



It was another busy and exciting week at St. Cuthbert's as we continue our build up to our big, child planned and led, climate strike and demo. The children invited Suzie McKenzie to join them last week to raise even more awareness of what they do and what they plan to do. Suzie is North Tyneside's Young Mayor and represents all the young people of our borough. She talked to the children about her role and how they can get involved in making a difference to the lives of other young people by getting involved in what is happening in their local area.



Our whole school attendance for the week is 93.6% and we are starting to rise above the national average attendance level which is fantastic and something we always aim to do. Year 2 have are our attendance stars for the second week in a row with 95%- brilliant work by everyone!

Class	%
Reception	93.6
Year 1	93.7
Year 2	95.0
Year 3	93.2
Year 4	93.5
Year 5	93.2
Year 6	92.5
Whole school	93.6

Thank you to everyone who went to the First Holy Communion meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church on Thursday evening. Unfortunately Fr. Chris was instructed to stay at home by Test and Trace and both Mrs Cottiss and I were unable to attend due to a last minute situation at school. Linda Shotton has passed on all the names of children who are going to be part of the programme and thank you to everyone who has collected a form from school or been in touch to request one. If you need a form please let us know, they should be returned to school next week and we will pass them on to Fr. Chris.

We're asking everyone at St. Cuthbert's to make something that they can use to make lots of noise on their demo next week. The idea is to upcycle or recycle household things and to use the amazing creativity at St. Cuthbert's to help us create a carnival of noise. The children can bring what they have made to school at any time next week but definitely by Thursday for their demo.

## Weekend homework

*As a whole school we want to raise awareness, wake adults up and make some noise. We set you all a challenge to make a musical shaker, instrument, an old pan and spoon... Anything that will be seen and heard for our demonstration march as a whole school this coming Thursday.*





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Our children met with North Tyneside's Young Mayor, Suzie McKenzie, this week to tell her about their plans to hold a climate strike and demo next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The demo is to raise awareness of the work they have been doing in school and at home and is a follow up to the COP26 conference and is the children's way of asking what is happening with promises made there. Our whole school focus on Caring For Our Common Home and Fratelli Tutti stays central to everything we do and last week Mrs Cottiss introduced the children and our wider school community to Bella Lack, an inspirational young activist from England. They have been inspired by Bella's message that one of the big ways we can care for our common home is to care for all living creatures in it.



**COMPASSION MATTERS**





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Our mission this week is to get ready to come together and spread our message that we need to Care For Our Common Home and everyone in it- our Fratelli Tutti. We are a strong community and we treat each other with care, compassion, love and kindness.

**OUR MISSION**  
Our mission is to work together to make our world a better place, to realise that all the small changes add up to big changes. We promise to treat each other with **dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love**. We are all St. Cuthbert's and we are all **Fratelli Tutti**.

*Our faith in action*

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

**LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES**

Love wins

*Saving God, you sent your Son to show us how to live our lives. Help us to do all that we can to follow this example. Open our hearts to see that all of us can do special things, that we are part of a special community, our Fratelli Tutti. You nourish us with your love, your light and your joy. so that we can treat each other with love, kindness, compassion and hope. Amen.*

On Friday we said a big thank you and wished Mrs Mc Anulty the best of luck as she moves on to her new role within the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust as Procurement Officer. Mrs Mc Anulty has been with us for three years but it isn't a fairwell as she will be still working with us as we are part of the Bishop Bewick Trust so we know we'll still see Mrs Mc Anulty lots. We will also be saying a big thank you and wishing the best of luck to Mr Ingleby as he moves on to take up the role of caretaker at Battle Hill Primary School. Mr Ingleby has been with us for seven years and has helped us make big changes around school, including developing the outdoor area. Both Mr Ingleby and Mrs Mc Anulty will be missed by us all but we know they will be in touch and will both remain part of St. Cuthbert's very special community. Recruitment for a new caretaker (Facilities Supervisor) has begun and the advert is available at

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/DBS1300\\_22\\_Facility\\_Supervisor\\_St\\_Cuthbert\\_s\\_Catholic\\_Primary\\_School/219298](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/DBS1300_22_Facility_Supervisor_St_Cuthbert_s_Catholic_Primary_School/219298)

Recruitment for our new school business manager will begin over the next few weeks. Both processes are our first as part of the new Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust.



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If you have any concerns about your child's, or another child's safety, including their online safety, or questions about behaviour we always ask that you speak to us at school. It is important that we are part of discussions that may be happening around children's behaviour and welfare. We record incidents and concerns electronically on our CPOMS system and we work very closely with Clennell Education Solutions to make sure all our staff are up to date with the best safeguarding training available and to provide leading professional advice when requested. This means that we have a broad picture of anything that is happening at school and, with your help, we can make sure any concerns are addressed quickly and do not escalate or lead to children or families falling out.



