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## NEWSLETTER

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#### Lenten Fund Raising

Wow! I didn't think I'd manage to get this newsletter out on time it's been such a busy final week in school; but it has been lovely.

This term has been a relatively short term but we have packed much in and I have really enjoyed watching and being part of all the frenetic activity. I want to thank you all at the start of this newsletter for all the support you continue to show your children and the school; it is amazing.

#### Swimming Team

I have attached the result of the parents survey from Parents Evening—it demonstrates that many of you are very happy with St Cuthbert's and the work we do with your children. Please remember if you have any problems, concerns or issues then approach myself or a member of staff to discuss your concerns and I am sure that we can get things sorted out.

#### Reconciliation

#### Area Brass Band

### Lenten Fund Raising—Generous and Grateful

#### Year 5 Easter Play

Your generosity and kindness overwhelm me each year and this year is no exception. Year 4 arranged their Lenten Activities on Friday and Year 6 arranged and organised their (postponed) Lenten Activities on Monday. Both were a great success and I even won one of the competitions. I have 185 sweets to eat over the Easter holidays!

#### Attendance

As a school we have raised an enormous £2310 for charity this Lent. This money will make a real difference to peoples lives and I would like to thank you again for all the donations, sponsorship money and funds for Lenten activities that you have provided. As I have said it is overwhelming and I am so proud of everyone.

#### Punctuality

#### Nursery Places

### Swimming Team

#### Eg-cellent Eggs!

#### Dates for the Diary

##### RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to Year 3 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening. It was a lovely service and I felt privileged to be a part of it.

Thank you to all the parents who were so understanding when we had to rearrange it at the last minute. I am very sorry for the inconvenience this caused.

##### Congratulations to:

Amir, Callum S, Callum W, Corey, Kacper, Logan, Lola, Michael, Mikey, Riley, Sinead, Sophie, Theo, Thomas and Lois.

Many congratulations to our swimming team who took part in the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership Swimming Gala on Saturday evening, last week. Their behaviour was exemplary and they all did extremely well in their heats. Congratulations to Mia, Jerome, Karl, Oscar, Gabriel and Megan from year 6 and Annabeth and Connie from Year 5; further congratulations to Oscar who came first in his heat.

Many thanks to Mrs Baker and Mr Gallagher who willingly gave up their time last week to support our children and our school.

### Area Brass Band

The children of the Area Brass Band played in an evening concert on Tuesday evening, I spoke to many parents and Mrs Hadlington the following day who used words such as outstanding, brilliant and very proud. The children played at the new Conservatoire in town. Many congratulations to Alexsa, Shaun, Connie, Amelia, Owen, Saule, Michael, Kaamil, Annabeth, Jennea in Year 5 and Mia, Laura-Mae, Jerome, Karl, Jake and Gabriel in Year 6. We are extremely proud of you and hope that you continue to share your love of music with others.

### Year 5 Easter Play

Many thanks and congratulations to Year 5 who presented their Easter play to the children and staff on Monday morning, and to their parents and families on Tuesday afternoon. It was a brilliant and moving production and I found it enhanced my journey through Holy Week. Well done Year 5!

Weekly Attendance for  
St Cuthbert's:

95.83%

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception— 97.3%

Year 1— 98%

Year 2— 99.3%

Year 3— 98%

Year 4— 88%

Year 5— 97.3%

Year 6— 97.3%

Congratulations to Year 2  
and Reception/Year 1 who  
won the attendance for last  
two weeks— I was very im-  
pressed with the infants  
beating the juniors.

Holy Week Services  
At Corpus Christi Church

Holy Thursday—Mass of the  
Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday—Service of the  
Lord's Passion—3:00pm

Good Friday— Stations of  
the Cross—7:00pm

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil  
8:00pm

Easter Sunday—10:30am

Holy Week Prayer



Many thanks to Mr Wilson  
and some children in Year  
6 who are giving up holi-  
day time to come into  
school on Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday  
morning next week to do  
some extra work. I prom-  
ise I will bring cake!  
Your commitment will  
make a difference to you.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 who have won the attendance for the Spring Term with 96.83%; Mr Wilson and I have also been incredibly impressed with the effort Year 1 have put in, particularly this half term (so they got a treat too)!

We need to work on our attendance over the next term to ensure that the school's at-  
tendance remains at 96% - which is the governments expected standard. Thank you to  
everyone who has come in to see me and speak about attendance.

## Punctuality

The school bell goes at 8:55am—the children go into class and the register is taken first  
thing. Please try to ensure that your child gets to school on time—missing 10-15 minutes at  
morning can add up to over an hour of education a week which does have an impact. Please  
remember if your child is late it is not their fault, they rely on you to get them to school  
on time. I am going to start publishing how many lates occur in each class per week.

Reception: **5** Year 1: **5** Year 2: **9** Year 3: **6** Year 4: **7** Year 5: **6** and Year 6: **2**

## Nursery Places

If your child will be 3 years old by September 2018 then you are eligible for a Nursery  
place at St Cuthbert's. We have 52 part time places; some parents may be eligible under a  
government scheme for a full time place and we also offer self paying full time places.  
Please complete the forms at the main school office to register your child. We will be let-  
ting parents know very soon about Nursery places for September 2018.

## Eg-cellent Eggs!

I AM SO IMPRESSED! What an eg-ordinary effort you have put into making eg-cellent eggs for our  
Easter celebration. The range of ideas, the time, the effort and the standard have all been eg-  
ceptional! Thank goodness I did not have to pick the winners; the School Council lead by Mrs Hoyle  
and Miss Debono went and judged a winner from each class this morning.

The winners are: **Reception**—Abigail and Max, runner up James. **Year 1**—Calum and Evie-Rose, **runner  
up** Izzi. **Year 2**—Georgia and Naod, **runner up** Gracie. **Year 3**—Mahek and Mikey, **runner up** Callum S.  
**Year 4**—Michael and Chloe, **runner up** Amelia. **Year 5**—Liam and Amelia, **runner up** Teagan. **Year 6**—  
Calum G and Oscar, **runner up**—Megan. Well done to Harry in Nursery who also contributed with a  
painted egg.

However what has impressed all the staff, from the kitchen ladies, to the office staff to the teach-  
ers was the effort that so many children had put in. All classes went into the hall to look at the eggs  
and there was a real buzz about the place. We will endeavour to get some photos on the website for  
you to look at.

## Dates for the diary

Monday 16th April—School Reopens at normal time.

Wednesday 18th April—First Holy Communion 6:30pm

Friday 20th April—Year 2 Mass

Thursday 26th April—Year 1 Inspire

Friday 27th April—Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 1st May—Reception Trip to the Butterfly Farm

Thursday 3rd May—School closed for pupils—POLLING DAY

Friday 4th May—Year 5 Mass

I wish you all a very happy and restful and joyful Easter and look forward to seeing you on  
Monday morning, the 16th April, for the start of our summer term.

Take care

Yours Sincerely