



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

September 2023 Newsletter

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Live the light, share the light, be the light!

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and were able to make valuable memories either at home or away. It has been lovely hearing about family outings and time spent together. It was heartwarming to see the children return excitedly to school, to begin new year groups and to see their friends. They all look so smart in their uniform.

The beginning of a new school year is exciting and busy, and a time ripe for new resolutions. Children may have mixed feelings as they settle into new routines at school, and you'll be easing back into school-time routines as a family too.

We have many new children that we would like to welcome to our St. Cuthbert's family. We hope that you are all very happy here and make lots of new friends. We extend this welcome to the parents too and look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Ball our new Deputy Head would also like to share a message:

'I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, students, parents, and members of the school community for making me feel so welcomed here at St Cuthbert's already. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week as Deputy Headteacher; I have particularly enjoyed meeting all the children and am delighted to have spoken to so many fantastic, respectful, and hard-working pupils. I would especially like to thank the children who have greeted me with huge smiles and waves as they walk around school every day. It has also been lovely to speak to many parents and carers on the yard and hearing about your holidays. There is something extremely special about St Cuthbert's and I am honoured and excited to be a part of this school that I know will achieve amazing things!'

As a school we put a lot of emphasis on resilience and self belief. One of the hardest things for children is to recognise that actually it is ok to find something difficult, that you can feel proud of your effort rather than just the finished piece of work. The importance of facing challenges with determination and diligence is essential to improved achievement.

We will continue to do our best to support your children spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially. I am sure that with your support and working as a team we can achieve great things. Please remember to talk to us if you feel there is anything that affects your child so that we can support them fully.

As a school we have been integrating the virtues of respect and responsibility, honesty and self belief, confidence and resilience, justice and compassion into our curriculum and way of living. This week we are focusing on respect.

At our Awards ceremony next week we will be adding another award alongside our stars of the week for children who have shown outstanding respect for those around them.

We would like to invite parents into school next week to meet with teachers and to hear about the curriculum etc for their year group. Dates for this are on the next page - we have staggered these so that parents with siblings don't miss out. These meetings will be held at 2.50. Parents will come to the reception area to be led into class. Mr Smithson will be holding his meeting for Class 5 at a later date as he is due to go on paternity leave for 2 weeks. I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating him at this exciting time. It was lovely to see Mrs Whitton and Mrs Plumb this week as they are on the road to recovery. We would like to thank you all for your patience as they are greatly missed. We would also like to welcome Mrs McKie back. This newsletter gives a glimpse of some of the Collective Worship resources that children will experience during September and suggests ways to support your family prayer times.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Kind Regards

M. McElhone

P.E Timetable

Please remember children should come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day (see below) and we ask that PE uniform is adhered to with black or grey **plain** tracksuit bottoms and a red t-shirt either with or without a school logo. Children must be in correct PE uniform; if not they will be reminded on the first occasion, on the second occasion we will remind parents but after a third time we will ask that your child comes to school in normal uniform with a PE kit to get changed into.

Parent meetings in class.

Monday -11th Class 1 Mrs Bissell

Tuesday -12th Class 2 Miss Ball

Wednesday- 13th Class 3 Miss Sayer

Thursday 14th Class 4 Mr Bellamy

Reception parents attended a meeting at the end of the Summer term so there will be no new meeting.

We will be hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon on the 29th September at 2.15. We will send more information nearer the time. Please save the date for this important event as we are aware of just how many of our families have been affected by Cancer.



Applying for a place in Reception

If your child is 5 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, you need to apply for a place in Reception by 15 January 2022. Applications open on 5 September 2023. Even if your child attends our nursery or has a sibling in school we still need you to complete the application form. For more information please contact www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or telephone 03000 265896.

Upcoming dates for your diary.

- Awards assembly every fortnight beginning on the 15th September - parents welcome to join us in the hall at 2.50pm.
- 12th September class 5 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. Parents welcome.
- 19th September class 4 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. Parents welcome.
- 26th September class 3 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. Parents welcome.
- 29th September Macmillan coffee afternoon in the school hall at 2.15pm
- 3rd October class 2 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. Parents welcome.
- 24th October individual photographs will be taken in school.

Class led Liturgy of Prayer (Collective Worship) will be held in the hall for parents at 9.15 on a Friday.

- 13th October Class 4
- 10th November class 2
- 24th November class 1
- 8th December class 3

We would like to keep in our prayers all those who are poorly at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.



