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NEWSLETTER

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Good afternoon everyone! What a fantastic start to the new academic year we are having. All staff are incredibly impressed with the way in which all children have returned to school. There is a wonderful atmosphere in school, it is calm, happy and busy. The children look smart and ready to learn and it has been a real joy to welcome them back.

Thank you to all those parents of Year 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 who attended parents meetings this week (Year 1 parents I will see you on Monday!). We find these information sessions extremely worthwhile. If you did not manage to attend please ensure that you see your child's class teacher and pick up a pack of the handouts that were given out at the meetings.

I can honestly say that all the staff and myself start this year, joyful and optimistic about the year ahead with your children.

Please remember that if you have any queries and concerns do ask your child's teacher, the lovely ladies in the office or myself.

Bring on a great year of hard work and fun!

Reception

What a tremendous start all our new Reception children have made. I popped in today whilst they were playing in their outdoor area—honestly it was like they had been at school for weeks. Mrs Hodson and Mrs Boyle are very happy ladies!

Welcome and well done to Katie, Elim, Tahlia, Layla, Andre, Deniro, Maisie-Leigh, Samuel, George, Nicole, Idrees, Alishaan, Lachlan, Amelia, Abbie, Ollie, Natalia, Harris, Yusuf, Alexandru, Harold, Maryam, Harry, Alys, Ali, Nikolas, Mariya, Muhammad and Charlie.

I think they will be a fine St Cuthbert's class of children—it has certainly been a great start.

Nursery

We have also welcomed 23 children into our Nursery this year—again they have settled in so well. Mrs Graty, Mrs Mehew and Miss Tombs have had a lovely week and I've been over and seen lots of little brothers and sisters and some new members of our school family.

Welcome, Chrisha, Ismaeel, Nia, Elijah, Thy Yen, Nathaniel, Deen, Sanaya, Jaisma, Shyanne, Amaya, Mikhail, Adam, Chaney, Lacey, Omar, Abdul, Ava, Ciaran, Aishwarya, Zain, Scarlett and Ruby.

We do still have places left in our Nursery and we really do want to fill them up as it brings in important funding for the school and we have great resources to offer the children. If you know of anyone with a child who is 4 between September 1st and 31st August then let them know that we have spaces available in our wonderful Nursery.

Sports Programme

The Government issue all schools with a Sports grant and this year we have signed up to a local sports programme.

This programme offers

- Staff Training
- Lunchtime Supervisor training
- KS1 and KS2 sports competitions
- Play leader training
- Year group competitions
- P.E. lessons in school

We hope that it will mean more sports activities for our children in school and lots of training for our staff. Our year starts with 12 Year 6 children receiving play leader training next Thursday for the day.

We will keep you posted of any up coming events that we will be taking part in—we are very excited to see what we can do in P.E for your children.

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.



Weekly Attendance for St Cuthbert's: 93%

Year 1—97.5%

Year 2—96.6%

Year 3—88.3%

Year 4—87%

Year 5—92%

Year 6—93%

Congratulations to Year 1 who were last weeks attendance winners!

PIZZA IS ON ITS WAY!

Last year—the present Year 6 class (Year 5 last year) won the class attendance award for the year.

It was very close:

Last years classes

Reception 94%

Year 1 95%

Year 2 96.17%

Year 3 96%

Year 4 94% and

Year 5 96.23%

So they only just beat Year 2!

An order of pizza will be winging its way to Year 6 for them to enjoy.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

As we have a training day on the morning of the official Macmillan Coffee Morning we have decided to host ours on Thursday 27th September.

Please join us, if you can, in the hall for cake and coffee.

The children will be able to buy cakes at breaktime that day.

All contributions will go to Macmillan.

Attendance and Punctuality

As any of you who have attended parents meetings this week know—attendance and punctuality are vitally important to your children. Last weeks attendance was 93% - which is a disappointing start; however I already know that this weeks attendance is much better. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time and attends as often as possible.

We are aiming for our school attendance to be at least 96% this year.

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.

Safety Notice

Please ensure that you accompany your child onto the playground in the morning—there are a number of parents dropping off children and watching them from the car walk into school. You are responsible for your child until they enter our care when they come into the school when the bell goes.

Also a reminder that school finishes at 3:20pm; we know that it has been chaotic on the roads with the temporary traffic lights just past Cotterills Lane roundabout and we understand that everyone can run late at times, but generally all children should be picked up when they come out of school at 3:20pm. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Dates for the diary

Monday 17th September—Year 1 Parents Meeting 3:30pm

Tuesday 18th September—Year 6 Swimming

Wednesday 19th September— Year 4, 5 and 6 Brass Lessons

Thursday 20th September—Play Leader Training Year 6 pupils

Friday 21st September—Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 25th September—Year 6 Swimming

Wednesday 26th September—Year 4, 5 and 6 Brass Lessons

Thursday 27th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning for Parents (9:00am—10:00am)

Friday 28th September—TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Safeguarding

I have spoken to you all in class meetings about safeguarding in school—just a reminder for all parents that, as a school, we want to work with you in anyway we can; to help and support and care for you and your families.

If you are struggling with anything then please do feel you can come in to talk to myself or Mr Samuels who are happy to try and signpost for support.

If you are concerned about a child in the school, again please feel free to come in and talk to us.

The safeguarding team are: Mr Wilson (Assistant Head), Mr Samuel (Pastoral Lead and myself).



Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

Yours Sincerely, Mrs Hobbs.