



# St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Good afternoon everyone,

I am sorry that I haven't managed to get my newsletter out sooner; the weeks are just rushing past and I seem to run out of time despite my best intentions.

## Mass

It was lovely to celebrate the start of the Christian season of Lent all together in the hall last week. Father Vitalis had celebrated Ash Wednesday with Corpus Christi parish and school, St Wilfrid's school and St Cuthbert's - so he was a busy man on Wednesday; we thank him for his time and his commitment to all the schools in the parish of Corpus Christi and St Wilfrid's.

We are now in a position to invite parents back in to celebrate Mass with us on a Friday morning. Year 4 will presenting the Mass this week. You are welcome to come in and share this time with us. Mass starts at 9:15am and usually lasts between 30 - 45 minutes. All are welcome.

## Lenten Activities and Funding Raising

During this season of Lent Christians traditionally dedicate time to prayer, fasting and giving/raising money for charitable causes.

The tradition at St Cuthbert's is to hold Lenten Activities on a Friday afternoon where children can spend money on activities such as: a disco, penalty shoot-out, guess the weight of the cake, guess how many sweets in the jar, toy sale and Easter egg raffle - to name a few.

A KS2 class lead the activities and this week it is Year 6. Children do not need to bring a lot of money in, 50p is enough to buy a cake and a toy usually. All money raised will go to charities that the children have chosen.

We also complete a sponsored walk around the perimeter of the school; the whole school go around and around and around as many times as they can - it is a full morning. This will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> April.





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## Charities and Ukraine

Firstly I wanted to let you all know that St Cuthbert's have contributed to a long standing charity in the parish who collect funds, clothes, bedding etc for children in Zimbabwe who live in an orphanage. Last week we loaded up a van with all the items we had collected. We also kept behind some items and donated them to a charity taking goods to Ukraine.

With the sadness of watching the war in Ukraine play out, I have spoken to the children about it. My message to them was it is sad, all of us worry about it but we are people of action and children of God and we can do things; we can pray for peace, we can raise money for charities supporting the Ukrainian people in need and we can send supplies.

With this in mind the staff are donating money to the Disasters Emergency Committee and the children will donate some of their Lenten funding raising to United Nations Children's Emergency Funding (UNICEF) who will be supporting the children of Ukraine.

We have also found a local charity in Castle Bromwich that are collecting items until the 26<sup>th</sup> March that they will then take to Ukraine by the Nottingham Cultural Centre.

From tomorrow we will be collecting

- Sleeping Bags, torches and warm clothing for all ages
- First aid supplies, Flu and Cold medication, vitamins and paracetamol
- Sanitary products for women and babies
- Pasta, rice and tinned and dried foods

## After school provision

Thank you to those parents who have returned reply slips about being interested in after school provision. I have put the slip on the end of this newsletter just to finalise numbers before looking into things further.

## Cricket

Year 4 and Year 5 have been enjoying cricket sessions on a Tuesday from a coach from Warwickshire Cricket Club. This is a half term course that introduces children to the game and skills of cricket.







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## Thank you and reminder

Thank you to you all for adapting to the change of the times of the school day so seamlessly - it has helped enormously at the end of the day.

Morning: Gates open 8:45am - 8:55am

Afternoon: Gates open at 3:15pm

## A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

With every best wish

*S. M. Hobbs*

Mrs Hobbs  
Headteacher

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I am interested in after school provision:

Child/Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

