



We've enjoyed another very special and exciting week and weekend at St. Cuthbert's as we welcomed our very special guest on a flying visit, lit up the Whitley Bay Carnival with our carnival dancers and represented our school and parish at the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Laudato Si Conference.

Year 4 have taken the attendance award this week with 97.1% attendance. Attendance across school was low last week and I have no doubt that it will rise back to the levels we usually have at St. Cuthbert's. 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.

Class	%
Nursery	91.4
Reception	90.8
Year 1	92
Year 2	93.7
Year 3	89.1
Year 4	97.1
Year 5	88.9
Year 6	88.1
Whole school	91.5

On Saturday our children, staff and families helped bring an abundance of colour, noise and fun to the Whitley Bay Carnival. Thank you to everyone for helping us make sure our children were once again a central part of a large scale community event. Thank you to all the school staff for organising and supporting on Saturday afternoon and families for joining in with the parade. The photos and videos from the parade are fantastic! Mrs Cottiss and I were delighted to be showing off the amazing things our children, staff and families do at a special Laudato Si conference at the Youth Village in Consett. The guests at the conference, including the head of CAFOD and bishops from across the country were full of praise at what happens at St. Cuthbert's and how special and forward thinking our school and community is and Saturday was yet another demonstration of this.



Classes started sending reading books home with children this week and topic homework is also getting sent out. We can't wait to see the amazing homework coming back to St. Cuthbert's. Children need to bring a bookbag or schoolbag to school each day to make sure their reading books are protected and last us a long time.





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Last week we were delighted to welcome two very special friends to St. Cuthbert's as Richard Moore and Ursula Moore paid us a flying visit to take part in Compassion Matters lessons with children across school. Richard, who cycled across the country with our Super 16, has shared his story with children and families at St. Cuthbert's on a number of occasions and he is an inspiration to millions of people across the world, including His Holiness the Dalai Lama who calls him his hero and is patron of Children in Crossfire. Children in Crossfire have raised over £40 million to help families across the world access education, food and water and to help their campaigns for human rights. Richard was delighted to be with us and he told the children that the welcome they always give him and Ursula is always very special and that we are the first school he has visited since the pandemic started. The children sang for our guests and as always they were fantastic and raised the roof! They were also accompanied by Mrs Brown playing the violin and we even had Olivia from year 4 dance the perfect reel in her Irish dancing dress. We will be doing some more work with Richard this year and have a few plans in place for something we can't tell you about yet! 🤔



Fr. Chris continues to celebrate mass each weekend, firstly on a Saturday afternoon at 5.30pm at St. Joseph's Church and then on a Sunday morning at 11am at St. Cuthbert's Church. You can join the parish for either mass in person, at church, or you can join online on the parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-Parish-of-Saint-Cuthbert-and-Saint-Joseph-North-Shields-798826703506481> . We post a link to the Sunday morning mass each week on our weekly mission which you can find on our Twitter account.

As we are all back together and classes are mixing on the playground again can we please remind families to make sure you have your child's name clearly written on their jumpers, cardigans, ties, coats, water bottles, book bags and anything else they are likely to misplace through the day. It is incredibly helpful if everyone can do this as it stops children getting upset if they have lost something and it helps us get things to their owners quickly if they are clearly labelled.



Thank you to all the children at St. Cuthbert's who created the posters which are now on display around Alexander Scott Park encouraging visitors to care for their common home by keeping the park clean and tidy and looking after the play equipment. Wild flowers have also been sprinkled around the park and we know that lots of children and families from St. Cuthbert's use the park regularly.



Thank you to everyone for your continued support as we work together to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. It is very important that all contact details are kept up to date as we sometimes have to contact families to collect children at short notice. Everyone has been brilliant at keeping us up to date with any COVID testing that is going on at home and letting us know how everyone is getting on. If you have changed your contact details during the summer holidays can you please let us know as soon as you can by emailing us at office@stcuthbertsrprimary.co.uk so we can update our ParentMail contacts.

We will be sending out information tomorrow about our first parent evening of the new school year which we will host virtually again for all classes from Reception Class to year 6. We will also be sending more information about an event that the children have requested as the absolutely loved the last time we held it. We'll be inviting everyone to come to school dressed as a rockstar for our Rockstar Maths Day! The first one we held was full of colour, noise and excitement and the next one might be even better again!



OUR MISSION


Our mission is to make everyone welcome, especially people who need support. We work to 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 hope, we know that all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for everyone. Guide us to make a positive difference to the lives of others, 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

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Our Mission this week is to continue to welcome everyone who has joined our community and to continue to make each other feel welcome by treating each other with care, compassion, kindness, dignity and love.



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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>

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.
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



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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.

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