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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of a busy, actually a VERY BUSY term with so many achievements and headlines that your children and your school has achieved that can make us all proud.

THANK YOU: to_so many

- 1) To our many parents and families for your generosity to give to our charities both in terms of food and money. You are giving in the year proclaimed by Pope Francis as the "Holy Year of Mercy" an excellent example of how we need to support each other and those particularly who need our help.
- 2) To our children and choir who support local groups by visiting and singing even with Everton in the community.
- 3) To ALL the staff for their fantastic generosity of what is so precious "Their Time" throughout the year. I am sorry that some who visit our school don't seem to appreciate this GENEROSITY. Thankfully most do, which is so much appreciated by all the staff.
- 4) Final figures are not in for the Grand Raffle that many took part in AND the 1st and 2nd prize tickets were won by our families. We hope the profit will be in the region of £800, so this will go towards our FURNITURE - that is the aim of our PTA
- 5) The results of the raffle are as follows:-

1 st Prize -	£200	- H Wheelan
2 nd Prize -	£100	- A Burgess
3 rd Prize -	£50	- S Marsh
4 th Prize -	Bottle Hamper	- C Andrews
5 th Prize -	Food Hamper	- D Pepp
6 th Prize -	Chocolate Hamper	- K O'Leary
7 th Prize -	Bottle of Whiskey	- J Brown
8 th Prize -	Bottle of Vodka	- R Beatty
9 th Prize -	2 x £10 vouchers for "Bubbles"	- R Handley
10 th Prize -	Food Hamper	- Ian
11 th Prize -	Chocolate Hamper	- L Fletcher
12 th Prize -	Small Mixed Hamper	- N Bowie

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Attendance Rewards:

It is regrettable that the Government only recognises those children who have been IN school. Even if children are in hospital it is an *authorised* absence but still "absent from school" and we all know this cannot be helped. The children understand and accept this. So far we have had 77 children with 100% attendance – they all get a reward with one winning a cash prize that the parents MUST spend on the child and then bring the receipt in to school for our audit purposes.

Whole school attendance this term is **95.7%**. This is a good starting point but we need your help to be even better.

Punctuality at St Cuthbert's is a major concern with some families who actually give us a "poor" rating. Some weeks we have had more than **50 lates!!!** I cannot blame the child but neither can I reward that child.

The Christmas Season:

Today we finished off this term with a lovely reflection about the meaning of Christmas given to us in words and technology by year 5 children. The children, staff, governors and myself hope that you have enjoyed the talent and enthusiasm your children have shown in pantos and nativities but that you also appreciate the hard work and dedication they have shown. We are all proud of them as I am sure you are. Please continue with this *active support* in all they are asked to do in school – it has a MASSIVE influence on their performances.

Some highlights for our schools and children across the Federation but some special to us at St Cuthbert's which we can be proud of.

1. We are two of only fifty schools nationally to be awarded a British Council Grant to work with and go to visit schools in China and have them visit us.
2. Y5 involved in a Shakespeare play that that they will perform with other schools in the Playhouse Theatre and we hope to link in to the 400th Anniversary Celebrations.
3. Our Junior Lord Mayor had an official civic role to play when meeting HRH The Princess Royal (Princess Anne) at St George's Hall last week.
4. Both Indoor Athletics Teams (Y3/4 and Y5/6) made it to the North final with the younger group qualifying for the City Final in the New Year. The schools girls cross-country team already won their league with two races still to go. Our girls football team Is Everton City Finalist and go on to Merseyside competition.
5. Successful in bidding for and retaining a £30,000 grant for work on improved playground works.
6. Mentioned again in the Times Newspaper on 11/12/15 following on from last year as being in the top 5 Liverpool Schools for SATs league tables. Certainly a wonderful achievement.
7. Confirmation last night that St Cuthbert's are in the Priority School Building Programme with the start being in February 2016. This means we will have a NEW SCHOOL BUILDING according to the Education Funding Agency.
8. Father Mark our Parish Priest was invited to open the "Holy Door" at St Peter's in Rome with Pope Francis. He not only said prayers for our families and schools but also handed over a special greeting card from our children which one of the Swiss Guards promised to deliver to the people who would show the Pope.

Christmas Events:-

You should have received a newsletter from Fr Mark with all the times of what is happening in our churches. I do hope you will make the time with your children to visit your church. I will be lighting a special candle at the Christmas Crib at midnight mass for all your intentions.

On behalf of Father Mark, myself, staff, governors and children I send you all Christmas Blessings from your school family. Have a great time together and let us all look to an even better 2016. A Holy Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.