



St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Dear Parents,

Good afternoon, I hope that you have been enjoying the lovely spring sunshine. It is so nice to see the daffodils flowering and the blossom on the trees – it makes me feel more positive. As I always say life continues to be very busy in school but it has been such a delight to get Lenten Activities and community Mass back on.

Well done to Year 6 who raised over £300 last week in our first Lenten activities and to Year 3 who presented a lovely Mass this morning reflecting on our school saint – St Cuthbert.

With joys in life come sorrows and we are keeping a number of members of our families in our prayers at the moment. Please remember Mrs Lines and her family, her father Mr Reilly, died last week; we are also keeping the Fernandez family in our prayers as we remember Mrs Fernandez (Andre's mother) on what would have been her birthday today. Mrs McKenna's family have a member of their family who are incredibly ill and we also send our warmest wishes and biggest prayers to Zakariya in Reception who has been in hospital this week.

We can't make things better sometimes but we can offer our prayers and kindness and these give comfort.

After School Provision

Thank you to all parents who returned reply slips with expression of interest; I have contacted Norton Hall Children's Centre who we work closely with and we are working on setting up some after school provision. I will keep you posted when I have more details.

Ukraine

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our appeal for clothes, sanitary products and food; we will be taking these donations, at the end of next week, to the Nottingham Ukrainian Cultural Centre, who will be sending them to Ukraine.

Attendance

Back to one of my favourite topics! The government are now focusing back on attendance at school; we all know how disruptive the Covid pandemic has been, and in some senses continues to be, but expectation on attendance is now top of the agenda.

Expected attendance should be 95% +; if a child misses the equivalent of a day a week over a year their attendance will be 80%.

Anything at 90% or below is deemed persistent absence and the school is held to account as to how it is managing the improvement of attendance. We are expected to report it to the local council who will look at issuing fines to families.





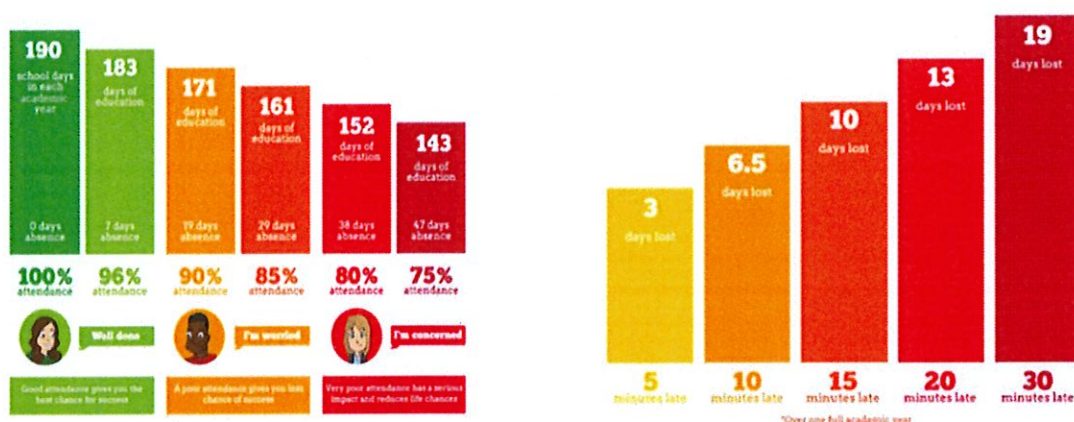
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I always prefer to work with you to see if there is anything we can do to support your child's attendance – I am passionate about your child/children's learning and I want them to do well, but we know that poor attendance and punctuality has a negative impact on the academic success of children. Please work with us to support your child's attendance.



Every day missed is lost learning

Lost minutes = lost learning

Congratulations to Year 3 who earned their first attendance star last week with 100% attendance!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 star	4 stars	0 start	1 star	3 stars	5 stars	6 stars

Uniform

Please let us know if you have any difficulties in getting uniform as we are happy to help. If children don't have the appropriate uniform we will ask you about it and supply the correct uniform. I can still see a lot of black boots and obvious trainers i.e with white soles etc, the weather is getting better, no classes are on the field so black shoes should be fine to wear. Once again any difficulties let me know.

Behaviour

With the re-introduction of mixed play times and lunchtimes we are seeing a slight increase in accidents and incidents caused by more children being on the playgrounds. We ask all children to be careful and certainly don't allow rough play, but children do race around, they do play games that involve chasing and running and therefore sometimes incidents will happen. We always endeavour to sort things out and communicate with you. If you do have any concerns please see your child's class teacher and we will look into it.





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We always listen to your children and investigate fairly and calmly when any incidents have occurred.

Summer Trips

We are beginning to organise summer trips for each class next term, I will give you the details when they have been booked; we hope all classes, Nursery to Year 6, have at least one trip this summer term. Exciting!

Wishing you a sun filled weekend

Mrs Hobbs

Sunday 20th March - The feast day of our school saint - St Cuthbert

Long time ago upon this land
A man called Cuthbert made a stand
'I stand For God - from first til Last
And never will stray from this path!'

Now we go to school every day
Work hard, are kind and always pray
We talk to Jesus and do our best
And trust in God to do the rest

St Cuthbert taught all these things:
To pray and laugh and to Jesus, sing
To change our hearts and grow each day
And be close to You in every way.

