

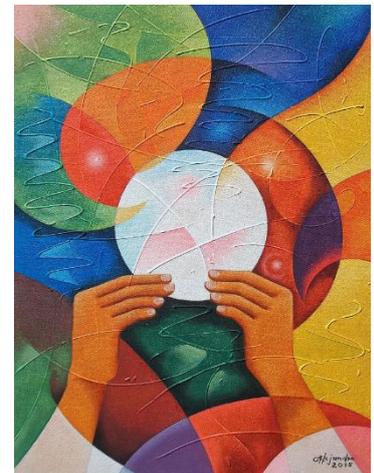


We had another great week at school with children planning, resourcing and teaching lessons to other classes through Compassion Matters and children all talking about their learning and sharing what they have been doing. All the staff at school also spent time looking at learning in all classes and sharing the amazing work the children are doing in all areas of our curriculum. You can always see examples of what is happening across school on our Twitter account and for classes on Tapestry- if you haven't been on either for a while they are worth a look.

Our whole school attendance for the week of the is 90.3% and Year 6 are the attendance stars for the second week running with 97.8%. COVID continues to have a big impact on our attendance as it does for all schools across the country, the national primary school attendance figure is 90.6% for last week. We have been given another update on what to do if you or your child has symptoms of COVID or you have tested positive, you can see the update near the end of this newsletter.

Class	%
Reception	88.8
Year 1	88.7
Year 2	92.0
Year 3	91.7
Year 4	92.1
Year 5	82.5
Year 6 	97.8
Whole school	90.3

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch about the First Holy Communion preparations for children this year. The programme has traditionally been offered to children in year 4 but this year the invite has also been sent out to families of children in years 5 and 6 as some children haven't made their First Communion yet. An invite to a Zoom meeting with Fr. Chris at 7pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January has been sent to everyone who replied to the ParentMail message that was sent out on 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't received an invite for the Zoom meeting and would like to join it can you please email [keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk) and we will send you it.



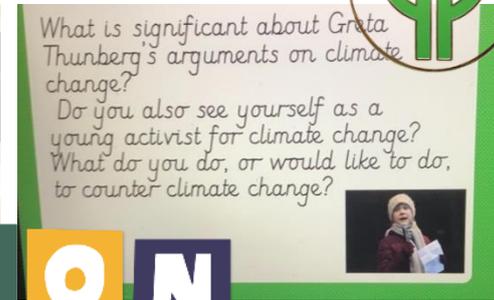
Our Nursery and Reception Class children have been interviewing lots of people around school who help them and who keep them safe. They were expert interviewers who were able to tell everyone about what they had learned, they also decided to set up their own zebra crossing and practised crossing the road safely- with their very own traffic as well!





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Children across school were very excited to find out more about Greta Thunberg and her mission this week through Compassion Matters sessions with Mrs Cottiss. They found out lots about what has inspired her and also how she has inspired other people. Exploring Greta Thunberg as they have has also stirred up many ideas from the children in relation to the work we do at St. Cuthbert's around Laudato Si- Caring For Our Common Home, and Fratelli Tutti- Sisters and Brothers All. One idea that has spread around school is to plan and hold a strike and the children will be working on what they want to do, their message and actions next week before they tell us all what is planned. Another brilliant feature of the work last week was year 5 and 6 taking their learning and showing how they can connect ideas from lots of different parts of the curriculum to plan and deliver lessons for other children.



## COMPASSION MATTERS

Years 5 and 6 went on their first trip of 2022 last week and they all had a fantastic time at the Victoria Tunnel in Byker. The trip connect lots of the learning the children did on the topic of World War II before Christmas and it was a brilliant way for them to experience some of the conditions people had to live with during the war. We hope to have more class trips for all children this term as restrictions continue to be lifted allowing us to get back out and about more.





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Our mission is to make life better for everyone by celebrating our diversity, our cultures and our world. We do this by treating our world and each other with dignity, compassion, respect and love.

**OUR MISSION**  
Our mission is to recognise the good that St. Cuthbert's family does and to keep doing our best to treat ourselves and 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**

**SKOLSTREJK FÖR KLIMATET**

**God of life,**  
may we be inspired by the miracles that your Son Jesus performed, to do our best to make a real difference to others around the world, 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.

**LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES**

**Love wins x**

**St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary 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.





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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.
- 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.



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### 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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 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.**



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter #stcuthbertsns

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk/](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk/)

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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