



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School (NC)

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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.

A happy St Patrick's Day to you all, can you believe that we are already half way through this second Spring half term? Well, this week we continue to pack as much in as we possibly can. We started the week with school photographs, a Year 2 trip to the Nature Centre, a Year 5 trip to the "Big Bang" at the NEC, Year 4 leading this morning's St Patrick's themed Mass and Year 5 holding their class Lenten Activities this afternoon.

### School Uniform

In recent weeks there have been a number of queries regarding school uniform requirements and in particular colours of tights, types of ear rings and hair accessories. To help clarify the situation I have attached the school uniform list to this newsletter and we have also ensured that it is always available on the school website.

Just to clarify that studs are the only ear rings that are permitted in school; while hair bands and bows should be small and discrete, their purpose is to tie hair back and not a fashion statement. The permitted colours are white, blue and black.

Uniform applies to all children and staff will be monitoring the situation. We really do appreciate your support on this matter.

### Lenten Activities

With two down and two to go, we ask all of our families to please continue to 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. Last week Year 6 raised a whopping £319—well done!

### Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament will take place on Thursday 23rd March at 6.30p.m at Corpus Christi Church. We ask that all parents arrive with their children by no later than 6.15 p.m.—please also allow for rush hour traffic. The children should arrive in full school uniform. Please be aware that photography or recording is not permitted during the Service.

## ATTENDANCE

**Overall attendance since September:**

**95.87%**

**Weekly attendance (last week)**

**95.52%**

**Class Winners (last week)**

**Year 5 with 98.3%**

**Well done to Orla McCabe 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 your children 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.

## St Cuthbert's Feast Day

The Feast Day for St Cuthbert falls on Monday 20th March. The children will be learning about our school saint in class on Monday and we will be holding a special prayer service in school to mark the occasion. We ask that you help your child prepare for Monday by trying to find out some facts about St Cuthbert. The children always enjoy sharing their learning with their families.

## Parking

We kindly ask all parents who park on Gumbleberry's Close at the start or end of the school day to be considerate of pedestrians, other drivers and local residents. We have received a number of complaints over safety issues and ask all of our parents who travel by car to help us with this matter.

## Prayer of St Patrick

I arise today  
Through the strength of heaven;  
Light of the sun,  
Splendour of fire,  
Speed of lightning,  
Swiftness of the wind,  
Depth of the sea,  
Stability of the earth,  
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today  
Against wounding  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today  
Through the mighty strength  
Of the Lord of creation.

## Dates for the Diary

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**