



St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back – it has arrived – the new academic year 2023-2024. I hope that the long summer holidays treated you kindly; I enjoyed the break and Mr Hobbs even enjoyed spending some time with me so that is great as well!

What a joy this week has been (not just because the sun was shining) but because school has been so wonderful. The highlight of my week was going out on Wednesday morning to open the gates. The enthusiasm, eagerness and joy with which your children returned was so uplifting.

We have been so impressed with how well the children have returned to school this year, how settled they already seem and how happy the teachers are. They are truly a credit to you.

We have welcomed 3 new pupils this week into classes across the school.

Year 2: Chinedum

Year 3: Shanaya

Year 4: Idrees

The have been wonderful and it has been a pleasure to welcome them into our school.

New starters

We will start welcoming our Reception and Nursery children into school next week. Our first groups start on Monday in both Reception and Nursery, Reception's final group and Nursery's second group start on Wednesday and Nursery's final group start next Friday.

It is a big week for the children and parents of these children and we will keep them in our prayers. My tissues are at the ready and we are good to go!





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School Website

This year, we have made every effort to make available all the key dates that we are aware of so far for this term. The school year term dates are available for this academic year. Please see the school website calendar and this will list information including: meetings, masses, parent events and Christmas events. We will continue to ensure that the website is up to date with the relevant information for you to access.

Class Meetings

For the past few years we have begun the year with a class meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your class teacher and discuss important information for the year ahead. If you are able, please attend these meetings. The meetings begin straight after school and the children will remain in their classroom whilst the meeting takes place. Below are the dates for each class

Tuesday 12th September – **Year 4 Parent meeting**
Wednesday 13th September – **Year 5 Parent Meeting**
Thursday 14th September – **Year 6 Parent Meeting**
Monday 18th September – **Year 1 Parent Meeting**
Tuesday 19th September – **Year 3 Parent Meeting**
Thursday 21st September – **Year 2 Parent Meeting**

PE Days

Below are the days your child will have a PE lesson.
Monday – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
Tuesday – Year 4 and 5

Year 6 will be swimming this half term and this will be on a Tuesday. The children will come to school in school uniform and bring their swimming kit in their bags.

Uniform

We have been pleased to see how smart the children look. Thank you for making every effort to follow the school uniform policy. If you are finding it difficult to source correct uniform, we have spare uniform in school. A reminder before PE sessions begin that correct PE uniform consists of a white polo shirt and black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts. All PE uniform should not have any logos or patterns.





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Again, if you are finding it difficult to source the PE kit, we have spare uniform in school. Thank you for your continued support in following the school rules.

After School Clubs

We ask for your patience as we set up after school clubs for your children, this may take a couple of weeks but we haven't forgotten!

Attendance

We know that attendance at school is a national issue since covid. We will continue to monitor attendance and discuss with you any concerns we have. If your child had attendance of less than 90% last year then I would encourage you to ensure that their attendance is as high as possible this year.

If you do have any concerns then please do contact me or arrange to see me to discuss the issues.

Dates for the diary

Monday 11th September – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 PE Kits
Monday 11th September – Reception and Nursery new starters
Tuesday 12th September – Year 6 Swimming
Tuesday 12th September – Year 4 parents meeting after school
Wednesday 13th September- Brass for Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 13th September – Reception and Nursery new starters
Wednesday 13th September – Year 5 parents meeting after school
Thursday 14th September – Year 6 parents meeting after school
Friday 15th September – Year 6 Mass (all are welcome)
Friday 15th September – Nursery new starters

It is, as I said at the beginning, a joy to be back. Stay cool this weekend and I will see you on Monday

Mrs Hobbs

