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## NEWSLETTER

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What a two weeks that was! In just 10 school days we have achieved and experienced so much: Year 3 have made their First Holy Communion, Year 6 spent three glorious days at Condover Hall, Year 6 and Year 3 have been to Kingsbury on a trip, Brother Fretch has become Father Fretch with his wonderful Ordination this past Tuesday, Year 6 parents came to attend the Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting, while Year 3 and 4 helped celebrate Mass at School. We also managed to fit in Year 1's inspire workshop and who could forget Reception's first School Class Assembly! All such events take a great deal of effort and I thank everyone involved—a real team effort! It now seems fitting that we can pause for a week and recharge our batteries during half term. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th June.

### Technology App!

Due to the ever growing reliance we have on technology, children are now spending more time on devices such as tablets and mobile phones; in fact recent research has estimated that children nationally can spend on average 7 hours a day online. I'm sure as parents you know the struggle of controlling the amount of time children spend online and are worried about how it can affect them. It is estimated that 75% of children now sleep with a device in their room, so controlling how much time they're online can be difficult. Fortunately there is a new app designed to give parents control over how much time their children spend online; it is called OurPact and it is free to download. OurPact gives you the power to block internet and apps across any network, inside and outside of the home.

This App can be downloaded free from Apple and Android App Stores if this is of interest to you.

### P.E. Kits

#### Indoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

#### Outdoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

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.

### Congratulations Father Fretch

On Tuesday evening our Parish community was fortunate enough to be able to share in the Ordination of Deacon Fretch. Over 500 Parishioners packed Corpus Christi Church to witness this momentous occasion and continue into the night at Corpus Christi School. We presented Father Fretch with a commemorative gift from both Parish schools this morning after he celebrated his first Mass with us as a Priest. We are very lucky to have him and wish him every blessing for the years of service ahead of him.

### Well done Year 2

A special mention must go out for Year 2 who have now completed their SATs. They have worked really hard and we are very proud of them all. I would also like to thank Miss Johnson, Mrs Parkes and Ms Edwards for all their hard work in preparing the children.

### Goodbye Mrs Knight

Mrs Knight wanted to thank all of the children and their families for their kind wishes as she leaves St Cuthbert's school for the final time today. She will miss you all and we will definitely miss her. Again, I wish to reiterate our sincere gratitude for 15 years of dedicated service—Thank-you Mrs Knight!

## ATTENDANCE - for last 2 weeks

Overall attendance since September:

95.96%

Weekly attendance (last week)

95.97%

Class Winners:

24-28th May—Year 1 with 97.5%

22- 26th May—Y2 with 99.4%

Well done to Michael from Y2 and Charlie in Year 3 who won the weekly attendance award in the past 2 weeks..

If your child is sick please call school before the start of the school day.

School number: 0121 675 2205.

## Dinner Money

The school office do not have the capacity to keep change. Therefore, we ask all money handed in to school (for school dinners and trips etc...) to be for the correct amount and given to the class teacher in a clearly labelled envelope.

If your child wants to change their dinner preference then please let the school office know with at least one weeks notice, preferably in writing. The reason is that food has to be ordered and paid for in advance.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## Polling Day

Just a reminder that school will be closed for General Election Polling on Thursday 8th June 2017. We will be open as usual for Friday 9th June.

## Parking

Can I first of all thank the vast majority of parents for their courtesy and consideration when parking outside school. However, school has been made aware that there are a number of vehicles that do mount the curb and pavement, this does make it difficult for people crossing the road and represents a real danger to our children and families. While we do appreciate that some of the offenders are not parents of St Cuthbert's children we ask that you support us in making the roads as safe as possible for our children

## Reflection

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,  
We need them again at its close;  
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,  
We seek it while tasting life's woes.

When we come to this world we are sinful,  
The greatest as well as the least.  
And the hands that make us pure as angels  
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them,  
And the hands of a king on his throne  
Are not equal to them in their greatness  
Their dignity stands all alone.

For there in the stillness of morning  
Ere the sun has emerged from the east,  
There God rests between the pure fingers  
Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

When we are tempted and wander  
To pathways of shame and sin  
'Tis the hand of a priest that absolve us.  
Not once but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner  
Other hands may prepare us a feast  
But the hands that will bless and unite us,  
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,  
For the Host which their fingers caress,  
What can a poor sinner do better  
Than to ask Him who chose them to bless

## SUMMER FETE

The time has come when we start to think about the Summer Fete which is taking place in School on Saturday 1st July. We ask our families to support us by donating beers, wines and spirits. For the Tombola stall. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Dates for the Diary

06.06.17- New Nursery Parents meeting in Hall—9.30a.m.

07.06.17—Reception Trip to Kingsbury

08.06.17—School Closed for General Election Polling.

09.06.17—Y5 Mass

09.06.17—Year 6 Parents meeting in Hall—to arrange leaving party.

12.06.17—Y2 Trip to Selly Manor

12.06.17—Birmingham Catholic Schools Sports Association Athletics Competition.

15.06.17—Corpus Christi Feast Mass at Church

16.06.17—Y4 Mass

19.06.17—Class Photos taken

22.06.17—Y5 Assembly

22.06.17—New Reception Class (2017-18) Parents meeting in school hall—2p.m.

23.06.17—Y3 Mass

23.06.17—Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm.

25.06.17—Year 6 Confirmation

Yours sincerely

Mr Kelly

Deputy Head Teacher