



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

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It was fantastic to reopen our gates and doors again last Tuesday morning and welcome everyone back to St. Cuthbert's, and to welcome some families and children for the first time. Everyone has settled straight back into school life and our whole school is buzzing with excitement, learning and fun once again!



Year 6 have won the first attendance star trophy of the new school year with a perfect score of 100% We work hard with families and partner agencies to make sure every child achieves the best attendance they can. Can we remind all families that we ask you to contact school when your child is absent from school for any reason at all.



Class	%
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6 🏆	100%
Whole school	95.1%

You will be receiving a number of forms to complete and return over the next few weeks, mostly through ParentMail. It is very important that return whichever forms have been sent out and within any deadlines highlighted. If any of your contact information changes, especially if you get a new phone number, can you please let us now by emailing keepingintouch@stcuthberts.email or office@stcuthberts.email

Children from years 5 and 6 will be heading off on their residential trip to Hawkhurst tomorrow and we know they are all very excited and looking forward to their adventures at Kielder. Thank you to all families for your support with the trip and thank you to all the children for helping organise activities and teams for the three days. We will keep you all up to date with events on Twitter, Tweets usually come through in the evening as the daytime is so busy!



A new timetable for PE and outdoor learning is at the end of this newsletter and also attached to your Parentmail message. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE day and the dates they need to wear old clothes for outdoor learning at The Roundhouse are also included. Year 5 and 6 will be cycling again this year and we will be sending information to our year 5 and 6 families when we have confirmed that timetable.





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Children who have moved on from our Year 6 class to St. Thomas More began their new learning adventure last week and we were all very proud of the flying start they have all made. It was also brilliant to see so many come along to school throughout the week to say hello and we know that they will continue to pop along for a chat as so many past pupils do.





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Compassion Matters runs through everything we do at St. Cuthbert's. We believe strongly that compassion is a quality that we can learn, it is something that we can work at to be more compassionate, and it is a human quality that we recognise and celebrate. Our children give out certificates each week for acts of compassion that they have witnessed around school. They talk brilliantly about compassion and how being compassionate makes our school community so strong and special. St. Cuthbert's families also act with compassion and you support so many events and initiatives at school which proves this. One initiative is our school uniform swap clothes rail in the school hall. Families regularly donate items of school uniforms to the rail, uniforms that children have grown out of and no longer need. Everything on the rail is free for any family to take. We work continuously with the children following Pope Francis's letter to us all, Laudato Si- Caring For Our Common Home. Our uniform rail is one of the ways we care for our common home and each other, helping make sure everyone has what they need and reducing clothing waste. If you have never used the uniform rail please do, lots of families use it. If you have any uniform items you no longer need send them to us at school and we'll add them to the rail- reusing and caring for our common home and demonstrating once again that compassion matters. You can find more information about our school uniform on our school website, <https://www.stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk/school-uniform>



Can we please remind families that for all classes from reception through to year 6 the school day has a 'soft start' meaning that the school gates and doors will open at 8.40 am and children should go straight to their class when they come on to the playground from 8.40 am. The doors and gates then close at 8.55 am when all children should be in their class- anyone who arrives at school after 8.55 am should come to school through the main office. ***Children cannot wait alone on the playground or at school gates before 8.40 am as all staff are supervising gates, doors, corridors and classrooms with teachers beginning their teaching at 8.40 am.*** Can we also remind everyone that no adults should be in the school building in the morning or at the end of the school day. If you need to speak to a class teacher you can contact them through Tapestry, phone the school office to make an appointment or pass on a message or catch them at the end of the school day once all children have been passed over to their families. Our school day ends at 3.25 pm for all children. Can we also please remind families that dogs, no matter how small, are not permitted through the school gates or on the school playground. We have over 500 people on the playground at the start and end of each day and we all greatly appreciate your help and support in keeping our school as safe as possible and our school days running smoothly for everyone.



