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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.

Good afternoon to you all... my hope is that by the time you are reading this St Cuthbert's will have enjoyed its first school disco in many years! As I write the newsletter I know just how excited the children are and how much they are looking forward to the disco after school. Many thanks to those members of staff and parents who have volunteered to help, and thank you if you have supported the event. Goodness knows what are next event will be!

This week has (thankfully) been quieter and less stressful than last week—there is nothing like an OFSTED visit to keep you on your toes. Many thanks to all parents of the Reception class who attended their Inspire session yesterday and well done to Year 2 who presented such a lovely Mass this morning. Please do remember you are always welcome to join us for Mass on a Friday.

Driving and Parking

It is with some sadness and a little exasperation that I have to ask you all again to please be considerate and polite drivers. There have been a couple of incidents this week over parking and driving.

Let me make it as clear as I can—Gumbleberrys Close and the surrounding roads are going to be busy from 8:30am—9:00 am and 3:00pm—3:30pm everyday. The lay out of the road is not going to change and there is nothing I can do to ease the parking congestion. Therefore I am asking that you please consider all other drivers and pedestrians when you drive to school and park. If there is a problem then I ask you to either report it to me or sort it out in a respectful way. I understand frustration but confrontational behaviour is not appropriate outside a school when very young children are being dropped off or picked up.

Could I also urge Nursery parents in particular to be considerate about parking and try not to park right outside the Nursery gate or by the school gates blocking them—those parents who drop afternoon children off certainly do not need to park right by the Nursery as Gumbleberrys Close is less busy at 12:30 than other times in the day.

PLEASE KEEP THE SCHOOL GATES CLEAR AT ALL TIMES

Nursery Places—September 2017

If you have a child, or know of anyone who has a child who was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then we are currently collecting applications for our Nursery in September 2017.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Over all attendance since
September:

96.32%

Weekly attendance (last
week)

96.81%

Class Winners (last week)

Year 3 with 99.3%

Well done to Sinead in Year
2 who won the weekly at-
tendance 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.

Reflection from Year 2

As I was tidying up after
Christmas I found this
little note on the floor.
It said:

To everyone who waited
for me to come. Now you
won't need a special start.

I'm not in the stable—I'm
right here, where you
are.

You may not always know
it as you have such busy
lives. But if you take a
moment for all the things
you do and listen with
your heart— you will find
me waiting there for you.

You are the one I want to
be with. You are the rea-
son that I came. And you
will find me in the still-
ness as I'm whispering
your name.

And it was signed—The
Baby Jesus

Sacramental Dates

Sacramental Dates for the children of Year 3 and Year 6:

Year 3 Reconciliation Meeting: Wednesday 8th February at 6:30pm at School

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 23rd March at 6:30pm at Corpus Christi Church

Year 3 First Holy Communion Meeting: Wednesday 26th April at 6:30pm at School

Year 3 First Holy Communion: Saturday 13th May at 9:30am at Corpus Christi Church

Year 6 Confirmation Meeting: Wednesday 24th May at 6:30pm at School

Year 6 Confirmation: Sunday 25th June at Corpus Christi Church—time to be confirmed but it will be in the morning.

Please remember that at school we do have some First Holy Communion dresses that have only been worn once and are freely available for children to wear on the day. I know sometimes people don't like to ask but please remember we are here to help.

Altar Servers for Corpus Christi Church

Father Andrew would like to build up the ranks of altar servers at Corpus Christi Church. Altar Servers do a fantastic job supporting the priest and deacon during Mass. Any children from Year 4, 5 and 6 can be altar servers and the parish would provide all the training and support. It would also help the school to have some practised and experienced altar servers amongst the St Cuthbert's children to help and support us at our Mass. (We do have some excellent representatives already!)

If your child is interested then Father Andrew is holding two meetings, after Mass this Saturday 21st January at 6:00pm and after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 22nd January.

Dates for diary

Tuesday 24th January—Swimming Year 3 and Year 4

Friday 27th January—Year 3 Mass

Saturday 28th January—Courtyard Clearance

Monday 30th January—throughout the week: Bikability for Year 6

Tuesday 31st January—Swimming Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 2nd February—Year 3 Trip to Hindu Temple

Thursday 2nd February—Year 5 Trip to Sikh Temple

Friday 3rd February—Year 4 Mass

Starting on Monday 6th February we will be having a two week Health and Safety fortnight in which your child will be learning about different aspects of keeping safe and healthy. There will be a number of trips, activities and visitors in school at this time. I will give you more information closer to the date.

Teacher Training Day: Friday 17th February

As we finish for the week I would like to say what a privilege it is working for you all at St Cuthbert's and how much I enjoy supporting, guiding and helping your children. They are great and I am very proud of them all.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs