



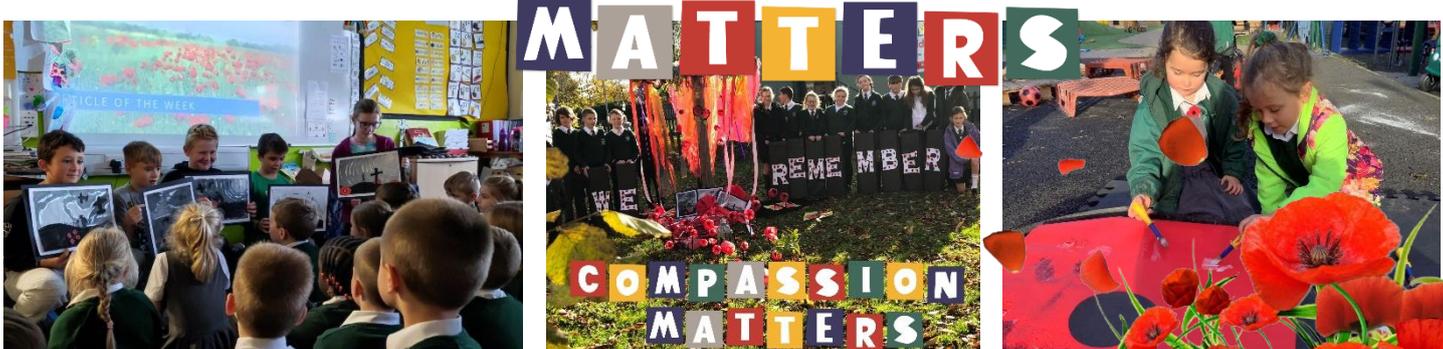
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Last week our whole school focus was on peace, remembrance and caring for our Fratelli Tutti. Everyone took part in activities throughout the week and next week are Compassion Matters work will lead to our St. Cuthbert's Friendship Week.

Our race to win attendance of the week had another photo finish this week as year 3 pipped year 6 to the post with 98.3%- a winning margin of just 0.2%! Well done year 3 for such a fantastic achievement and for everyone else, especially year 6 for making it such a close race. Our whole school attendance for the week is a great 96.5%- thank you everyone for getting us to our target 🙏

Class	%
Reception	95.0
Year 1	96.6
Year 2	95.3
Year 3 🏆	98.3
Year 4	91.1
Year 5	96.5
Year 6	98.1
Whole school	95.8

Our Compassion Matters focus last week was on peace, how vital it is to our whole world, the sacrifices made to achieve it and keep it and our hopes and dreams for our future. The children looked at articles 19 and 38 of the UNICEF Rights of The Child and linked them to their work on remembering all people throughout the world who have suffered loss through conflict. Throughout the week the children produced beautiful artwork, fantastically creative installations, wrote very poignant poetry, expressive dance and very thoughtful and mature discussion. Our whole school gathered together by our cross and impeccably observed two minutes silence at 11am last Thursday 11th November as part of their collective worship. You can see a video of the weekly focus on our Twitter account.





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Next week we will be celebrating our Fratelli Tutti at St. Cuthbert's and highlighting the amazing friendships and positive relationships that we have. Our children are brilliant in how they work with and support each other and at how open they are to learning how to treat each other even better. There are times when people don't always agree and even fall out, the strength we have is that conversations about these times are open and honest and our children know they can make things better for themselves and others by choosing the right thing to do. They are incredibly thoughtful towards each other and we see this every single day around school. Next week we are going to highlight this to the children and remind them what to do when they don't like something or how they are being treated. The children will be linking their learning in our wider curriculum, UNICEF Articles, (especially articles 2, 12 and 19) and our Gospel values and mission statement throughout the week. Next week is also Children In Need and everyone can come to school next Friday 19th November dressed as spottily as possible to be part of our support for it.



Our year 4 rugby players had a brilliant time and represented St. Cuthbert's and themselves fantastically at St. Thomas More's Catholic Schools rugby festival last week. The whole squad played their part in all six games and it was fantastic to see so many schools involved as we continue to get to take part in more sporting and cultural events again. We will have more events throughout the year and we will have as many children as possible taking part.



Classes across school will be continuing with their road safety session over the next few weeks and the team delivering the programmes have said that the children at St. Cuthbert's are fantastic to work with as they listen so well and are very, very well mannered to each other and the team. We will have a lot going on over the rest of this half term as we approach Advent and we will be letting everyone know as soon as possible about what we are doing. Just like last year we will be restricted by COVID and we will do our very, very best to continue to make Advent and the build up to Christmas as special as possible. It is never possible to predict what will be happening with COVID restrictions locally or nationally and we have to take this into account when we plan anything. Our children will be leading our traditional Advent services each week and we will have a whole school re-telling of the Nativity story and class Christmas parties- Santa has said he wouldn't miss them for anything! We will let everyone know what we will be doing over the next two weeks and what dates and times to put in your diaries.





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Our Mission during Friendship Week is to continue to be kind to each other, to say kind things to each other and to treat each other with dignity, respect, care, compassion and love. We are all made in God's image and we all do our very best to live out the Gospel values.

OUR MISSION
Our mission during this Friendship Week is to show everyone how special St. Cuthbert's community is, to show how we treat each other with **dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love**. To show that we try our best to be examples of the Gospel values that Jesus has taught us. We are all St. Cuthbert's, we are all **Fratelli Tutti** and we are all made in God's image.

God of power, show us how to live in peace and harmony with each other, and to make our world a **compassionate** place, open and welcoming to all- our **Fratelli Tutti**. Help us to do this by being as **caring, loving and compassionate and tolerant** as we can be. We ask this through Christ Jesus, your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES

Our faith in action

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Thank you to everyone who has returned the necessary data collections form, media consent form and any medical consent forms that have been sent out since the start of the new school year. All these forms are essential for us at school and all need to be kept as up to date as possible. If you have not so yet can you please complete and return any forms as soon as possible. You can do this through ParentMail or, if you prefer to complete a paper copy please ask for one from the school office.

Last week we contacted families about attendance as part of our regular monitoring of all children's attendance at school. There are lots of reasons attendance may be lower than usual or expected at different times of the year and we always help families as much as possible to keep children's attendance as high as it can be. There are lots of reasons that good attendance makes a massive positive difference to a child's well-being and education and we know that all children have much more opportunity to thrive by being in school as much as possible and by being in school on time. If a child regularly misses one day per week their attendance quickly falls to around 80% and this is significantly below our target of 96% for all children and means they will miss the equivalent of one full half term per year. If you have any questions about attendance or would like to have a chat about your own child's attendance please get in touch. We are here to support families and children and to help everyone get the best from being part of St. Cuthbert's.





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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 kept us informed of any lateral flow or PCR testing that has been happening during half term- this is very important to us at St. Cuthbert's as we always want to know how everyone is doing and to help where we can. Test and trace are responsible for contacting anyone who they believe should isolate if they have been in contact with anyone testing positive for COVID. They haven't contacted us yet to suggest isolation for any children or staff and if they do we will contact anyone we need to immediately.

At St. Cuthbert's everyone has worked fantastically well together to keep everyone as safe as possible throughout the current, ongoing pandemic. We have taken, and continue to take, advice from Public Health, North Tyneside Council and Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust and the national government on what we need to do at school. We will keep everyone as up to date as possible with any changes to our school day and all communications will be through ParentMail to everyone concerned in the first instance.

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



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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 the 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 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.



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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>

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 with messages regarding work, arrangements for the school day for your child etc. All staff have access to Tapestry.
- Email 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.

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.



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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.

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