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## NEWSLETTER

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The earth is fruitful may we be generous. The earth is fragile may we be gentle. The earth is fractured may we be just. Creating God, harvest in us joy and generosity as we together share in thanks and giving.



Good afternoon everyone! I do hope that this newsletter finds you well and in good form. I just cannot believe we are only a week away from half term and have completed 6 weeks of this school year already.

Since the last newsletter we have held a Year 6 inspire, Year 3 have had a Mass and presented an assembly and this morning Year 2 presented a lovely Harvest Mass. We have held a Welcome Service for our Reception class, swimming has continued for Year 5 and 6, Year 4 have been given their new instruments in their Brass lessons and we are all working very hard!

I would like to thank you for your continuing support of myself and the school; it is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to us all.

### 2 Book Fair

2 We hold a book fair every year in school and every year we are able to buy new sets of books because of the money you spend. The book fair will be open next week after school from Monday to Thursday. As an avid reader myself I cannot encourage you enough to support your child's reading. My husband has currently banned me from all major book retailers but I don't think he'll be able to object if I come home with a book from the fair next week—it is all in support of the school!

### Change of Date—Year 6 Mass

Father Andrew has requested that we hold Mass on Wednesday 1st November to celebrate the Feast of All Saints; this means there will be no school Mass on Friday 3rd November and Year 6 will present the Mass on Wednesday 1st November. As always you are most welcome to join us.

My apologies to the parents of Year 6 for the change of date.

### Liturgy Leaders

In school we are always trying to develop new ways to involve the children in all aspects of school life and give them more ownership of our school; we do this through the school council and the house captains. This year we are introducing liturgy leaders from Year 2 to Year 6 who will support Mr Gallagher and I in our collective worship across the school. They are already leading the rosary three times a week for KS2 and supported Reception in their Welcome Service.

Many thanks and congratulations to:

Karl and Keeley (Year 6) Connie and Daniel (Year 5) Ciara and Raphael (Year 4)

Alina and Theo (Year 3) and Jeanelle and Matthew (Year 2)

### Many thanks

Your generosity and support of your children is a privilege to see. Thank you to all the Reception parents and families who came to the Welcome Service yesterday (its always one of my favourite services). Thank you to all the families who have donated food for our Harvest collection—it will all be donated to local charities. Thank you to all children and families who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning we raised £240.00. Tremendous.

Weekly Attendance for  
St Cuthbert's:

97.59%

Class Weekly Attendance

Year 1—99.6%

Year 2— 98%

Year 3—94.8%

Year 4—95.3%

Year 5—100%

Year 6—98%

Many Congratulations to Izzi  
(Year 1) and Mahek (Year 3)  
who received the attendance  
award over the last two  
weeks.

Year 5 are the class to beat  
this year as they continue to  
be on a winning run—however  
I have been very impressed  
with Year 1!

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 17th October:  
Swimming Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 18th October:  
Brass Year 4,5 and 6

Wednesday 18th October:  
Sacramental Meeting Year 3  
and Year 6 6:30pm  
Half term

Monday 23rd October to  
Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October—  
return to school

Tuesday 31st October—  
Swimming Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 1st November  
Year 6 Mass

Wednesday 1st November  
Brass—Year 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 2nd November  
Year 5 Inspire

Friday 3rd November—No  
Mass

Wednesday 8th November—  
PARENTS EVENING

### Sacramental Meeting

A reminder to all parents of children in Year 3 and Year 6 who are receiving sacraments this year. We are holding our initial meeting on Wednesday this coming week. The meeting will be in the hall at 6:30pm.

Please do make every effort to attend and support your children in this exciting year.

### Corpus Christi Church—School Mass

We will presenting Mass at Corpus Christi Church on Sunday 26th November at 10:30am. This is youth Sunday and also the time of the parish visitation by the Bishop. Please make a note of this date in your diary as it is always wonderful to share a celebration of Mass in the parish with our wonderful children. It is also the time when Year 3 and Year 6 children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion or Confirmation this year are presented to the Parish.

Father Andrew would also like me to remind all families that they are more than welcome to join the Parish for Mass on a Sunday morning and that there is a Children's Liturgy Group that work with your children for part of Mass to understand the readings of the day.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith but are not Catholic then Sister Maureen is always available to answer any of your questions.

### Dropping off

A polite reminder in morning when you bring your children onto the playground you are responsible for them; although many members of staff go out they are not on duty. I made a decision, and was supported by the staff, that coming out in the morning and afternoons meant that we could see you all and spend time talking to you. Please ensure that your children do not go on the equipment and that you know where they are and you do not leave them until the bell goes. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

### Food Bank Vouchers

Just a reminder to you all that the school are able to give out food vouchers. This is completely confidential and dealt with by me. If you are, or know of someone, who is struggling to buy their weekly food then please do come in and see me. I issue the vouchers and they can be used at our local foodbank which will provide around 3 days worth of food. As I have said it will all be handled confidentially.

### Playgrounds, boilers and communication

As I mentioned to you in a previous letter we are having to manage our finances very carefully at the moment; I wanted to let you know that we are planning on having our playgrounds re-surfaced, as they are in need of it. I have actually applied for a grant to get this done and I am waiting to hear about it. We have a governors meeting next week in which this matter will be discussed; I ask for your patience and understanding as we work towards getting things done.

Many thanks to the Nursery staff, parents and children who spent two days in the main school this week as the Nursery boiler had to be replaced. My thanks also to Reception staff who supported the Nursery in sharing their space.

As a school we value communication and we try very hard to ensure that we see and speak to parents on a regular basis. In the course of a school day there may be some messages that are not passed on; we can only apologise for this but nothing is done intentionally. I would also ask that you trust us; we do not report every single incident to you because we may not deem it necessary to inform you.

As the Headteacher I also do ask members of my Senior Team—Mr Kelly, Mrs Hodson, Mr Wilson and Mr O'Rourke and also Mr Samuels to look into and deal with certain matters; they have full authority to do this and it is always reported back to me; indeed the reason for a Senior Team is in part to support me and the pupils in these matters.

I wish you all a very pleasant and happy weekend—see you next week!

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff