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Allergies

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.

Good afternoon and welcome to December—and it does actually feel like winter, not that I'm complaining! Another week has passed in the life of St Cuthbert's. We have begun all our Christmas play rehearsals and the sound of bells, music and singing can be heard at all times coming from the hall. All seems to be going well and I know that the children love preparing their Christmas plays for you!

Year 2 and Year 6 have been swimming and Year 5 have been to visit the Back to Back houses in Birmingham, there are Christmas trees and decorations up in school and we celebrated a lovely Mass this morning presented by children from KS2.

Gift Night

Just a little reminder that it is our 'Gift Night' on Wednesday after school—the school provides gifts, wrapping paper, scissors and selotape and all we ask is that you come in with your child to wrap a present from the school that will be given out to people in our community.

We do ask for a donation of £1 to cover all the costs, we will set up the hall and the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms with everything you need and we will even put on a bit of Christmas music. Please do join us.

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve Corpus Christi Church have a special celebration for children at 6.00pm. Ms Reilly and other members of the parish prepare a special nativity and need as many volunteers to take part as possible. Rehearsals are at 12:00pm on Saturday at Corpus Christi Church.

Nursery Places—September 2017

If you have a child, or know of anyone who has a child who was born between September 1st 2013 and 31st August 2014 then we are currently collecting applications for our Nursery.

At present we can offer 52 part time places, we can also assess pupils for eligibility for funded full time places and currently some parents pay for full time—although the Government is proposing changes to this but we haven't got all the information at present on the changes.

What I can tell you is that at St Cuthbert's Nursery there are fully trained teachers supporting your children with qualified teaching assistants and that the Governors and I believe that this offers your child the best start in education.

Food Vouchers

We are able to issue food vouchers for Stechford Food Bank—this is done completely confidentially, so please if you are really struggling or know of someone who needs a little extra support then come and see me and I can issue a food voucher.

ATTENDANCE

Over all attendance since September:

96.33%

Weekly attendance (last week)

96.97%

Class Winners (last week)

Year 5 with 100%

Well done to Kabir in Year 5 who won the weekly attendance award this week.

I know it is the season of coughs and colds but if your child is ill please do phone into the school office and let us know.

School number: 0121 675 2205.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th December—Final swimming for Year 2 and Year 6.

Tuesday 6th December—Year 3 and Year 4 theatre trip—returning to school at 4:30pm.

Wednesday 7th December—Gift Night

Friday 9th December—Mass 9:15am

Nursery closes for afternoon children on Wednesday 21st December

School Closes for Christmas on Thursday 22nd December at 2:00pm and opens on Monday 9th January at normal time.

Teacher Training Day

Friday 17th February

Waiting Lists

Over the course of the next few weeks we will be updating our waiting lists—this means we will be contacting any parents who have asked for their child to be put on the waiting list to see if they are still interested in a place. If you know of anyone who wishes to have their child placed on the waiting list in any class then please ask them to come to the office and register their child.

Although we have a very stable community there are times when we have school places become available and it is always worth keeping your child on the list.

The admissions criteria is applied to the waiting list and children are ranked in accordance to the criteria. The admissions policy and criteria are on the website.

Digital Parent

All parents of children in the KS2 (Year 3—Year 6) are being given another copy of Digital Parent—this is a magazine produced for parents of children from 7-16 to support them with the on line, digital world.

The magazine has lots of helpful articles, resources and advice—some of the issues discussed are extremely challenging and concerning for parents and staff but it is better to know about what is happening to children on line than to ignore the issues.

Please do take time to read the magazine—the content is for parents and it does discuss teenage issues on line as well but as many of you have older children we felt it was appropriate.

Prayer Garden

As you know we have a target to get the school prayer garden in place by the summer term and to that end we have two further fund raising activities to announce.

Monday 12th December will be Christmas Jumper Day—all children can wear their own clothes preferably with a Christmas jumper. If you don't have a Christmas jumper then a red or green top will be festive enough. As it is an extra non-uniform day we are asking for £1 per child and this money will all go towards the refurbishment of the courtyard.

On Friday January 20th we will be holding a school disco after school—I will give you more details on this later but obviously it will involve children changing into their own clothes and coming into the hall for a special school disco. Again any money raised will go towards the courtyard refurbishment.

At the moment we are looking at a date at the end of January to start clearing the courtyard in preparation for work to begin—I will confirm dates by next week and then we will be looking for volunteers to help us clear the courtyard.

Christmas Offerings

We had some charity money left over from our Lenten Fundraising activities and as a school we decided to make a donation to a couple of charities over this Christmas period.

We have given money to the NSPCC (National UK charity that support children) Save the Children (international charity who are helping children in countries affected by war) and Fireside (Homeless charity in Birmingham).

We felt that at this time of year it was important to try and help those who will not have a good Christmas and through your generosity we can do that.

Allergy Medication

All staff received medical update training this week and as a consequence we need to know if your child has an allergy to anything and specifically if your child has been prescribed medication for an allergy. If this is the case could you please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to school. Thank you.

My child _____ has an allergy to _____ and has been prescribed _____ for their allergy.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)
