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Last week we were delighted to welcome our Reception Class families into school last Monday for our Mothering Sunday Assembly. This was the first time we have been able to invite families into school for two years and we are hopeful that we can invite families to more events at school in the coming months. Our children and staff were as busy as always last week and there were many fantastic achievements including our year 5 and 6 cyclists managing an 18.5-mile bike ride!

Year 3 are our attendance stars this week with a great 98.3% attendance. Year 1 have been hit with Chicken Pox, Scarlet Fever and tonsillitis once again. Thank you everyone for keeping us up to date with how your children are doing when they are off. If you have any questions about symptoms or procedures in school you can find out more information in our Infections Control Policy on our school website, <https://www.stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk/terms-dates>



Class	%
Reception	86
Year 1	73.3
Year 2	92.7
Year 3	98.3
Year 4	94.3
Year 5	93.9
Year 6	93.9
Whole school	90.1

Our Reception Class children were magnificent as they welcomed their families into school for our first Mothering Sunday Assembly with families since the first lockdown. The children told everyone about Mothering Sunday and how the tradition was for families to meet together at the parish church of their parents. The children sang songs and signed to Shotgun- this was an extra treat as the children had been taught the sign language by one of our Reception Class mams. All the mams, dads, uncles, aunts and grandparents loved the assembly and were delighted with the gifts of beautiful flowers from the children.



Our children will be re-telling the Easter Story in their very unique and special way next week with Early Years and years 1 and 2 performing their Easter Play next Friday morning and year 5 will be leading us all in our Easter Passion next Wednesday. It is special for us all to be able to have classes back together again for events like these and the children love being with other classes as well. We would love to invite families to watch the Early Years and key stage 1 Easter Play which, weather permitting, will be held outside in the school grounds and begin at 9.30am.



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Our year 5 and 6 cyclists were amazing again last week as both groups made trips around North Tyneside and Newcastle. The children have been working really well with John, Martyn and staff from school at building their cycling skills and developing greater stamina. This week our morning group managed to cycle 18.5 miles in the wind and hail as they made their way through Jesmond Dene to the Cycle Hub and back to school. Our afternoon group worked hard on cycling up and down hills and controlling their gears and breaks to get their bikes doing the hard work and they are making great progress with their cycling skills. Next week some children from years 3 and 4 will be taking part in Bikability training, this will be the first time children from these classes will get the chance to do the training and is thanks to all the hard work they have been doing cycling at school. We are also hopeful that we will be holding a family bike ride soon, we're planning it with the team at Bike4Health and will send out details as soon as they are finalised.



We've got lots going on again next week at school including year 5 taking part in the skipping festival at St. Thomas More on Tuesday and year 3 taking part in a hockey tournament at The Parks next Thursday. It is brilliant that our children are getting the opportunity to take part in competitions with other schools again and information about both events has been sent out to families through ParentMail.

As we get closer to Easter we would love the children to bring their Easter Garden creations to school so that we can all see their fantastic creativity in action. We always ask that Easter Gardens are made from up-cycled items and that you don't go out and buy anything for them. The gardens represent the Easter story and we always get a very wide range of gardens from children of all ages. Gardens that are sent to school will be shared on Twitter and we hope we can have an exhibition of them all for everyone to see before the Easter holidays.





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Compassion Matters sessions last week with Mrs Cottiss focused on peace and feeling at peace. Children across school went on a peace walk around the school grounds and listened to the sounds of nature around them, birds singing, trees rustling in the gentle breeze and the sound of each others' footsteps. The children also took time to be still and talk about what peace means to them, what it looks like and what it sounds like. Compassion Matters gives our children space and time to talk, to listen to each other and to reflect. Activities based around their senses help children talk about their feelings and about others as well. They are developing a rich vocabulary which they use to explain how they feel and how to help others. Everything the children do in Compassion Matters feeds through to the rest of our curriculum and we see it in action every day at school.



Fr. Chris has confirmed that three dates have been set for First Communion Masses this year. There will be Mass at 10 am at St. Cuthbert's Church on Saturday 11th and 18th June and a third Mass at 10 am on Saturday 25th June at St. Joseph's Church. If you are unable to make any of the dates available you should let Fr. Chris know and he will chat with you about your child making their First Communion during weekly Mass. Whilst restrictions on Mass attendance are thankfully changing, there still are some in place around numbers in the Church Hall and Church. For this reason, there will be a restriction on the number of guests a child can have at the Mass but these numbers will be much more generous than in previous years. We will send out further details about how to let us know which Mass you would prefer to be part of and how many guests you'd like to bring before we break up for Easter.



Our mission throughout Lent is to pray for peace across the world, especially for the people of Ukraine. Our children know what compassion is, we pray the leaders who can make a change know also & act compassionately. We care for our common home, which is our whole world, every day at school and this means that we also care for each other, our Fratelli Tutti, and we do so by treating each other with kindness, compassion, care, and love.

OUR MISSION

Our mission throughout Lent, as our children, families and staff let our lights shine, is to pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine. Jesus calls us all to be peace makers, to treat everyone with dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love. We are all St. Cuthbert's, we are united and we are all Fratelli Tutti.

God of love, Guide leaders to do what is right and to make this world a peaceful and fairer place for all. We pray for the world- that we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters, our Fratelli Tutti. You guide us and nourish us with your love, your light and in joy so that we can treat each other with love, kindness, compassion and hope. Amen.

COMPASSION MATTERS

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Thank you to everyone who has signed up for your Appetite account last week. We trialled the system on Friday and the children were brilliant with it. Once you have signed up for your account you will be able to see the menu for each school day, find nutritional information and order your child's meals for the week ahead. If you don't pre-order your child's food we cannot guarantee that they will get what they want for lunch that day. Instructions on signing up for an account have been sent out by email from Hutchisons, if you are having any trouble at all getting on to your account please contact us at the school office through the week.



- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to infant free school meals, and this will continue. If your child is in years 3,4,5 or 6 and receives free school meals this will also continue.
- **Everyone should have received instructions on setting up your account for the Appetite ordering and payment service.** If you haven't set your account up yet please do so as soon as you can, if you haven't received the information please check your email spam or junk box and if you still haven't got it please contact 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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On our return to school this half term we were asked by Public Health England to share information on managing COVID at schools with families. Whilst almost all restrictions have been lifted nationally we still have a duty to do what we can at school to protect children, families, and staff as much as possible and to manage COVID as best we can. As always, if you have any questions at all get in touch with us at school and we will do what we can to help.

Following the recent government announcement to remove the remaining legal restrictions for COVID-19 as we learn to live with the virus, please find some further information about what these changes mean for your child in school. Please be assured that school continues to implement good infection, prevention, and control measures to protect against infection and associated education disruption.

Twice weekly testing: Due to a greater understanding of the virus the public health advice is that children in most education and childcare settings are no longer required to undertake twice-weekly LFD asymptomatic testing. Regular testing is still advised for specialist special educational needs and disability (SEND) settings, alternative provision, and SEND units in mainstream schools or the equivalent in colleges

Symptomatic children: While the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed if your child has any of the main COVID symptoms or a positive test result they should not attend school. The public health advice remains unchanged which is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a PCR test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. Children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Close contacts: Contacts of positive COVID-19 cases are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended. If your child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID case, they should attend school as usual.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

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-primaryschool/supporter>



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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, 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@stcuthbertsrprimary.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 with 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/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.

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