



We've enjoyed another great week at St. Cuthbert's and enjoyed a few more whole school events. The week began with our MacMillan Monday Morning and ended with our whole school mass at St. Cuthbert's Church. Thank you to Fr. Chris for inviting us to celebrate mass and to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Harvey for preparing church for us all. It was a very special beginning of year mass and the first whole school mass we have celebrated since February 2019.

Year 6 have won the attendance award this week with 97.8% attendance, very narrowly beating year 4 who achieved 97.5%. All children are expected to have attendance of at least 96% and this level means the children will achieve better progress and be part of the fantastic wider curriculum we have at St. Cuthbert's. We monitor attendance closely and as the year progresses the attendance of each individual child, class and therefore the whole school should increase. We work closely with our safeguarding partners to get attendance as good as we can get it and we work with families to make sure children are at school as often as they can be.

Class	%
Reception	83.1
Year 1	93.9
Year 2	90.7
Year 3	93.3
Year 4	97.5
Year 5	91.3
Year 6 🏆	97.8
Whole school	92.5



Thank you everyone for supporting our MacMillan Monday Morning last week and for your generous donations of cakes, biscuits and money. We raised £120 which has been sent to MacMillan and will go towards the wonderful work they do with families in their time of need.



St. Cuthbert's was full of rockstars last week as we re-launched Rockstar Maths throughout school. There was a lot of colour, music and times tables competitions and challenges as children and staff across our whole school enjoyed a great day. All children from year 2 to year 6 now have a login in for Rockstar Maths- if your child doesn't have theirs let us know at school and we will get it for you.

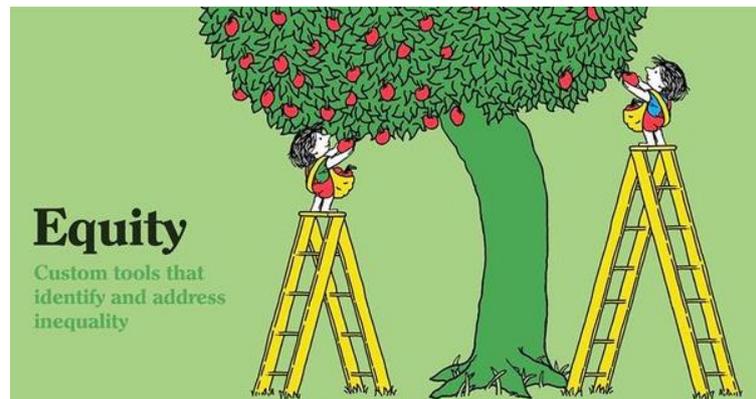
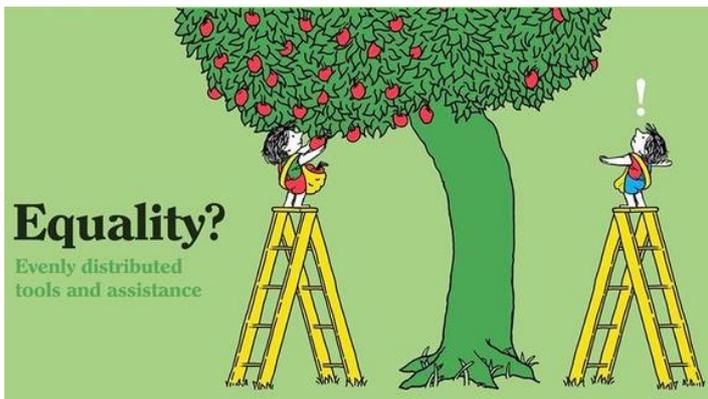
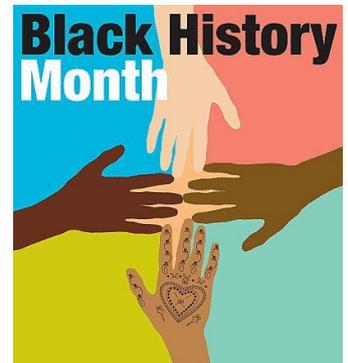




Mass times online on Facebook at St. Cuthbert's each Sunday at 11am. Fr. Chris Hughes can be contacted on 257 5801 We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival tomorrow, Monday 4th October, and we are accepting donations of tinned and packets of food from everyone. Your donations will be passed on to Nite Bite. Nite Bite provides a valuable service to vulnerable people in North Tyneside. They are offered a three-course hot meal and company when they visit the café in North Shields and they also leave with a bag of food. Children can still bring their donations to school and we will be holding the assembly in the school hall with the children only.

