



September Newsletter 2023

Stay and Pray

(Including refreshments afterwards in the hall)



Please see dates below of our 'Stay and Pray' sessions which will commence after half term. This is an opportunity to gather together as a year group family and pray together through quiet reflection, singing and dancing.

All are welcome to attend at 9:10am.

- Y1 - Tuesday 31st October 2023
- Y3 - Tuesday 7th November 2023
- Y2 - Tuesday 14th November 2023
- Y5 - Tuesday 21st November 2023
- Y6 - Tuesday 28th November 2023
- Y4 - Tuesday 5th December 2023

PE Timetable

Monday	Year 2 and Year 6
Tuesday	Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday	Reception, Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5
Friday	Year 4 and Year 5

PE KIT REMINDER

Children can come to school on PE days in their PE kit. This is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. In colder weather, children can wear plain black tracksuit bottoms and a black hoodie/zip up top. These items must be plain and not have logos or stripes. If children do not have plain kit, they are welcome to come to school in their normal school uniform and bring a PE kit consisting of black shorts, a white t-shirt and suitable footwear.

Weekly Mass at St Cuthbert's Church

Parents are welcomed to join their children at weekly mass at 9:30am at St Cuthbert's Church.

Year 3 - Tuesday 26th September 2023
 Tuesday 17th October 2023
 Tuesday 21st November 2023

Year 4 - Tuesday 12th September 2023
 Tuesday 31st October 2023
 Tuesday 28th November 2023

Year 5 - Tuesday 3rd October 2023
 Tuesday 7th November 2023
 Tuesday 5th December 2023

Year 6 - Tuesday 26th September 2023
 Tuesday 10th October 2023
 Tuesday 14th November 2023

TBC - Our Christmas Carol Service and Y3 Tableaux will take place WB 11/12/23. The day and time will be confirmed nearer to the time.

**Changes may occur but updates will be shared.*



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 28th September at 9:15am, our Mini Vinnies will be hosting a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** for parents and grandparents to raise funds to support Macmillan Cancer Support. Our Year Six Faith in Action Group will be helping to raise funds by running a tuck shop for pupils in school. **Children are invited to bring a 50p to school on this day to purchase juice and a biscuit.**



Following this, our **monthly coffee mornings** will continue. Mrs Knight will message to confirm upcoming dates. We welcome parents and carers (including grandparents) along with younger siblings to come into school to meet new friends and catch up with what's going on in school and our local community.



Bromcom

Bromcom is our new online payment system at school. The system will enable you to view balances and make payments for trips and events, school meals and breakfast club without the need to send cash into school. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received your email for login details.



We send most of our communications through the Marvellous Me app. This is a useful source of information. Please contact the office if you need a copy of your activation code.

We also share lots of news on our school Facebook page too. Please follow us.



Harvest Collection

Starting **Monday 18th September**, we will begin to collect donations for the **Harvest Festival**. **Donations of non-perishable food with a long shelf life** are greatly appreciated. This collection finishes on **Monday 2nd October** when all donations will be sent to our local food bank.

Harvest Celebration - Brighten Up

On **Monday 2nd October**, children in school will celebrate Harvest with a special service led by our Mini Vinnies. CAFOD's theme for Harvest this year is the 'Brighten Up'. On this day, children are invited to come to school wearing **bright colours** and bring a **recommended donation of £1**. All funds raised on this day will then be donated towards CAFOD's appeal in support of victims of the **Moroccan Earthquake**.





Enrichment Clubs



Monday	Y3/4 Sports Club	Time: 3:10pm - 4:00pm	Staff: Miss Saunders
Tuesday	Musical Theatre	Time: 3:10pm - 4:30pm	Staff: Miss Conlon & Miss Saunders
Wednesday	Y5/6 Sports Leaders	Time: 3:10pm - 4:30pm	Staff: Miss Saunders

Invitations for clubs are sent home at the beginning of the half term. If your child is new to school and has not received an invitation, please contact the school office.

Year 6 Swimming



Children in Year 6 will swim from **Monday 11th September 2023 - Friday 29th September 2023**. Letters will be sent home with all details. Children must arrive at school at **8:45am** each day during these two weeks as we will depart school promptly at **8:55am**.

World Mental Health Day

Children are invited to wear something yellow on **Tuesday 11th October 2023** to mark **World Mental Health Day**. The theme for 2023 is 'Mental health is a universal right'. During this day, we will be raising awareness of mental health and driving a positive change for everyone's mental health.



European Day of Languages

On **Tuesday 26th September**, we will be celebrating European day of Languages. We are inviting children to bring into school an item containing words from their first language. This may be a book, a note, a letter, a food item or anything else which includes their spoken language. We will then share these languages together as a school, giving children an opportunity to celebrate culture and diversity.



Nursery Snack & Story



Nursery parents are invited to 'Snack & Story' with their child on one of the following dates:

- **Thursday 5th October 2023**
11:00am-11:45am
- **Friday 6th October 2023**
2:30pm-3:15pm.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for parents/carers to join their children in the nursery setting to enjoy a snack and story and spend some informal play time with their child.

KS1 Important Dates

Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting

(This may include some Y2 parents but you will be contacted if applicable to your child.)

Thursday 5th October 2023

3.15pm-3:45pm



KS2 Important Dates

Year 6 Parent Meeting

Thursday 28th September 2023

3.15pm-3.45pm

OLSB Open Evening

Wednesday 11th October

5.00pm - 7.30pm

Important Dates and Events this half term

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	School opens for Autumn Term 1
Monday 11 th September 2023 - Friday 22 nd September 2023	Year 6 Swimming
Friday 22 nd September 2023	Year 5 Sports Event
Monday 18 th September 2023 - Monday 2 nd October 2023	Harvest Foodbank Collection
Thursday 28 th September 2023	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 28 th September 2023	Nursery 'Snack & Story'
Thursday 28 th September 2023	Year 6 Parent Meeting
Monday 2 nd October 2023	Harvest Festival & 'Brighten Up' non-uniform fundraiser day for CAFOD
Thursday 5 th October 2023	Year 1 Parent Phonics Meeting
Friday 6 th October 2023	Nursery 'Snack & Story'
Thursday 19 th October 2023	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 30 th October 2023	Children return to school for Autumn Term 2

School Calendar 2023 - 2024

ST CUTHBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024		
School re-opens	Tuesday	5 th September
Closes	Thursday	19 th October
Half Term		
Re-opens	Monday	30 th October
Closes	Thursday	21 st December
Christmas		
Re-opens	Monday	8 th January
Closes	Friday	9 th February
Half Term		
Re-opens	Monday	19 th February
Closes	Thursday	28 th March
Easter		
Re-opens	Monday	15 th April
Closes	Friday	24 th May
Half Term		
Re-opens	Monday	3 rd June
Closes	Friday	19 th July
Summer Break		

PD Days **4th September**
 20th October