




# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

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It was fantastic and very special seeing everyone back at school together this week and St. Cuthbert's is once again buzzing and full of life. Children and staff have been delighted to see classes working in groups again and even more importantly, mixing with children from other classes at playtimes. We even had Key Stage collective worship on Monday morning and a whole school assembly on Friday afternoon! We have kept many of our precautions in place so we still have the staggered start and end to each day, constant cleaning around school and lots and lots of hand cleaning and sanitising. We also have new information for everyone which you will find at the end of this newsletter. Everyone at school is very excited at being able to plan for the weeks and months ahead again and we already have year 3 swimming every day. Make sure you keep an eye on ParentMail for information and forms over the next few weeks and on Tapestry and Twitter to see everything that is happening.



This week we welcomed everyone to school including our brand new Nursery and Reception Class children and a few other children throughout school- and new staff as well! Many of our new children and their families are joining our St. Cuthbert's community for the first time and we know everyone has been, and will continue to, make them not only feel very welcome but to feel a full part of who we are- our Fratelli Tutti.

It is quite a while since we shared our weekly attendance figures on our newsletter as self isolations had such a big impact on them but we are now ready to start sharing them again. Year 1 and year 5 are the attendance stars this week and they raised our new, very special trophy in front of a very excited audience on Friday afternoon! Well done to everyone, attendance at school is vitally important for every child and they make the best progress socially and academically when they are in school the most.


Class	%
Nursery	96.1
Reception	93.8
Year 1	100
Year 2	98.3
Year 3	88.7
Year 4	94.3
Year 5	100
Year 6	95.2
Whole school	96.1



Fr. Chris continues to celebrate mass each weekend, firstly on a Saturday afternoon at 5.30pm at St. Joseph's Church and then on a Sunday morning at 11am at St. Cuthbert's Church. You can join the parish for either mass in person, at church, or you can join online on the parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-Parish-of-Saint-Cuthbert-and-Saint-Joseph-North-Shields-798826703506481> . We post a link to the Sunday morning mass each week on our weekly mission which you can find on our Twitter account.



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Last week we sent out the PE and outdoor learning/ roundhouse timetables for everyone. Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day, making sure that they are wearing clothes appropriate for the weather as they will be doing PE outside whenever possible. For outdoor learning days children should wear old clothes as they will get messy and may well smell of smoke from the campfire. It is also important that the clothes they wear on outdoor learning day are suitable for climbing and digging and running around. If you have any questions about the timetable please ask your child's class teacher.

## PE

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Reception	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 2	Year 5
Wednesday	Nursery	Year 6
Thursday	Year 1	Year 3


## Outdoor learning/ roundhouse

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Year 5
Tuesday	Reception	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 2	Year 3
Thursday		Year 4
Friday	Nursery	Year 1





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Year 3 began the school year by heading off to Hadrian Pool on their first day back to start their swimming lessons. The children were all very excited to get into the water and the progress they have made in the first week has been amazing. We changed how we deliver our swimming lessons a few years ago and each year we see the children progress more and more as the four weeks of intensive lessons help them build on the progress they make each day. The children did so well last week that they even managed to get a play session- we think this might be the earliest any class has!



We began our first week back with collective worship with all our staff before school followed by Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2 throughout the morning. Collective worship is central to everything we do at St. Cuthbert's and is the perfect start to each week as we focus on the Gospel and our weekly mission. On Friday afternoon we gathered together as a whole school for the first time in a very long time and celebrated the week we have all enjoyed. Our Friday assemblies are full on celebrations with singing, news from the week and cheering each others achievements.



Next week we will begin sending reading books home with children and they will also have their new reading diaries which you can write comments in. We will be sending you further information about reading with children over the next few weeks as well as information about local libraries and how we approach reading at St. Cuthbert's. You will still have access to our online library which was very successful during lockdowns. We will also be sending information home about homework and we can't wait to see what you and your children do with the homework projects- the work everyone has done in the past has always been amazing!



This week we have begun sending ParentMail messages and forms for different activities and permissions. If you feel you should have received a message or form and haven't had it can you please check your junk or spam email folder first as messages sometimes go there. If you still can't find a message can you please contact the school office to make sure we have the correct email address for you. Last week we emailed families in years 5 & 6 about children walking to and from school on their own and about curriculum content.

As we are all back together and classes are mixing on the playground again can we please remind families to make sure you have your child's name clearly written on their jumpers, cardigans, ties, coats, water bottles, book bags and anything else they are likely to misplace through the day. It is incredibly helpful if everyone can do this as it stops children getting



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We have quite a few scooters and bikes which have been donated to school over the last few years and we are always delighted to accept more. We will be labelling these again next week so children know which ones they can borrow and know where to return them to. We love seeing children bringing their own bikes and scooters to school and we continue to work with them on how to look after bikes and scooters and how to identify what repairs they might need - we have some brilliant engineers at St. Cuthbert's 😊



Thank you to everyone for your continued support as we work together to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. It is very important that all contact details are kept up to date as we sometimes have to contact families to collect children at short notice. Everyone has been brilliant at keeping us up to date with any COVID testing that is going on at home and letting us know how everyone is getting on. If you have changed your contact details during the summer holidays can you please let us know as soon as you can by emailing us at [office@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk) so we can update our ParentMail contacts.

Our Mission this week is to welcome everyone who has joined our community and to continue to make each other feel welcome by treating each other with care, compassion, kindness, dignity and love.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to do what we can to keep our community one which is welcoming, growing, and special. To do this we treat each other, and ourselves with **dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love.** We are all **St. Cuthbert's** we are all **Fratelli Tutti** and we are all made in God's image.

