



## **St. Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Carers

As Christmas approaches at an ever increasing rate, please see **below** for **important dates** when you can join us and share in our preparations for the coming of our Lord. We look forward to welcoming you.

### **Huge thanks!**

As usual we would like to thank you for your support and generosity. Our Fair last week made £1275, which will be put in to the private fund for Christmas parties, school trips and school rewards for your children.

### **Christmas table decoration competition**

We will be holding our annual competition for the best table decoration. Any entries must be brought in by 16<sup>th</sup> December to decorate the tables for Christmas lunch. All entries will win a small prize.

### **Boxing Day Dip Volunteer!**

Hartlepool Youth Mission team are looking for a volunteer to brave the cold conditions and take a dip in the sea at Seaton on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. All monies will go to the HCPT and Youth Mission Team. We would be happy to sponsor any volunteers.

Please see Mrs Smith for further details.

### **Belle Vue - Little Treasures Nursery**

The local Nursery at Belle Vue Community Centre currently has places for under 3s or to provide wrap around care for children attending Nursery at St Cuthbert's. Please contact Little Treasures at Belle Vue Centre.

### **Advent Tree of Remembrance**

The Family Fun club will be selling prayer baubles after each Christmas performance. If you wish to remember someone special during advent please purchase a bauble and write their name or a short prayer on the bauble card. The baubles will be placed on the Remembrance tree in church during the last two weeks of Advent. Family bauble £1, small bauble 50p

All proceeds to the Family retreat fund

### **Shop for Schools at Middleton Grange.**

We are currently 6<sup>th</sup> in the league table for shop for schools. Please remember to register for points for our school if you are shopping in the centre over Christmas. Many thanks

### **100 Club**

C.Herring won November's draw of £50.

### **Christmas Savings Club/School uniform**

Mr Magee, our Foundation Governor, will be running next years savings club beginning on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. Payments are taken every Thursday morning from 8.30am in the hall. All parents or grandparents are welcome to join. It is a free service to help you save for NEXT Christmas!

### Attendance for November

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
NUR	86.5	0.0	2.2	11.3	100.0	86.5
AA	96.6	0.0	2.8	0.6	100.0	96.6
CF	93.8	0.0	5.6	0.6	100.0	93.8
FMC	92.2	5.1	2.2	0.4	100.0	97.4
GS	96.8	0.1	2.3	0.7	100.0	96.9
EC	97.3	0.0	2.3	0.4	100.0	97.3
ST	93.4	5.0	1.1	0.6	100.0	98.3
JT	95.5	0.2	4.3	0.1	100.0	95.6
BM	95.0	0.0	3.6	1.4	100.0	95.0
TM	93.0	5.3	1.5	0.1	100.0	98.2
ED	92.1	0.0	5.8	2.1	100.0	92.1
Totals	94.1	1.2	3.2	1.5	100.0	95.3

### Staffing changes

There has been a change of teacher in Y4. Miss James has taken over as class teacher from January 2016 and Mr Sharp will be covering a PPA role across school when he returns following an operation in the spring term.

We are currently collecting donations for Mrs Bage, following her retirement in July 2015. Mrs Bage worked at the school for 33 years and gave her love, time and commitment to every child in her care over that period. She is fondly remembered especially for her monumental assemblies! If you would like to make a donation towards a gift then please see Mrs Smith or the school office.

Please send in any memories too!

### Upcoming dates for diaries

- **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - EYFS perform - 9.15 am and 2pm - 2 tickets per family.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 1.30pm PANTO in school Hall (school children only)
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - KS1 performance -9.15 and 2.15pm - 2 tickets per family. Details to follow
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** - KS2 performance 10am and 2pm Church
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec -Christmas Lunch** - Children to wear Christmas Jumpers
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 1.30pm KS1/EY Christmas party
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 1.30pm y3/4 Christmas Party
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** - KS2 Christmas party - 1.30pm
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** - **Carol Concert in church at 2pm** - all welcome , Children finish school at 3pm and return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Finally, St Cuthbert's Staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May you enjoy the peace, love, and joy of Christ's birth. Every blessing for a wonderful holiday.

Regards, Mrs JM Wilson