



Last week provided further evidence of the strength of our whole school community as we began the week gathered together to celebrate our harvest festival and finished the week promoting Young Minds and demonstrating once again our ethos of looking after our physical and mental well-being. We also began our work on Black History Month and children have been leading the way with a big display in the school hall and planning activities and events for each other to take place over the next few weeks- St. Cuthbert's is truly buzzing!

Year 1 have won the attendance award this week with 96.7% attendance, just beating year 6 who achieved 96.3%. All children are expected to have attendance of at least 96% and 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.

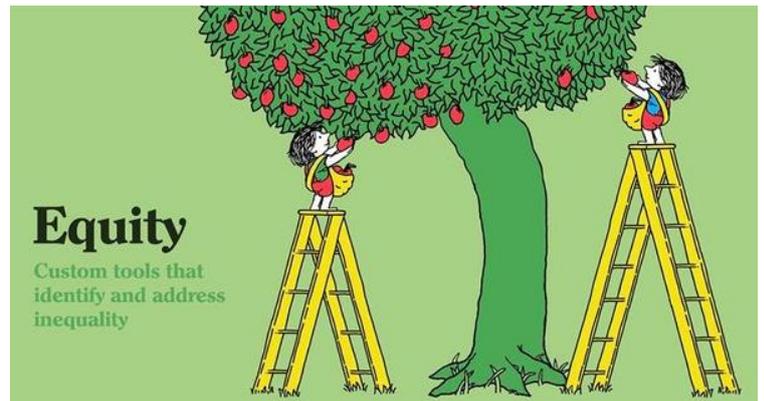
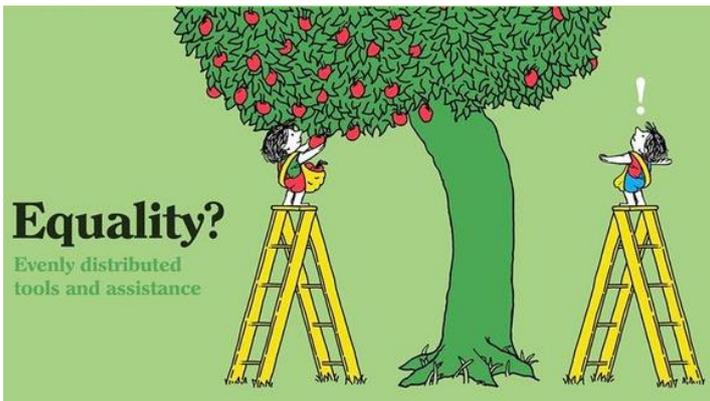
Class	%
Reception	80.8
Year 1 🏆😊	96.7
Year 2	95.3
Year 3	90.8
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	95.6
Year 6	96.3
Whole school	93.3

Thank you to everyone at St. Cuthbert's for supporting our Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Day. Everyone at school had a fantastic day as we all took part in a range of activities to keep on promoting mental well-being for everyone. We have a continual focus on the physical and mental well-being of everyone at St. Cuthbert's and we have done for a long time now. The work Mrs Cottiss does with every class on kindness, dignity and compassion through Compassion Matters is incredibly valuable in nurturing and growing our whole school community ethos and shows the amazing emotional intelligence our children have and their amazing understanding of what compassion is, how to recognise it and how to be it in action. We are a compassionate community.





October is Black History Month and we have begun work at school with children leading the way on our whole school display in the school hall. They have also been working with school staff to plan activities and events over the next few weeks and we know that our Diversity Week 2021 will be another very special time celebrating who we are, our Fratelli Tutti.



Thank you to everyone for supporting our Harvest Festival and Nite Bite last Monday. All of your donations will go to Nite Bite who will use them to help support people in our community who are in need. The children were amazing as always and entertained everyone with lots of singing, dancing and poetry linked to Caring For Our Common Home and giving thanks and praise for the world God has given us.





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Our Mission this week is to care for each other and treat each other with care, kindness, love, respect, compassion and love. We are a strong and united community and we are at our very best when we are supporting each other and people in need around us like we do every day.



The photographer will be in school next 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. All children should come to school wearing their school uniform, any children who are due to have PE or outdoor learning on Wednesday will have their sessions at different times during the week- they won't be missing out on their entitlement to be active and play😊

Thank you to everyone for taking care with parking around school at the start and end of each day, particularly at the street corners at the bottom of Newcastle Street. Can I please ask that if you have a taxi ordered that you arrange collection a bit further from school as last week it was taxis who parked on the corners and caused congestion. Traffic wardens were once again outside school and as highlighted last week we have not asked them along, they seem to be focusing on our area at the minute.

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



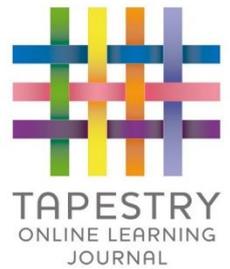
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<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primaryschool/supporter>

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 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 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.



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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 any changes. ***If a child has a runny nose or sore throat they can come to school if well enough.***

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.



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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