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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.

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you had an enjoyable half term and managed to make the most of this lovely autumn weather. We are now into our second half term and its going to be just as busy as always.

- 1 This week we started as we mean to go on—Year 6 had their Inspire session on Thursday morning in the hall—many thanks to those parents/grandparents and other relatives who came along to support their children—the work produced was lovely and the children had a wonderful morning.

- 2 Last night the children and parents of Year 3 and Year 6 who are receiving Sacraments this year came to school for a special enrolment service. It was the first one that Father Andrew has attended and he was very impressed with the turn out, the service and the children. Once again my thanks for giving up your time to support your children in this way.

- 2 We also marked the Year of Mercy this week with a special Mercy Walk around school—the children focused on the acts of mercy and a Saint who displayed that particular act of mercy—all the classes have also completed a special piece of artwork to mark the Year of Mercy.

Year 2 and Year 6 started their half term swimming on Tuesday and Year 4 presented a thoughtful and reflective Mass this morning which was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

So all in all a pretty busy start but a most enjoyable one.

### Parents Evening

It is Parents Evening next Wednesday 9th November—all appointment times will be sent out tonight with the newsletter. If there are any issues about times then please do see your child's class teacher on Monday. I cannot tell you how important it is that you attend parents evening—communication and having the opportunity to talk through things is very important. If you cannot attend on Wednesday at all can I ask that you make another appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you have anything further that you wish to discuss on Wednesday Mr Kelly and I will be available throughout the evening.

### All Saints

On Tuesday it was the feast of All Saints and Father Andrew invited St Cuthbert's to attend the Mass at Corpus Christi Church. I took the School Council and the House Captains to Mass on Tuesday morning with Mrs Parkes and I was incredibly proud of them all—they represented our school so well. We took all of the schools intentions to Mass and offered them for you all.

### School Uniform

As we approach the season of colder weather just a couple of reminders. Please label your child's jumpers and cardigans because once the heating is turned on then children often take their jumpers off in class. The uniform policy states royal blue, black or grey tights for girls—not patterned or stripped and girls skirts and pinafores should be royal blue. Any problems in buying these items of school uniform, please come and see me and I will ensure we get some to you through school.

## 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.

### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 8th November—Swimming  
Year 2 and Year 6

Wednesday 9th November—Year 2  
Trip Blakesley Hall and Year 3 Trip to  
Birmingham Museum

Wednesday 9th November—Open  
Morning for prospective Reception  
Parents—9:30am

Wednesday 9th November—Parents  
Evening from 3:30pm

Friday 11th November—Year 5 Mass

Please make note of our School Mass  
which is on Sunday 20th November at  
Corpus Christi Church at 10:30am.

This Mass is an enrolment Mass for the  
children of Year 3 and Year 6 and we  
ask that as many members of the  
school community come along to support  
this occasion.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Alyssia in Year 5 who won the attendance award for last week

Attendance Since September: **96.20%**

Class winners for last week: **Year 4 with 97.6%**

Weekly attendance for last week: **94.74% (17th—21st October)**

## Monies

Thank you to all of you who have responded so well to the request on last weeks letter for sending money into school. It really does help the office staff out. I'm putting the message on again because I know it made a difference to them this week.

A request from the office; **could dinner money please be paid in on a Monday**, it really does make a big difference to the office staff and the accounting and auditing of the money. Please put the **money in an envelope and put your child's name on the envelope**. They can hand it in to their class teachers in the morning.

Nursery - many thanks to the Nursery parents who are paying for their full time places - Mrs Gibbins is delighted by your promptness. Can we ask that you please pay the money to the Nursery - just place it in an envelope and put your child's name on it.

## Prayer Garden

In the weeks since Mr Laidlaw's death I have held a couple of meetings with the team who have been planning the garden for the courtyard in school. You will remember that we had a company who came in and designed a multi-faceted garden; we held a competition for children to design a courtyard garden and we held a number of fundraising activities.

A decision was made that in response to Mr Laidlaw's death the garden should become the 'The Laidlaw Prayer or Peace Garden' and that the focus will now change to be a place of peace, prayer and rest. We are simplifying the design and making the garden a more open space with elements in which classes, groups, individuals can sit quietly and peacefully.

We want to include a flower garden, a memorial bench, a memorial for Robby, a Marian Shrine and some statues or artwork. We want the heart of the school to be a place that reflects our community and is a place of rest and comfort.

We want the garden to be open by Easter and we have planned a clearance weekend and a couple of other fundraising activities which will support the work. The Governors have agreed that the remainder of the cost can come from the school budget.

I hope you can see why we have changed the premise and purpose of the garden and wish to dedicate to both Mr and Mrs Laidlaw who were at the heart of this school for many years. I am sure over the coming weeks when I talk to the children and staff there will be numerous other ideas about how we can create this garden. I hope that you will continue to support us and that by the Summer Term we have a new place in our school that we will all be proud of.

## Open Morning

If you have a child in Nursery or a child who is Nursery age and will be starting Reception in September 2017 we are holding an Open Morning next Wednesday the 9th November. This is allow you to see the school at work, once the day has begun and it gives you a chance to meet me and ask any questions you may have about your child starting this school.

The Open Morning starts at 9:30am and lasts about 30 minutes.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Hobbs and all the staff.