From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 there will be an update to point 2- **Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19**. Our information below now includes this update.

## 1. PCR testing requirements

Any pupil who has symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend school. They should book a PCR test immediately and self-isolate until the result is confirmed.

Secondary school pupils should continue to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing with a lateral flow device (LFDs). LFDs should not be used for those who have symptoms.

From 11 January 2022 **anyone without symptoms testing positive with an LFD will no longer need to confirm this with a PCR test**. However, the LFD result must be reported as instructed to [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and the person must self-isolate immediately.

## 2. Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

The self-isolation advice for people with COVID-19 will change from 17 January 2022.

- The requirement to isolate for 10 days remains in legislation, however from 17 January, a person who has tested positive with COVID-19 may take an LFD test on the fifth and sixth days of their isolation period. If both these LFD test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, **they will be able to end their self-isolation after the second negative test result**.
- The LFD tests must be taken on consecutive days but the guidance will no longer stipulate that these tests should be taken at least 24 hours apart.



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- This means that return to work or school is possible on day 6 after 5 full days of isolation.
- This will shorten the minimum possible self-isolation from the current guidance of 6 full days to 5 full days.
- If the LFD tests are positive on day 5 or day 6 daily testing should continue until there are 2 consecutive negative tests up to day 10 only.
- Testing should not continue after day 10 even if there is a positive LFD result self isolation ends.
- The Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID[1]19) infection - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) will be updated on the 17th January to reflect these changes.

This guidance also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. Any pupil who is unable to test using LFDs must isolate for the full 10 days.

### **3. Children and young people aged 5 to 18 years 6 months who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case**

All pupils aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are no longer legally required to self-isolate. They are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their education setting as normal unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms themselves. Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation if they are identified as a close contact and do not need to take part in daily testing.

We are aware that getting hold of LFDs is difficult currently, but the advice is to keep trying as LFD stocks are released through the day.

More detailed information is also available in the updated government guidance [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(http://www.gov.uk\)\)](#)

If you haven't joined our school lottery yet it is really easy and gives you a chance of winning our school jackpot each week and gives you an entry to a much bigger weekly jackpot. All profits from the lottery go towards helping us make sure our children continue to have the fantastic opportunities they get every week at St. Cuthbert's. Our weekly prize currently stands at £19.80, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primaryschool/supporter>

Thank you to everyone who has been using Tapestry, our [keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk) email and school phone to keep in touch with school staff. It is very important that lines of communication are kept as open and honest as possible between school and home as we work hard to keep our open-door policy and approach going by making so many ways to keep in touch available. **As highlighted in the past we don't use Facebook or WhatsApp or any other social media apart from Twitter (which we don't use to answer questions)**, and we won't be setting up accounts on either medium. If you have any



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Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 [www.northynesidecatholic.org.uk/](http://www.northynesidecatholic.org.uk/)

Mass times online on Facebook at St. Cuthbert's each Sunday at 11am. Fr. Chris Hughes can be contacted on 257 5801 questions, concerns, or need to chat to a member of staff at school please make sure you use one of three methods we have put in place:

- Message a member of staff on Tapestry with messages regarding work, arrangements for the school day for your child etc. All staff have access to Tapestry.
- Email [keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk). You should email this address if you want to discuss or inform of us anything that is more confidential. Emails to this address are only read by Mrs Cottiss and Mr Dillon.
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat to someone. Use the school phone number to advise us of absence from school, for questions about day to day things. **Phoning school during the school day remains the best way to get in touch.**

**If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account or if you are having trouble accessing it please let us know as soon as possible. Tapestry is one of the main ways we keep in touch with families and it is important that you can receive messages and posts from it even if you don't use it lots yourself.**

Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising.

We now have 88 supporters and are well past the £1000 mark, raising a fantastic £1193.79 so far! There are no catches to using the site, you don't need to share bank or payment details, just sign up and choose to support St. Cuthbert's. all you then need to do is search for your chosen store or seller on the easyfundraising site and do your online shopping as normal. If you are booking a holiday, buying any insurance, changing internet suppliers, mobile phone providers etc. online, and do so through the site they make quite big donations to school! It's really easy to get set up and running, all you need to do is:

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcuthbertsrcprimary/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your support and donations which will go towards all our children.

Thank you for your amazing continued support, stay safe and God bless,  
Shaun Dillon