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Good afternoon everyone—gosh aren't the dark nights drawing in. I think we should all go into hibernation at this time of year and sleep the winter through! That, however, is not an option so we will continue to be our busy selves!

- 1 Many thanks for all the great support that you have shown the school and the children in the past couple of weeks—attendance at Parents Evening was fantastic and is reflective of how you want the best for your children. The staff know how much I appreciate their hard work and professionalism—they are a great team of people and work incredibly hard for your children.

- 1 The past two weeks have seen an Enrolment Meeting, Parish Mass, Year 3 Assembly, Year 6 Trip and an assembly from the NSPCC. Your children's behaviour and response to all of these events has been tremendous and I told them all yesterday how very proud I was of them. The children at St Cuthbert's don't just know our motto "Love one another as I have loved you." They live it out in all they do.

1 School events

- 1 The parish Mass last week for Year 3 and Year 6, supported by the staff and children of the school was a wonderful occasion. A retired headteacher came to me at the end of the Mass to say how impressed she was with our children and how well they presented the Mass and sang. It was a real compliment, thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the children.

- 2 Year 6 visited the National Memorial Arboretum on Monday—it was a cold day, but again the children were complimented by the hosts on their behaviour, respect and curiosity.

- 2 The NSPCC came in and spent a morning with the children, doing an assembly for KS1 and KS2 and then working with Year 5 and Year 6. The two ladies leading the morning couldn't have been more complimentary about the children and in fact wrote to us praising the children in our school.

- 2 And finally the Year 3 assembly on the Egyptians was lovely and very educational!

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.

Open Morning

We are holding an open morning next Tuesday—27th November. This is for parents of children who are applying for Nursery or Reception in September 2019. If you know any people with children who will be 3 before next September tell them to come and have a look at our Nursery. The open morning will start at 9:30am and we will take prospective parents around the school and Nursery.

Flu Spray

The school nurses will be in on Wednesday afternoon to administer the flu spray. Parents of Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 all received letters earlier in the term and if you returned them giving permission then your child will receive the spray.

School Photographs

School photos will be taken on Thursday morning. There will be individual and family photographs taken of all the children. If you have a pre-school aged child that you want to be in the family photograph, Dawn, our photographer will be here from 8:30am on Thursday morning and you can have your family photograph taken then.

Faith-filled and Hopeful

The pair of values and virtues that we are studying this half term are faith-filled and hopeful. The children will be having an assembly on Wednesday about what these words mean; it is a good time of year to try and be more full of hope and faith I think.



Weekly Attendance for St Cuthbert's: 95.72%

Rec—98.6%

Year 1—97.3%

Year 2—92.9%

Year 3—98.9%

Year 4—97.4%

Year 5—92.3%

Year 6—96.3%

Congratulations to Reception who won the attendance last week! Keep it up.

Christmas Performances/Events

Gift Night

Whole School—Wednesday 5th December—3:20pm

Christmas Play

Year 2—Tuesday 11th December 2:15pm

Brass Concert

Year 4, 5 and 6—Wednesday 12th December 2:15pm

Christmas Play

Year 3 and Year 4— Wednesday 12th December 7.00pm

Christmas Play

Reception and Year 1—Thursday 13th December 2:15pm

Christmas Jumper Day

Whole School—Friday 14th December

Christmas Carol Service

Year 5 and Year 6—Tuesday 18th December 6:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Christmas Dinner

Whole School—Wednesday 19th December—wear party clothes

Christmas Play—

Nursery—Thursday 20th December
10:30am—for morning and full time
2:00pm—for afternoon and full time

Christmas Disco

Whole School—Thursday 20th December—bring disco clothes to change into. Disco during school time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With every best wish

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff at St Cuthbert's

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance since September is 95.72%, I realise we are coming into the season of coughs and colds and sickness bugs and we have had some poorly children over the past couple of weeks with asthma and tonsillitis. As always I can only remind you of how important your child's attendance is and the difference good attendance makes to their learning.

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.

Advent giving

The generosity of our small school is amazing; we teach the children to be grateful and generous and loving and compassionate and the children act upon these with great kindness and generosity.

This year we are doing a couple of small things to make a difference to peoples Christmas. We are going to have boxes outside the library for Foodbank donations (a list is attached), we don't expect everyone to be able to donate but if the staff and some families donate we will be able to provide something for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Gift Night—this year we are trying something new. We are going to make decorations for our Christmas trees in school. The idea is you can donate your decoration (that you and your child make) to a person you will miss at Christmas and we can keep them in our thoughts this year. We will ask for a £1 donation and this money will go to a local charity—possibly a homeless charity or a local hospice for Christmas.

The gift night will be on Wednesday 5th December after school and you are all welcome to come in and join us. Refreshments will be on sale this year to make your experience more enjoyable!

Christmas Raffle

We have also been thinking of ways to raise a little bit of money for our school fund as we will be buying some new laptops later this year for the children to use. The staff are going to put together two raffles. One will be a hamper (for adults) and these tickets will be sold on Gift Night and before all the Christmas performances. Tickets will be 50p. The other raffle will be for the children and tickets will be sold in school for 20p. All the raffles will be drawn in the last week of term!

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 27th November—Open Morning for new Nursery and Reception parents (2019) - 9:30am

Tuesday 27th November—Swimming Year 5

Wednesday 28th November—Flu Spray for Reception—Year 5

Thursday 29th November—School Photographs

Friday 30th November—Year 4 Mass

Tuesday 4th December—Swimming Year 5

Wednesday 5th December—Gift Night

Friday 7th December—Year 5 Mass



Clubs

Netball has now finished until the Spring.

Fizzbang finishes this Tuesday 27th November

Dance finishes on Monday 3rd December

KS1 football finishes on Monday 3rd December

Basketball finishes on Tuesday 4th December

KS2 football and Girls football finish on Thursday 6th December