



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe we are at the first half term already and what a busy half term it has been.

The children have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying their learning.

It was lovely to see at the beginning of term so many parents join the teachers to hear about routines and curriculum for their year group.

We have introduced our new behaviour phrase of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe.' This will continue to be implemented alongside our PIP and RIP approach – Praise in public, Reprimand in private. As with any new system this will take time to embed but we will continue to work on this to support our children.

Remember if you have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher as they work hard to ensure all children are happy and safe. We all want the same thing for the children, so it is important that we work together.

On Tuesday we held a special assembly with the Piece of Mind Team to share some of the work that children have been doing in school to build confidence and resilience. Our Class 5 representatives shared their thoughts on mental health and the importance of taking care of this in the same way as we look after our physical health. Chloe, our School council representative, explained the importance we place on this in school with some of the children sharing their ideas of what it means to them. There were some fantastic analogies with the idea of a bottle that may have some sadness in but not wanting to let it overflow whilst also having a happiness bottle that can be filled to overflowing. Leah, the lady from the Piece of Mind Team, was very impressed with how they spoke and their ideas. I hope the parents felt the information from the Team was helpful. We will hold more information sessions but in the meantime if you have concerns for your child please speak to us about a referral to the team.

Thank you to all those that have contributed to the 'International day for the Eradication of Poverty.' supporting our local food bank with a range of items. It is part of Catholic Social Teaching to consider the needs of others and, as a school family, you are fantastic at this sharing the important message with children.

Thank you Claudia and Sammy for representing our school in singing and dancing this week during a special welcome Mass for Bishop Stephen Wright at St. John's Comprehensive School. I was so proud of them and thrilled that so many people approached me to complement the children on their attitude, behaviour and talents.

There was a lovely assembly last week where children were thanked by a representative of Macmillan support for their generosity at the coffee morning. £300 is an amazing contribution to their fantastic work – thank you to you all!

We keep all families in our prayers who are facing challenging times. We ask that God holds them in His loving hands.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!



We have some exciting events being prepared for:

- Y6 residential at the Diocesan Youth Village. (Mr Smithson will be in touch to organise a meeting to share information)
- Mr Bellamy is very excited to be organising a trip to Kingswood Residential Centre of Adventure in the Summer term for the Year 5 children
- KS1 will be participating in a multi-skills festival in school next half term.
- Our football season kicks off in November with the Yr 5 and 6 league starting on the 10th at Parkside Academy.
- We will be holding a Halloween disco after school on Monday the **30th of October** rather than dressing up in school. Children **do not need** to be dressed up to attend but may bring clothes to get changed into at the end of the day. The disco starts at 3.30 pm and will finish at 5.30pm. If the children are not collected at the end of the day or are not booked into after school club, we will assume they are joining us for the disco. When you are collecting your children at the end, we ask that you come to the community entrance. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and walks home, please could we ask that you inform school of this due to the later time and darker nights. The price is £2 for entrance and a tuck shop will be available. Due to having our photographer in school on the 31st you might want to hold back on some of the face paints if you think they won't be fully washed off in time.
- Children in Class 5 will be working with Jack Drum Arts to prepare for Crook Light Parade which will be held on Sunday 26th November at 4.30 - 6pm. This is something we have done for several years to be involved in the local community. The children will be working with an artist to make lanterns which will then be carried in the parade around Crook, ending in the Christmas lights being turned on in the town centre. Please could I ask that you consider supporting this by letting us know if your child can join the parade – the teachers will be there too.

We break up for half term on Thursday 19 th October as Friday 20 th is a Staff Training Day. Children return to school on 30th October		
Halloween Disco in school (as requested by school council)	Monday 30 th October	3.30pm start
School photograph day	Tuesday 31 st October	Younger siblings welcome from 8.15 am
Parents Evening	27 th /28th November	Bookings on MCAS nearer the time.
Celebration of the Word Class 2	10th November	9.10 School hall
Celebration of the Word Class 1	24th November	9.10 School hall
Crook light parade	Sunday 26 th November	4.30 -6pm
Celebration of the Word Class 3	8th December	9.10 School hall
Book fayre in school	29th November	Further information will be sent nearer the time.
Flu immunisations	Thursday 9th November Whole school	Link sent out to parents today.

