



St. CUTHBERT'S Catholic Primary School (NC)



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. I cannot believe we have been back for a week already. Many thanks for your turn out for Parents Evening on Wednesday; my impression was that you all left pleased with the work and progress that your child/children have made. We are very proud of the children and have had a lovely first half term with them. If you do have any concerns or further queries then please arrange to see your child's class teacher again or make an appointment to see me. Working together really does make all the difference.

Support for the Poppy Appeal

The school council have been selling poppies, pencils, rulers, rubbers etc on behalf of The Royal British Legion. Your support for this has been wonderful. Thank you.

The school council attended a remembrance service with other local schools at the war memorial in Stechford. They took the wreaths that the classes had made, which contained names of local men who died in World War 1. It was a very moving service.

Year 6 are visiting the National Memorial Arboretum on Monday 19th November to gain a better understanding of the importance of remembrance.

Parents Governors

As you will be aware, we are seeking two parent governors to serve on the governing body of St Cuthbert's School. The governors play an integral part of the running of the school and I rely on their wise council, guidance and support.

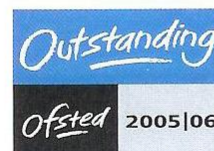
We have had two parents come forward but I thought I would ask again, if anyone is interested then please do put your name down at the office.

It is a wonderful way to support the local community and learn more about the workings of a school.

Sacramental Meeting and School Mass

Parents and children in Year 3 and Year 6 are invited to attend a Sacramental Enrolment Meeting on Tuesday 13th November at 6pm in the school hall.

All children and families are invited to the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 18th November at 10:30pm at Corpus Christi Church. During this Mass, the children and parents of Year 3 and Year 6 will make a commitment to work with the Parish and school to support the children in their Sacramental Preparation.





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It is one of the few Sunday Masses we lead at Corpus Christi Church and we rely on your support in bringing your children to help with the reading and singing. It is a lovely school event that everyone is welcome to.

Packed Lunch

It has come to our attention that some children who are eating a packed lunch are throwing away their sandwiches uneaten. Obviously, we try to monitor and keep an eye on how much children are eating, but it seems that some children are throwing complete lunches away.

If your child is on packed lunch, could you please talk to them about the importance of eating their prepared lunch and not throwing large amounts of food away? We will be keeping an eye on the situation.

Attendance

The attendance for the week before half term was very poor, the whole school attendance for the week was 92.12% which is very low – this has brought our school attendance to below 96% for the year.

As I explained, we have started the process of fining parents for school absence and have just removed two children from our role for long-term absence.

As I say in each letter about attendance, we are very understanding and supportive of illness, medical appointments, family emergencies and bereavements but we do need to ensure that your child's attendance remains as high as possible because it does impact on their learning, behaviour and progress.

Dates

Tuesday 13th November – Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 13th November – Year 3 and Year 6 Sacramental Meeting
Wednesday 14th November – Brass Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 15th November – Year 3 Assembly
Friday 16th November – Year 2 Mass

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Hobbs

