



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.

St Cuthbert's Church Fair - Saturday 21st Nov

This Saturday the church will hold its Christmas Fair in the Parish Day Centre (access through the school car park) from 2-4pm

All are invited and proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church and parish.

Our School Fair for Christmas - Friday 27th November

All are welcome to attend our Christmas fair in school (Hall and downstairs classrooms) from 3- 4.30pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale this week and we have a range of wonderful stalls and homemade gifts. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be available to get us in the Christmas spirit!

We are now collecting donations of bottles, raffle prizes, toiletries, books or toys in good condition. Thank you

Parents Evening

Thank you for the good response from parents in their attendance and response to our questionnaire. 87 responses were received and we are busy collating the results to share with you. The main concerns involved homework and communications, both of which we are aiming to tackle through new initiatives.

A detailed response will be shared with you later this week.

Donations to charities

Many thanks for your great generosity in way of food items for the Foodbank.

Our Harvest Festival was a great success and we collected a huge amount of food which will help families across our town. £200 was also sent to CAFOD following our 'build a brighter future' day. Many thanks and please keep the work of both charities in your prayers.

Attendance

Attendance is a factor in achieving a good judgement in our next OFSTED. We need to be in line with or close to national averages. Currently we are below national at 95%. Please be aware that I am unable to authorise holidays (except in exceptional circumstances). The Persistent absentee indicator for this academic year has increased from 85% to 90% that means your child will be classed as a persistent absentee if their attendance is below 90% (more than 19 days off out of 190) Please try not to take holidays in school time. Thank you

Advent Tree of Remembrance

The Family Fun club will be selling prayer baubles each Thursday morning in the school hall. 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 advent.

Family bauble £1, small bauble 50p

All proceeds to the Family retreat fund

Monthly attendance figures -October

NUR	89.4	0.0	2.6	7.9	100.0	89.4
Mrs Allison	93.3	0.0	6.3	0.4	100.0	93.3
Mrs Flounders	95.8	0.0	4.1	0.1	100.0	95.8
Mrs Colley	97.6	0.4	2.0	0.0	100.0	98.0 – Well done for the best attendance
Mr Sharp	95.5	0.6	3.8	0.1	100.0	96.1
Mrs Craig	97.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	100.0	97.5
Mrs Thomas	95.4	0.0	4.3	0.3	100.0	95.4
Mr Tennant	93.6	0.8	4.7	0.9	100.0	94.4
Mrs Maw	94.8	0.5	4.4	0.3	100.0	95.3
Mr MacDermid	96.1	0.0	3.2	0.6	100.0	96.1
Mrs Daly	94.5	0.0	4.8	0.7	100.0	94.5

What has been happening at St Cuthbert's?

Our autumn story night on November 4th was a great success. The children enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies and then a lovely bedtime story in their pyjamas!

Our Y6 class have visited the Historic Quay to learn about boat travel. It has inspired their non-fiction writing.

Our Y3 class are visiting Space to Learn to learn about coding and to enjoy making their own simple computer games or apps!

Y4 visited Hartlepool Power station to explore how electricity is made. They had to undergo a huge amount of security checks and noise but it was worth it!

The KS2 children enjoyed an informative and interesting E-Safety play in school. They learnt some important messages about safety online.

<u>Upcoming dates for diaries</u>
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- School Photos - **17th November** from 8.30am for younger siblings.
- Christmas Fair - **Friday 27th November** 3pm in School Hall
- **Wed 9th December** - EYFS performance - 9.15 am and 2pm - 2 tickets per family details to follow
- **Thursday 10th Dec** - 1.30pm PANTO in school Hall (school children only)
- **Friday 11th December** - KS1 performance -9.15 and 2.15pm - 2 tickets per family. Details to follow
- **Tuesday 15th Dec** - KS2 performance 10am and 2pm Church
- **Wednesday 16th Dec** - Advent Mass - whole school in Church
- 11.30am **Christmas Lunch** - Children to wear Christmas Jumpers
- **Thursday 17th Dec** - 1.30pm KS1/EY Christmas party
- **Friday 18th Dec** - 1.30pm y3/4 Christmas Party
- **Monday 21st Dec** - KS2 Christmas party - 1.30pm
- **Tuesday 22nd Dec** - Carol Concert in church at 2pm , Children finish school at 3pm and return to school on Wednesday 6th January

Mrs JM Wilson

