



St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Dear Parents,

Good afternoon everyone! I hope this week has been as stress free as possible and that you have reached Friday without major incident. We are one week away from being 2/3's through another year at St Cuthbert's and it is just none stop!

Staffing

Mr Wilson

Mr Wilson has got a new job. He is to be Deputy Head of St Gerard's Catholic Primary School in Castle Vale; we thank him for all his hard work and commitment over the last 7 years and wish him luck in his new endeavours. I am sure he will have a great time.

Mr Wilson has chosen to leave St Cuthbert's at Easter and start at St Gerard's after the Easter break. Year 6 children and parents, please do not worry, I have it all sorted. Mrs Hoyle (God bless her) is now going to be working in Year 6 for 4 days a week and for the summer term Mrs Lines and myself will be looking after the lovely Year 6 class - heaven help them!

With Mr Wilson leaving, I would just ask that all parents please bear in mind that for the summer term we will be working with one member of staff less and I will be picking up some of Mr Wilson's role, including Year 6 on a Friday. Don't panic if you don't see me on the gate for a couple of days and also, please understand if I am not able to see you straight away. Mrs Hodson, Mr Gallagher and Mr Samuels will continue to support the school in a senior capacity, as they have done, so brilliantly, all year,

We hope to appoint a new Deputy Head teacher to start with us in September and then all my stresses and strains will disappear - exciting times.

Mrs Lines and Mrs McKenna

Mrs Parkes and I joined Mrs Lines and her family at the funeral of her father today at Corpus Christi Church. Mr Reilly had a long association with St Cuthbert's and it was a pleasure to have known him. I know how much Mrs Lines has appreciated all your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs McKenna's brother in law died last week, it has been a difficult and challenging time for the family and I ask you to keep her, her family, her sister and nieces in your prayers at this sad time.





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Sponsored Walk

At present, following the Year 3 raffle this afternoon, we have already raised over £1000 for charity this Lent; which given the times we are living in, is a fantastic achievement. We are holding a sponsored walk next Thursday 7th April. I have attached a sponsor form to this letter. We don't care how much the children raise in their sponsored walk... what matters is the taking part.

We will all be out walking the circuit of our school as many times as we can on Thursday...

Ukraine

Thank you for all the wonderful and generous donations you made for the people of Ukraine. They were taken to Arden Hall last Friday and the charity were extremely grateful for the donations.

Wednesday 6th April - Face to face parents meetings.

What a joy to be able to welcome you back into school after 2 years of phone calls.

A letter will be sent out with your allocated time; please remember the following points

- (i) Each appointment is 5 minutes, if you wish to have a longer discussion then please arrange an alternative appointment with your child's class teacher. Don't delay other appointments by taking extra time,
- (ii) Your child/children's books will be out in the classroom for you to look at, and you are very welcome to look through these whilst you wait for your appointment.
- (iii) We are as flexible as we can be, if you can't attend on Wednesday please arrange an alternative appointment with your child's class teacher - it is really important that you meet and have a chat about your child/children.
- (iv) I will be available throughout the afternoon, if you have any questions or want to discuss something further with me, then I am happy to talk or arrange an appointment to see you
- (v) I have left the classroom arrangements with staff, some feel they don't want too many adults in the classroom at once and will limit the amount in the classroom and will put some chairs outside for you. Please respect that people are still anxious of covid.
- (vi) Manners - we are a happy, friendly school, we thrive on our relationships, please speak to your child's teacher with respect. This is Miss Taylor's first face to face parents evening as a teacher (after two years) - be nice!





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I hope you enjoy coming into school, seeing your child's work and hearing about their progress.

Lunch and tuck prices

Unfortunately, citiserve - our food suppliers, have informed us in an increase to lunch and tuck prices. I know this comes at a really tough time, if you have any problems paying for tuck or lunches then please don't let your children go without, come in and talk to me.

The prices from after Easter are:

Dinner: £2.50 per day which is £12.50 a week,

Tuck prices: Toast: 30p, Fresh fruit: 40p, Raisins, 35p, Juice: 55p, Milk: 50p.

Charges for attending breakfast club remain the same £2.00 a day with toast at 30p and cereal 55p.

After school provision

We are arranging to have an afterschool provision in place from September 2022. We are going to working with Norton Hall to provide provision for working parents. At present I cannot tell you the cost but we will make it as reasonable as possible.

In July, before we break for the summer, I will contact parents who wish to have their children attend and I'll be able to give you further details.

Congratulations to Year 3 who were the attendance champions last week. Keep it up!

School finishes for the Easter break at 2:00pm on Friday 8th April 2022

I know this year, with both Mr Wilson and Miss Flynn leaving, the future might seem a little uncertain (I mean who likes change!) but I can reassure you that I am positive and excited about future. St Cuthbert's remains a family school, serving its children and families, with wonderful staff and a great ethos.

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you." Isaiah

Have a lovely weekend





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