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## NEWSLETTER

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Good afternoon! I hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely Spring weather that we have blessed with this week.

- 1 School life continues to roll on at a pace and all appears to be well—well it does from my office anyway.

We are now entering the final two weeks of the spring term. In the next couple of weeks we will have parents evening, a Year 1 assembly, Reception trip to Kingsbury, Year 5 Easter Play and a brass assembly. During the final week of term we will also be ensuring we take part in a number of activities to prepare us for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

- 1 In the last few weeks Year 5 have enjoyed a trip to a science fair, we have completed the sponsored walk, Lenten activities are still proving to be a massive success across the school, Year 2 had a lovely inspire session, Year 4 told us all about the Romans in their assembly and Year 3 have continued their swimming.

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### Reconciliation—Year 3

- 2 Congratulations to the children of Year 3 and Peter in Year 4 who received the sacrament of reconciliation last night at Corpus Christi church. It is always one of my favourite moments in the school year as it is such a peaceful and calm celebration.

- 2 The children were wonderful and we were all very proud of them. Thank you to all parents, siblings and grandparents who were there to support their children. I thought it was very special. My thanks to Mr O'Rourke, Mrs Parkes, Mr Gallagher and Mrs Hodson for supporting the children so well.

### This is our school

This is our school;

Let peace live here,

Let the rooms be full of happiness,

Let love live here.

Love of God,

Love of one another

And love of life itself.

Let us remember that

As many hands build a house

So many hearts make a school.



"Love one another as I have loved you."

### Swimming Gala

Many congratulations to the swimming team from St Cuthbert's who participated in the Catholic Swimming Gala last Saturday night. I am incredibly proud of their performance but also their behaviour and attitude. All the children did extremely well in their heats. Two children Connie from Year 6 and Julian from Year 5 reached the finals of their events and Julian came 2nd overall in the backstroke final. A fantastic swim!

Congratulations to

Freya, Julian, Raphael from Year 5 and Michael, Daniel, Alexsa, Connie and Amelia, from Year 6. My thanks also to all the parents who came to support and to Mrs Baker and Mr Gallagher who willingly gave up their Saturday evening to support our swimming team and the gala.

### Parents Evening

Parents evening is on Wednesday 3rd April. You should all have received your allotted time. Please remember that there is only 5 minutes allocated for each consultation and if you wish to discuss things further with your child's class teacher you can always make an additional appointment after school on another day. I will be available all evening if you have any queries or concerns (or if you wish to tell me how great the school is!). I do appreciate that appointments can run over and sometimes you have to wait—thank you in advance for your patience and understanding if this happens on Wednesday.

We will be putting all our lost property in the hall, so please do have a look; we have some lovely coats that we think may have been left from last year and we wouldn't want them to go to waste so please do come and have a look and take one if you need to.

Nursery will also be joining us for our parents evening this year. The consultations will take place in the hall in the main school.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Weekly Attendance for St Cuthbert's:

Rec— 98.6%

Year 1— 95.3%

Year 2— 99.3%

Year 3— 96%

Year 4—97%

Year 5—95%

Year 6—97%

Congratulations to Year 2 who won the attendance for last week!

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"**

AT SAINT CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL WE WILL FOLLOW THESE WORDS OF JESUS BY:

Praying every day and bringing God into our daily lives.

Celebrating diversity, treating everyone with respect and welcoming all people into our community.

Ensuring everyone's needs are met.

Always doing our best and making the most of our opportunities

Being open to the needs of the whole world.

Loving life and learning to love.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With every best wish

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff at St Cuthbert's

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance since September is now 96% and I am delighted with this—last weeks attendance at school was 97.1%. I would love this to remain for the rest of the year. Thank you to all parents who have responded so well to letters and meetings and have supported their children in improving their attendance. It makes such a difference.

**Attendance—100%** amazing—couldn't do better!

**Attendance 97%-99%** incredibly good, children should be very proud of this attendance.

**Attendance 95% - 96%** hitting national attendance

**Attendance 91% - 94%** cause for concern

**Attendance 90% and below** is classed as persistent absence and steps will have to be made to improve attendance.

Just to confirm that all holidays will be noted as unauthorised absences from school—even if we have discussed it I am not allowed to authorise it and obviously if it takes your child's attendance for the year to below 90% then we will have to take measures to ensure improvement. Mr Wilson and I will be sending out information on the guidelines that we have to follow.

## Lenten Activities and fundraising

We are now past the half way mark of our fundraising and already we have collected £1400 which is just tremendous. As I explained in my last letter the children have chosen the charities in which they want their money to go to. Year 6 and 5 have organised tremendous Lenten activities and I am looking forward to Year 4's this afternoon and Year 3's next week.

Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to support your children in their efforts.

## Swimming

We are planning to try to do swimming slightly differently in the Summer Term; we want to target children who would benefit from swimming because of physical difficulties they may have. We will be contacting parents to explain why we want their child to join the sessions.

We will also start to take small groups of Year 2 children to prepare them for their swimming next year; in addition we will take some Year 6 children who would benefit from some additional lessons. We will let you know directly if your child is going to join in swimming lessons next term.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 2nd April—Reception Trip to Kingsbury Water Park

Tuesday 2nd April—Year 3 Swimming

Wednesday 3rd April—PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 4th April—Year 1 Assembly

Friday 5th April—Year 4 Mass

Friday 5th April—Year 3 Lenten Activities

Tuesday 9th April—Year 3 Swimming

Tuesday 9th April—Year 5 Easter Play—2pm

Wednesday 10th April—Brass Assembly—2:15pm (Year 4, 5 and 6)

Wednesday 10th April—First Holy Communion Meeting—Year 3—6pm

Friday 12th April—Mass 9:15am

Friday 12th April—School Breaks for Easter—2pm

Monday 29th April—School Returns—Summer Term

## KEY DATES—Next Half Term

Saturday 4th May—First Holy Communion at 11:30am Corpus Christi

Friday 10th May—First Holy Communion 'Going Forth Mass' - 9:15am

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th—Year 6 SATS week

Tuesday 21st May—Year 1 Inspire

Friday 24th May—Class Photographs in school