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# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 10th February 2017

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Good afternoon to you all. A very hectic week has taken place in school with Health and Safety fortnight well under way. Our children have enjoyed special lessons, trips and special assemblies this week— so please ask them to tell you all about it! Amidst the busy schedule we managed to hold a Sacramental meeting for the children of Year 3—this was wonderfully well attended and as always we thank you for your continued support.

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# P.E. Kits

#### Indoor P F

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.

### Photos/Recordings & Social Media

- It has come to our attention that there is some uncertainty over the use of Social Media with regards to images or recordings of children and staff at St Cuth-
- bert's School. The Government advice is very clear—no event at St Cuthbert's school can be published online unless consent has been given. This is a Safeguard-
- ing issue and cannot be disregarded. If images or recordings of events at St Cuthbert's school appear on Social Media then we may have to ban the taking of
- pictures or recordings at school performances. I'm sure that you will agree, this would be a great shame; so to avoid this I ask you to respect our wishes and re-
- frain from publishing images taken at school onto the internet.

# Health & Safety Fortnight

- We are about to embark on week two of our Health & Safety Fortnight to round off this half term. On Monday and Tuesday the Life Bus will return to much ex-
- 🤰 citement onto our KS2 playground. All of our children will experience a unique lesson in the bus and we do ask parents to speak to their children about what they have been doing at school these past two weeks.

#### St John's Ambulance First Aid Training for parents.

As part of Health & Safety fortnight we have invited St John's Ambulance in to run a First Aid Training Course for parents. The session will be held on Thursday morning at 9.15a.m. The session will last approximately 2 hours and will be held in the school library and the numbers are limited to 25 parents—as such we will have to operate on a first come first served basis. If you are interested then please put your name down at the school office. We cannot stress the importance of this opportunity enough.

#### Winter Weather

At this time of year we are always aware of the possibility of snow and the impact that this can have on getting to school. If the decision is made to close school then it will be broadcast on local radio so please listen for announcements on Radio WM and Free Radio. The school website will be updated daily and every effort will be made to send out a text message to all parents. We do ask that your contact details are kept up to date so that we can keep you all informed.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Overall attendance since September:

95.94%

Weekly attendance (last week)

93.5%

Class Winners (last week)

Year 1 with 97%

Well done to Tilly Bo in Year 6 who won the weekly attendance award this week

I know it is the season of coughs and colds but if at all possible try to bring them into school. If however, your child is ill please do phone into the school office and let us know.

School number: 0121 675 2205.

#### Sacramental Dates

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

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.

# Anniversary Mass—Led by Year 5

Father Andrew celebrated Mass for us this morning on the anniversary of Robby Lebita. Year 5 led the Mass wonderfully well and it was a fitting service to remember our friend Robby and his family.

# Teacher Training—School Closed Friday 17th February

Just to remind all parents that school will be closed next Friday for Teacher Training. We will then be breaking up for half term and returning to school on Monday 27th February 2017. All clubs will resume as normal for this week.

#### AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far.

And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.

# Sainsbury's Vouchers

Just to let all of you who shop at Sainsbury's know, that we will be collecting any Sainsbury's vouchers that you may have in order to purchase much needed school sports equipment.

# Dates for the Diary

Monday and Tuesday (13th & 14th) February - Health Bus in school

Tuesday 14th February—Year 4 Fire Service Visit

Thursday 16th February—Year 2 Class Assembly

Thursday 16th February - Year 4 Rail Safety Trip

Friday 17th Feb-School closed-Teacher Training Day. No Mass.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Kelly

Deputy Head Teacher