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NEWSLETTER

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P.E. Kits

Indoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

Outdoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Outdoor trainers

Or

Dark tracksuit

Outdoor trainers

It is important that your child not only has school pumps for indoor PE but trainers for outdoor PE.

We can't allow children to do outdoor P.E in school pumps or shoes—it just isn't safe or practical.

Our advice is for the children to have a pair of trainers that they can keep with their PE kit throughout the year.

If you have any problems getting suitable footwear please do come and see me—we will be happy to help. I will keep this notice on the Newsletter for the next few weeks.

Good afternoon to one and all! I hope that you have all had a good week and have good things to look forward to over the weekend.

- We are now into our third week of the school term and all our new starters have now started their school life at St Cuthbert's. We welcomed Ifrah, Dominik, Evie-Rose, Tilly-Lou, Oscar, Izzi, Sophie, Aayat, Inaaya and Hibban into Reception; we also welcomed our final two groups into Nursery. Starting school or Nursery is such a big event in both the children and the parents lives—we are very pleased to have welcomed them all into our community.

- Year 4 went bowling on Thursday morning as a reward for winning the class attendance—Miss Savva and Miss Reilly were very impressed with their behaviour—as always they represented the school brilliantly.

- Year 3 presented a lovely Mass this morning—it was their first as a KS2 and they presented it in a very mature and responsible manner. Mr Gallagher was very proud!

Class Meetings

Many thanks to all the parents who have managed to attend their child's class meetings—we do realise that for some of you it has meant attending at least two meetings. Both the staff and I have found them incredibly useful and we hope that you have too.

For those of you who were unable to attend I am going to hold an additional meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 9:00am in the school library—we can give you the handouts and go through the general information that they hold. After this meeting, if we still haven't seen you then I will be coming to find you!

One of the things that we have tried to do is give out key dates for parents—as Reception have only just started we haven't done a meeting for you but I can give you a couple of key dates for your diary.

Reception Class—Key Dates

We like to welcome our new Reception Class with a Service of Welcome—this will be on Tuesday 11th October at 2:15pm, it is just a short service with your children and any siblings they might have in school, in which we will officially welcome them into school. Father Andrew will be with us for the Service and will give a blessing to each family.

Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th November

Wednesday 5th April

Christmas Nativity (play)

Thursday 15th December 2:15pm

Inspire

Thursday 19th January 9:15am

Class Assembly

Thursday 25th May at 9:15am

Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service

I can also confirm that Year 5 and Year 6 will present a service of carols at Corpus Christi Church on Thursday 15th December at 7:00pm. Please put the date in your diaries.

School Nurse

Our new school nurse will be visiting next Friday—30th September. She will be in the school library after Mass (10:00am) and if you have any medical concerns about your child and wish to speak to her she will be available at this time.

ATTENDANCE

As I have stated in the past (until you are probably fed up) attendance and punctuality are a huge issue for schools. The government have told us they now judge persistent absence to be below 90% and they expect schools to be taking action in supporting and improving attendance for these children.

Please phone in if your child is ill.

Please let us know if you are in a situation that will effect your child's attendance.

Please do not take offence if we have to talk to you about attendance and punctuality.

Excellent attendance makes a real difference to your child.

A new year

Lord a new year has come,
Another one to face
And I know I can't do it
Without your love and grace.

I need Your mercy,
If I am to stay strong,
And please will you send me
Some joy to take along.

But mostly give me peace,
Throughout the year,
So I can keep out all
The worry and fear.

An while you are at it,
There is one more think
I need hope regardless
Of what the year may bring

Lord, a new year has come
one now, I'm ready to face
Because I know I'm supplied
With Your mercy, love and
grace.

Attendance

Congratulations to Mikey in Year 2 who won the attendance award for last week—her prize was a money box, which came with paints and she brought it back into school to show us her finished product. Well done Mikey.

Attendance Since September: **95.21%**

Class winners for last week: **Year 4 with 98.33%** (they have started as they mean to go on!)

School Uniform

Thank you for all your efforts in making sure that children are smart and well presented for school. I am aware that it is becoming more difficult to purchase our royal blue skirts and pinafores for the girls and the polo shirts with our school badge.

We do want to keep our uniform policy as it is; we feel the royal blue is smart and a little bit different to all other school uniforms, therefore we are currently looking into getting a supply of skirts, pinafores and polo shirts in school for you to purchase.

Please remember that we often have nearly new donated uniform handed in each year and we are happy for you to come and take some for your child/children. I hate to see it go to waste.

If you are unsure of the uniform policy it is on the website—if you have any queries please just ask.

School Councillors

We held our council elections this week—a voting booth was set up in the KS2 playground and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 all took part in voting for their new councillors.

Many congratulations to:

Year 6: Evie and Noah

Year 5: Liam and Keeley

Year 4: Daniel and Amelia

Year 3: Ciara and Nathan

Year 2: Theo and Lexi

Year 1: Emma and Finley

Mr Wilson will be meeting the new school council in the next week or so to find out what the councils aims are for this year—as long as it is not getting rid of the headteacher all will be well.

Sacramental Meetings and Masses

I have spoke with Father Andrew and we have arranged the dates for all the meetings and Masses for the Sacramental Programme for the year.

Sacramental Enrolment Meeting Year 3 and Year 6	Thursday 3 rd November 6:30pm in School
Sacramental Enrolment Mass Whole School	Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 20 th November 10:30am Corpus Christi
Sacramental Reconciliation Meeting Year 3	Wednesday 8 th February 6:30pm in School
Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3	Thursday 23 rd March 6:30pm Corpus Christi Church
Sacrament of FHC Meeting	Wednesday 26 th April 6:30pm in School
First Holy Communion	Saturday 13 th May 9:30am at Corpus Christi Church
Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting	Wednesday 24 th May 6:30pm in School
Sacrament of Confirmation	Sunday 25 th June 9:00am at Corpus Christi Church

Dates for the diary

Tuesday Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming

Friday 30th September—Year 5 Mass

Friday 30th September—Macmillian Coffee Afternoon 3:30pm in the school hall

Tuesday 4th October—Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 5th October—Funeral of Mr Laidlaw at Corpus Christi Church

Thursday 6th October—Year 5 Inspire

Friday 7th October—Year 4 Mass

We are presently organising a number of school trips and will let you know as soon as possible the dates for trips; if you have any ideas of trips that would benefit our children then please do let us know.

Clubs for Term 1

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Dance</u> <u>Year 1 and 2</u>	<u>Football</u> <u>Year 2 and 3</u>	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>P.E. Skills (Gym)</u> <u>Year 1 and 2</u>	<u>Fizzbang:</u> <u>Year 5 and 6</u>	<u>Netball:</u> <u>Year 5 and 6</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Football</u> <u>Year 4, 5 and 6</u>	<u>Basketball</u> <u>Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</u>	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>P.E Skills (Gym)</u> <u>Year 3</u>		

I know many children are taking the opportunity to go to after school clubs which is wonderful. Please do be patient as you wait to collect your children; we have to ensure that all children leave safely, with all their possessions and with the correct adult. I am sure as the new routine of the school year settles down collection will become much quicker and easier. I do ask for your patience and remember to smile at the office ladies—they are lovely!

Term Dates

Monday 5th September—Friday 21st October

HALF TERM

Monday 31st October—Thursday 22nd December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 9th January—Friday 17th February

HALF TERM

Monday 27th February—Friday 7th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 24th April—Friday 26th May

HALF TERM

Monday 5th June—Friday 21st July

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs

Father Paul Celebration Mass

The Parish of Corpus Christi will be holding a celebration of thanks for Father Paul on Thursday 13th October at 7:00pm. Father Paul will be back with us for the celebration and all are welcome. Please do come along if you can.

Fundraising Event for Mr Fitzgerald

There is a fundraising event at The North Star on Saturday 1st October to support Mr Fitzgerald who is an ex-parent of the school and a long standing member of the parish. He was taken seriously ill a couple of years ago and his friends are supporting the family through this time. Mr Laidlaw was due to play music at the event. Please see Mrs Parkes if you are interested in buying a ticket.