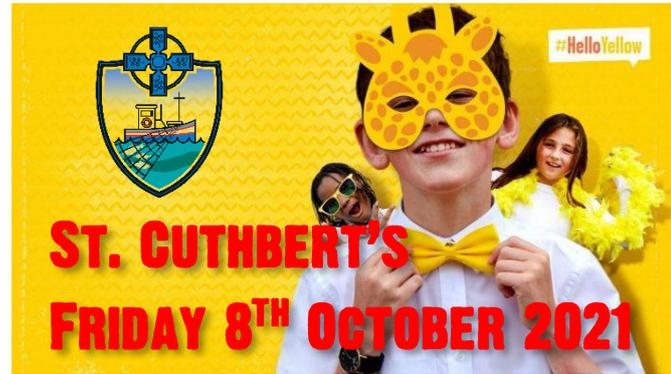


October is Black History Month and all children and staff will be taking part in a wide range of lessons and activities to support it. We celebrate the uniqueness of every single person at St. Cuthbert's and in our community and our children are amazing at recognising everyone's right to be proud of who they are, where they are from and everything about their culture. We all recognise that our whole school culture is at it's richest and strongest when everyone plays their part in creating and growing it. We will also be celebrating our annual Diversity Week before half term and once again, St. Cuthbert's children are fantastic role models for all of us as they give praise for the diversity in our community and understand how striving for an equitable society is caring for our common home and our Fratelli Tutti.





We will be supporting the Young Minds charity this Friday 8th October by asking everyone to come to school wearing something yellow! Young Minds mission is to help support every child and young person who needs their help and to make us all more aware about how we can help them as well. Each class will also be making something very special, very glittery and very brainy 😊



The children have been fantastic with their bikes and scooters again last week and we will have classes out next week on the Frog bikes around the school grounds. We allow the children to cycle their own bikes if they are wearing their own helmet and many of them are now wearing a helmet when they are on their scooters as well which is a great and very sensible idea.

Children in our current year 6 class are invited to visit St. Thomas More's open evening on Tuesday 5th October. Each school in our Catholic family of schools in North Tyneside has been allocated a specific time and St. Cuthbert's families are invited to arrive at St. Thomas More for a 6.40pm start. The staff at St. Thomas More have asked that families stick to the allocated time and that everyone keeps family group sizes as small as possible. The open evening will last about 1.5 hours and is a great chance to see around the school, meet staff and sample the catering in the school hall.



Our Mission this week is to care for our common home, the world we share and which God has created for us all. To make each other feel special by treating each other with care, compassion, kindness, dignity and love.

OUR MISSION
 Our mission is to care for our common home, to help make the world we all share the best place it can be for everyone. 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, you teach us to see that the world is good. Help us to care for your creation, our **common home**, and to love our sisters and brothers, 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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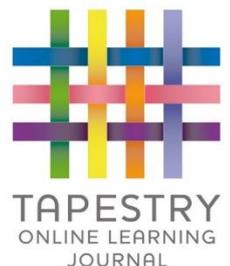
The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 13th October and he will be taking photos of all children in every class. School photos are a big part of the school year for everyone and we hope everyone will be at school on the day.

Can we please ask that anyone driving to school is considerate of local residents and each other when dropping off and picking up at school. Parking outside school is generally very careful and in keeping with local regulations. Traffic wardens patrol around school regularly and we have no idea when they are going to do this- their presence is nothing to do with us at school, we don't contact them. Can I please ask that families do not park across the corners at the bottom of Newcastle Street at any time, not even to let someone out or pick someone up. When cars or vans are parked here they cause an obstruction and it also makes it very, very difficult for drivers to see children crossing the road. Parking can be tricky in the area around school; our school and most of the houses and buildings on the Lovaine Place side are well over 100 years old and were never designed for the traffic we see now. We also ask that families who park at the Coach Lane side are as equally thoughtful of local residents, particularly in the side streets opposite school. Again, traffic wardens patrol these areas a lot and I know they have been given out tickets for parking on Coach Lane, especially near the pedestrian crossing. We don't want anyone to be fined by traffic wardens, but more importantly, we want everyone to be safe when coming to and leaving school every day.



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.





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Thank you to everyone who has been using Tapestry, our 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.
- Email 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 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



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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