



Happy new year to all St. Cuthbert's families and friends! It was brilliant to open our doors again this week and welcome everyone back to school and have all the noise, colour and excitement around school again. We welcomed our new nursery children and they have all settled so well you would think they have been with us a long time. We have another exciting and busy term ahead of us and we can't wait to see what magical things happen.

Our whole school attendance for the first week of the Spring Term is 93.2% and Year 6 are the attendance stars this week with 97.2%. We continue to work with families to make sure children are at school as much as possible and we ask that you always contact us at school to let us know if your child will be absent from school and why.

Class	%
Reception	90
Year 1	89.6
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	95.6
Year 4	90.7
Year 5	92.7
Year 6 	97.2
Whole school	93.2

We are still in the season of Christmas and this week we celebrated the Epiphany and welcomed the Three Kings as they completed their journey to meet the baby Jesus. Thank you to everyone who sent us photos of children's Bambinellies during the Christmas holidays, we know that this will become another wonderful and meaningful tradition at St. Cuthbert's.



Thank you to everyone who has let us know that you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion this year. Fr. Chris will be hosting a meeting for everyone taking part on Zoom on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7pm and we will send everyone who has been in touch a link to the meeting through the week. If you haven't received your link by next Friday please let us know.





Last week Mrs Cottiss and children across school focused on the life, teachings and mission of Bishop Desmond Tutu who sadly passed away during the Christmas holidays. Our Compassion Matters work is central to our mission at St. Cuthbert's and the level of understanding every child shows is amazing and a demonstration of how compassionate they are.



Next week year 5 and year 6 are both out on class trips and we are hopeful that we can have more trips this term. As with all trips we will send information home through ParentMail and make arrangements for packed lunches and transport as soon as we possibly can. If any organised trips need to be changed for any reason at all we will also let you know as soon as we can, the year 5 and year 6 children were brilliant last month when we told them their trips were being postponed and we know they will have a brilliant time next week at the Victoria Tunnel.

A few families have been in touch about our Rockstar Maths subscription as they have received a message saying it has expired. Please do not buy a subscription yourself, we do have a whole school one and it should be back up and running next week. Our school name has legally changed since we joined Bishop Bewick Trust last summer and many of our subscriptions were under our old name and it is taking a little longer than usual for some of them to be renewed as systems look for the old school name!





Our Mission this week is to recognise the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ourselves and to share these gifts with the people around us. We do this best when we treat ourselves and others with care, compassion, dignity and love.

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to recognise the Holy Spirit working in each of us. We know the Holy Spirit is working within us when we treat ourselves and each other with kindness, compassion, care and respect. We are all St. Cuthbert's Catholics. Fratelli Tutti.

PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE

God of heaven and earth, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us to you. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may have faith and courage to follow Jesus in all that we do. Nurish us with love, light, wholeness and joy. Let us always treat each other with love, kindness, compassion and hope. Amen.

LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES

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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.





Last week we sent out a letter from Public Health in North Tyneside confirming procedure around COVID for schools. Procedures for everyone are changing nationally and we will keep you as up to date as possible with any changes we are told about. As always, please contact us at school if you have any questions or are unsure about what to do.

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 and the person must self-isolate immediately.

2. Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Any pupil who has received a positive COVID-19 test result from either an LFD or PCR test must self-isolate at home for 10 days.

They may be able to leave the self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days by taking a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test from the sixth day of the isolation period, and a second LFD test taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and the child or young person does not have a high temperature, they can end their self-isolation after the second negative test result.

For example:

- Tested positive or symptoms started on 15th of the month.
- 21st: Take an LFD test day on 6 at 7.30am – negative.
- 22nd Take an LFD test 24 hours later, day 7 at 7.30am – negative.
- The pupil can attend school at 9am on day 7.

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.

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



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Mass times online on Facebook at St. Cuthbert's each Sunday at 11am. Fr. Chris Hughes can be contacted on 257 5801 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/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 £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



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Mass times online on Facebook at St. Cuthbert's each Sunday at 11am. Fr. Chris Hughes can be contacted on 257 5801 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