopefully lots and lots of sunshine.

I hope that you have a good half term break and I will see you when we return.

First Holy Communion

Many, many congratulations to our First Holy Communion children - the celebration last Saturday morning was wonderful and we were all immensely proud of the children. The church was packed full with families, friends and St Cuthbert's staff and pupils; the children read beautifully and their Communion hymn at the end of the service was genuinely moving.

Many thanks to all the staff and children who came to support their school friends, a special thank you to Mrs Knight and Mrs McKenna for playing during the service, thank you to Mrs Parkes who prepared the lovely display and of course a very big thank you and well done to Mr Gallagher and Miss Edwards for preparing our children so well.

Mr Laidlaw

As some of you may already be aware, Mr Laidlaw is going to retire in July; he has worked at St Cuthbert's School for over 10 years and I know he has loved working in school. It is time for him to spend more time with Mrs Laidlaw and enjoy more of a rest. We will of course miss him greatly but understand that it is his time and he deserves to be able to spend as much time with Mrs Laidlaw as he can.

We will of course make sure Mr Laidlaw has a lovely school send off but until then we will start by simply saying thank you to Mr Laidlaw for his loyal and supportive work in the school.

Both Mr and Mrs Laidlaw are going on the Dicoesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes during the half term break—Mr Laidlaw has told me he will take all of our prayers with him as he goes. We hope they have a wonderful time.

Coach Adam

Coach Adam is leaving us today to start a new job. He has run numerous football, gym and fitness clubs over the past 18 months and has been a reliable and supportive coach. We will miss him but wish him well in his new job! I know some of the children are upset that Coach Adam is leaving us, you never know, one day he may well return!

Coach Reiss will be joining us after half term so all clubs will continue as normal—the only change being that Gym for Year 4 finishes on a Thursday after tonight and Year 5 begin gym on a Thursday after half term. Year 5 children who are doing gym will have a letter with them this evening.

ATTENDANCE

Overall School Attendance

95.98% (almost back to 96%)

Weekly School Attendance

16.05.16—20.05.16

97.43%

Winning Class

Year 6 99.3%

Well done Year 5!

Congratulations to Mominah Year 1 who won the attendance this week!

Feast of Corpus Christi

Father, take all the broken bits of our lives

Our broken promises;

Our broken friendships;

Our differences of opinion,

Our different backgrounds, and shapes and sizes,

And arrange them together,

Fitting them into each other to make something beautiful

Like an artist makes a stained glass window.

Make a design

Your design

Parents, Parking and Behaviour

Once again, I'm writing in a newsletter about parking and behaviour of parents who come to drop off and pick up their children. So quite simply can I remind you:

- Please park carefully and safely
- Please do not drive too quickly down Gumbleberrys Close— we are a 20mph zone, please note the sign at the top of the road.
- You are here to drop off and pick up your children—that should not cause any difficulties for anyone, please be polite and well mannered—it is what I expect of the children and quite simply it is what I would like to see from all adults who come into the school.
- If you do have a problem with someone, that is sad, but I would advise you NOT to bring that onto the school playground—I would certainly not expect any adults to be rude to each other with children present or on school property.

As always many, many of you are cheerful, polite and happy every morning and every afternoon—thank you for that, it does make a difference and is much appreciated. I know many of you are probably frustrated to be reading this again but we still have the occasional issue.

Building Services Manager

With Mr Laidlaw's retirement in July the Governors are seeking to develop the role and employ a Building Services Manager. The Advert, job description and application form are going onto the website tomorrow; if you are interested or you know of anyone who might be interested please look on the website or contact the school office for an application pack.

Key Dates

Polling Day—Thursday 23rd June—School Closed

Monday 6th June—School re-opens

Tuesday 7th June—Swimming Year 1 and Year 6

Wednesday 8th June—Year 6 Inspire

Wednesday 8th June—Year 4 trip to the Synagogue

Thursday 9th June—Year 5 Trip to London

Thursday 9th June—Year 4 Inspire

Friday 10th June—Year 3 Celebration Mass—First Holy Communion

Tuesday 14th June—Nursery meeting for New Parents 10:30am

Tuesday 14th June—Swimming Year 1 and 6

Wednesday 15th June—Theatre Company in school for Nursery and Reception

Thursday 16th June—Year 3 Inspire

Thursday 16th June—Year 4 Trip to Kingsbury

Friday 17th June—Year 5 Mass

Happy Feast Day and Happy Half Term Everyone
Have a good week.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff

