



St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Dear Parents and Children

"Come to me all who are weary, and I will give you rest."

Well, I didn't expect 2021 to start quite the way it has but we are all learning that we are not in control of the current situation and need to do our best at the moment.

Children - well done to the children who have been attending school, your behaviour and hard work are a credit to you and I am extremely proud of you all. To the children who are working at home, it is so nice that so many of you join us daily for our lessons and are trying hard with your work. We miss you and we can't wait to see you again.

Parents - Whether out working or at home, schooling your children, I know you must be weary and tired. Keep going, this won't last forever and we will soon be back together as a community. If you have sent your child in, thank you for trusting us. If you are home schooling, you are a champion and you deserve this week off.

Staff - You are a marvel to me. 6 weeks ago we were expecting all our children to return for another term of work and overnight we had to revert to remote and live learning! I can't tell you how proud I am of what the staff have provided for your children; the staff at St Cuthbert's are dedicated and hardworking and your children have the very best we can offer. I hope all staff in the school have a well deserved rest next week.

School Re-opening

At this point in time we have no clear idea of what the government plans are for education. We know that the first two weeks after half term will remain as they are at present. The government should tell us what their plans are for re-opening school in the next week or so. I won't try to second guess but I will make sure that as soon as we know the plans, I will let you know.

Free School Meals

All children eligible for Free School Meals have vouchers for half term that Mrs Hargreaves has sorted and printed. If you haven't managed to pick them up from the school office, you can do it after half term.





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If you feel that you may be eligible for Free School Meals but aren't registered please just phone the school office, they will take some information from you and then check to see if your children are eligible.

Lent

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the start of the season of Lent; as with last year, I suspect we won't be able to celebrate Lent in the traditional manner in school. However we will make sure that we follow the Lenten journey together in class and remotely. We will also do some things for our annual fundraising. Money this year will be sent to Cruse which is a bereavement support service.

Corpus Christi Church

This morning we were able to take a group of Year 6 children to Mass at Corpus Christi - the rest of the school community were able to watch the Mass live remotely. The Mass was offered for our friend and colleague Mrs Ann Ashmore. It was lovely to be together to remember and pray for her.

As you are aware Father Andrew has stepped back from active ministry for the time being. I would ask you all to keep Father Andrew in your prayers but also to pray for and support Father Vitalis and Father Fretch who are now Parish Priests for Corpus Christi, St Wilfrid's and Holy Family. They need our support and our faith to carry them as they adjust to the changes in their own lives and parish.

Key dates

Wednesday 17th February - Ash Wednesday

Monday 22nd February - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 23rd February - School open for key workers etc

I wish you all a good week away from school and home learning and pray for the time we can be back together again.

With every best wish
Mrs Hobbs





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