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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, as the sun is beginning to shine and the evenings are lengthening it feels as if Spring has finally sprung! Well, this week we have been very busy indeed—with Reception visiting the Butterfly Farm and both Year 2 & 5 visiting Kingsbury Water Park, Year 2 leading this morning's Mass and Year 6 holding the first Lenten Activities of the season this afternoon. Quite a week! I'm sure you will agree.

Attendance Awareness

As attendance has dipped a little recently—and we are aware that there are a number of bugs circulating as winter comes to an end—we wanted to share with you the impact that attendance has on children's education.

Attendance Percentage	Day missed over an average school term (approximately)	Days missed over a school year (approximately)	Lessons missed (approximately)
100%	0	0	0
95%	3 ½	10	30-40
90%	6 ½	20	70-80
85%	10	30	90

So please support us by giving your child every opportunity to attend.

Lenten Activities

With one down and 3 to go, we ask all of our families to please support our traditional fundraising practice. We ask that you support this fundraising event by providing your child with a little money to spend at the event (no more than a couple of pounds is necessary), to bake or donate some cakes and to have a rummage around your house for any toys or books that could be used to raise money or any donation that you could make for the raffle prizes. Any gifts are greatly received—the success of the event relies on your generosity.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be coming into school on Monday morning (13th March). If you have siblings at Nursery age or below then the photographer will be available to take family photo's from 8.30am until 9.00am in the school Library. All other photos will take place throughout the school day. (As Year 2 will be departing for their school trip at 9.15 —we ask parents to bring their children into school early if they are to have their picture taken).

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance since September:

95.93%

Weekly attendance (last week)

94.72%

Class Winners (last week)

Year 5 with 99.6%

Well done to Mollie 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.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us, Father, with food from your Creation, that we may never know hunger.

Bless us, Jesus our Saviour, as we taste and see the goodness of your Body which becomes living food for us.

Bless us, Holy Spirit, as you bless the Scriptures that feed our hearts and souls.

Amen.

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.

Sponsored Walk

As is tradition at St Cuthbert's our children will be venturing out for a sponsored walk around the playground and field to raise money for our Lenten charities. This year's walk will take place on Thursday 30th March in school time. Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of trainers in school on this date. We normally complete the walk in full P.E. kit—though, if it is cold then we would advise your child to bring in a suitable tracksuit. Attached to this newsletter you will find your child's sponsor form. So please pass this around your family and friends all for a good cause.

2017 Nursery Places

If you have a child who is of Nursery age come September 2017 (Date of birth must be between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/14), or know of someone with a child of that age, then please pop into the school office to register your interest as places are already running low.

Dates for the Diary

13.03.17 School Photographer in.

13.03.17 Y2 Trip to Nature Centre

15.03.17 Y5 Big Bang Trip to NEC

20.03.17 St Cuthbert's Feast Day

30.03.17 Y4 Assembly

30.03.17 St Cuthbert's Sponsored Walk.

04.04.17 Y5 Easter Play @ 2.15p.m.

05.04.17 Parents Evening

07.04.17 Break-up for Easter Holidays at 2pm.

24.04.17 New School Term begins.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Kelly

Deputy Head Teacher