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As a school St. Cuthbert's were involved in being part of the management committee that set up the PACT MumSpace group that runs in North Shields. MumSpace is a warm, welcoming, friendly group, for mothers run by mothers. MumSpace is a charity run so free to join. Within the group, mums have half an hour of "their time" whilst the amazing volunteers look after the children. This space and time can be used to have a hot cup of coffee and a chat, talk to other mums alike, or invite outside organisations in to give advice, it's the mothers' space it's up to them to decide what to do with it. The group is for pregnant mums or mums with children up to the age of 4. MumSpace is run on a Thursday morning from St Cuthbert's Church from 9.30-11am or Tuesday afternoons from St Hilda's Church in the Marden. For more information see their Facebook page = MumSpace North Tyneside or contact Wendy McConnell at 07950426786 or wendy.mcconnell@citizensuk.org

We are asking all families to make sure you pre-order your children's lunches as this is the only way to ensure they get what they want each lunchtime. All children who have a school lunch must pre-order- this includes children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 who are all entitled to free school meals through the Infant Free School meals scheme.

Thank you once again to everyone who has signed up for your Appetite account and to everyone who is using it to pre-order children's school lunches. It is very, very important that you get your account set up as it allows you to see the menu for the coming weeks, including all the dietary and nutritional information you might want to see. No child will ever be left hungry and the staff in our kitchen know all our children well. If you have any questions about the new school meals system or menu, or need help with the app or using the Appetite service online, please get in touch with us at school.

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. If you have a concern that you feel needs attention immediately, and it is outside of normal school hours, you can contact the North Tyneside Safeguarding Team's Front Door service on 0345 2000 109 during office hours or 0330 333 7475 during the evening or at weekends. We work in partnership with the team and they will inform us at school of any referrals made to them during weekends, evenings, and holidays when school is closed. You can also find out more information about safeguarding in North Tyneside on their [website](#) and our [school website](#).





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We get lots of questions at school about keeping children safe online when they are away from school. We have begun information posters from National Online Safety and these will be helpful as they provide up-to-date advice on how to manage different services and apps for children at home. The Think You Know website is also very useful for advice and information and you can find it by clicking the link below. The site is aimed at adults and the subjects are about keeping children safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



Welcome to CEOP Education

The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team aim to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

We do this through our education programme, providing training, resources and information to professionals working with children, young people and their families.

I am:

A professional working with children and young people	A parent or carer
4-7 years old	8-10 years old
	11-18 years old

We would like to remind families that we have a no-jewellery policy for children at St. Cuthbert's, the only exceptions to this are that children can wear a watch and if they have their ears pierced they can wear a small stud- not hoops. Can you please make sure your child doesn't wear any jewellery to school, especially on their outdoor learning day when a few have started to wear chains, necklaces, or bracelets. Outdoor learning day clothes should be old clothes, suitable for the weather, that will get dirty and, most likely smell of smoke by the end of the day.

Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising.



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 doing 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/stcuthbertsrprimary/> 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 donate to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

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

Thank you to everyone who has been using Tapestry, our keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrprimary.co.uk email, and school phone to keep in touch with school staff. Lines of communication must be 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 questions, or concerns, or need to chat with a member of staff at school please make sure you use one of three methods we have put in place:



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- 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@stcuthbertsprimary.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. Please do not use this email for day-to-day things like questions about what is happening at school. We cannot guarantee that your question will be answered on time this will only happen by contacting the school office.
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat with someone. Use the school phone number to advise us of absence from school, and 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 a lot yourself.

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 a £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primary>

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



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PE and Roundhouse Timetables 2023/2024

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

PE	
Day	
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 1, Year 3
Thursday	Year 5, Year 6
Friday	Year 4

Outdoor learning takes place continuously at St. Cuthbert's and includes a Roundhouse session once every two weeks. **Children should come to school wearing old clothes that will get dirty on their Roundhouse day only**, the dates for this half term for each class are below.

Roundhouse Dates	
Nursery	12/09/2023, 26/09/2023, 10/10/2023, 31/10/2023
Reception	12/09/2023, 26/09/2023, 10/10/2023, 31/10/2023
Year 1	15/09/2023, 29/09/2023, 13/10/2023, 03/11/2023
Year 2	15/09/2023, 29/09/2023, 13/10/2023, 03/11/2023
Year 3	13/09/2023, 27/09/2023, 11/10/2023, 01/11/2023
Year 4	13/09/2023, 27/09/2023, 11/10/2023, 01/11/2023
Year 5	25/09/2023, 09/10/2023, 30/09/2023
Year 6	25/09/2023, 09/10/2023, 30/09/2023

Children will also have cycling sessions on the playground throughout the week. Key Stage 2 children will have cycling sessions using the school Frog bikes, school staff will let you know when classes are doing their sessions.