God of love,  
open our ears to hear your word,  
and open our hearts that we  
may always speak up for  
what is right.  
Give us strength and courage  
to keep being ourselves making a  
positive difference to the  
lives of others, our **Fratelli Tutti**.  
May we be **caring, loving** and  
**compassionate** people who give  
sanctuary to everyone in need.  
We ask this through Christ Jesus,  
your Son, Our Lord.  
Amen.

**LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES**

Love wins

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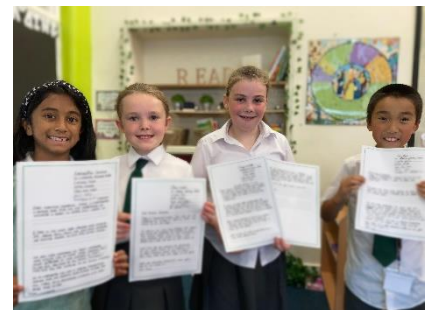
During the summer children at our Summer School took part in the campaign to upgrade facilities at Alexander Scott's Park which is very close to school and used by many of our families. They designed posters which will go on display at the park and they supported the day of action which has resulted in new equipment to play on and new bins to help keep the park tidy and clean. Wendy McConnell organised the campaign as part of Tyne and Wear Citizens work in our area and we are delighted to be part of what they are doing.

*"After listening to the community of North Shields and the children at St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Tyne and Wear Citizens realised there was an issue with the local park, it was not a nice place to visit and lacked play equipment and bins. With the help of the community they held a litter pick event which made the council listen. Now we have bins and swings and more to come!! The children at St Cuthbert's have designed posters to display in the park to stop the mess. Please join us in thanking North Tyneside council and putting up the posters the children have designed on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at around 3.30"*



Last week we highlighted the importance of first aid through International First Aid Week and the importance of reading and writing through Literacy Week. Rob visited us at school on Friday morning and gave us a demonstration on CPR and we got to have a go on the CPR manikins. Rob was brilliant with the children and it was wonderful to be able to invite an expert in to school to work with classes. We also highlighted the importance of Literacy once again through International Literacy Day. We used the day and week to find out more information about inspirational people and we've written to them all to find out even more about them. Mrs Cottiss began Compassion Matters with year 6 last week and will be working with classes throughout school from next week. The year 6 children began by finding out more about the work Marcus Rashford is doing to help families across the country and how he influenced the provision of summer schools across the country this year. Compassion really does matter to us all and the focus on it at St. Cuthbert's is another one of the unique things we do that makes our school and community so special.

**COMPASSION  
MATTERS**





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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>

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.



Thank you to everyone for helping make the start and end of each day smooth as possible and for making it as normal as possible for all the children and staff at school. Every routine and procedure we have put in place has been planned for and implemented to keep everyone at school as safe as possible and this includes you. We have assessed every risk we think could impact on school and you, and we have worked with North Tyneside Council's Health & Safety team, Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, teaching unions, support staff unions and all staff at school to provide the safest COVID safe environment we can. We all have a part to play in staying safe and we are all responsible for helping each other. Everyone's experience of COVID is different and whilst we must respect that everyone has different strength of feelings about measures such as social distancing and mask wearing we insist that everyone follows the rules we have put in place and that we work together to stay safe.

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 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.





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- Email [keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk)
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat to someone.

**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 £1113.12 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.

## If your child is at school, becomes unwell and shows symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child becomes unwell at school and develops one of the three main symptoms of Coronavirus;

- a high temperature,
- a new, continuous cough,
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste,

they will be sent home immediately. They will be isolated within school and supervised, as necessary, until they can be collected. Any member of staff supervising a child will be wearing appropriate PPE, including a visor, disposable apron and disposable gloves. Windows in the room will be open and the door will be closed, the door has a clear pane of glass allowing other members of staff to check both the child and member of staff are OK. Once your child has been collected the room will be deep cleaned. We will contact you via **telephone** as soon as possible should your child need to go home. You must ensure all your contact numbers are up to date and that you answer your phone as soon as possible when we phone. Our school phone number is **0191 691 9876**, if you have missed a call from this number please phone us as soon as possible. If we do not have your up-to-date contact details, please contact the school office as soon as possible to notify us of



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The advice below has been given to us by Public Health England and reflects the change in approach to isolation due to positive cases of COVID. A full class no longer has to isolate due to a child or member of staff testing positive for COVID and school are no longer responsible for any track and tracing. If any child or member of staff does test positive we will still follow all guidance given to us by Public Health England and we will let you know if we need to act as soon as possible.

## **Who needs to isolate?**

1. Anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Identified close contacts including household contacts are not required to self-isolate if any of the following apply:
  - they are fully vaccinated
  - they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
  - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
  - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

They should be encouraged to seek a PCR test **but they DO NOT need to isolate while they await the test or the result.**

3. Close contacts who do not meet the above criteria must self isolate for 10 days even if their PCR test is negative.

Individuals should not arrange to have a PCR test if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19.

**We follow Public Health England's advice and will inform families of any actions that may need to be taken if any member of staff or child tests positive for COVID-19. So far this term no child or member of staff who would be in contact with a child has tested positive and we had no contact advising us to take any action from Public Health England or any other authority. If you have any questions at all about what to do please keep your child off school and get in touch with us and we will help you as much as we can.**

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