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## NEWSLETTER

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### 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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope that you have had a good Christmas break and that 2019 will shower you with blessings, health and peace.

We have returned to school and had a wonderful week with the children; it has been great to welcome them back and we are looking forward to a busy but fulfilling Spring term.

My apologies to Year 4 and to their parents who were all prepared to go swimming this week but the coach broke down outside school so they were unable to go. The best laid plans...

Clubs re-start next week and I have put a list of clubs on the back of the newsletter; there are still spaces, if anyone is interested, please see the ladies in the office.

As always all the staff of St Cuthbert's will work hard to support and help you and your children in any way we can.

### Thank you

A message from all the staff in school: many thanks to any family who sent in a Christmas card or gift last term. We are extremely humbled by your kindness and generosity. Thank you for all the best wishes and kind words. It is never expected and always much appreciated.

### Facebook and Social Media

Earlier in the week I did write a full letter to all parents about the use of Facebook but I have decided not to send it out at the moment. I wasn't happy!

Suffice to say this, as adults you are responsible for what you post on social media platforms. Once something is posted it is in the public domain (even if you think it is private) as people are very quick to forward messages or make people aware of postings.

You are all entitled to your opinions about school, your children, the state of the nation, football, strictly come dancing, rescued animals and the problems with road and traffic jams. You are entitled to express your opinions about whatever you want BUT I am not happy about parents making comments or putting postings on Facebook about other parents and then bringing it in to school.

If you have a problem with something that has occurred in school then please come to see me and be very careful about what you say about situations and other people on Facebook. I would also like to urge you not to get involved—don't be the person who forwards a message or talks about postings about other people to others. My advice is don't get involved.

I know many of you will have no idea what I'm talking about but I am just asking that you don't use Facebook as a way to vent frustrations and upset and fall out with people.

### Eloquent and Truthful

This half term we will be talking to the children about the virtues of Eloquence and truthfulness.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham Education Department have stated that pupils in school will grow to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people and the world and that school will help the children by developing eloquent language which pupils can use to articulate their emotions, beliefs, questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

This is what we will be endeavouring to do this term, please take time to talk to your children about these two words.

Weekly Attendance for  
St Cuthbert's: 95.19%

Rec— 93%

Year 1— 96%

Year 2— 94%

Year 3— 98%

Year 4—93%

Year 5—95%

Year 6—98%

Congratulations to Year 3  
and Year 6 who won the  
attendance last week!

#### SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
AS I HAVE LOVED  
YOU"**

AT SAINT CUTHBERT'S  
SCHOOL WE WILL FOL-  
LOW THESE WORDS OF  
JESUS BY:

Praying every day and  
bringing God into our dai-  
ly lives.

Celebrating diversity,  
treating everyone with  
respect and welcoming all  
people into our communi-  
ty.

Ensuring everyone's  
needs are met.

Always doing our best and  
making the most of our  
opportunities

Being open to the needs  
of the whole world.

Loving life and learning  
to love.



I hope you all have a love-  
ly weekend.

With every best wish

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff  
at St Cuthbert's

#### Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance since September is 95.52%, As always I can only remind you of how important your child's attendance is and the difference good attendance makes to their learning. You will also be aware that we are holding a number of meetings with parents about attendance and considering the next steps.

**Attendance—100%** amazing—couldn't do better!

**Attendance 97%-99%** incredibly good, children should be very proud of this attend-  
ance.

**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.

#### Parish Celebration

You are all invited to join in a special celebration at Corpus Christi Church on Friday 18th January at 7:00pm.

The Fathers of Corpus Christi (Father Andrew, Father Vitalis and Father Biju) are all from the Society of Divine Vocations (The Vocationalist Fathers) and they will be celebrate 10 years in this country.

Bishop Robert Byrne will be the chief celebrant at the Mass and all the Vocationalist Fa-  
thers from Holywell, Hawarden, Walsall, Castle Bromwich and Heston will be gathering  
together to celebrate this anniversary.

I hope that as many of you who can will join Father Andrew and the Vocationalist Father's  
in their celebration. They have brought a lot of faith and joy to our parish and our school.

#### Lunchtime Supervisors

We have at least one post opening up for a Lunchtime Supervisor position. Lunchtime su-  
pervisors work 1 hour 20 minutes a day, looking after the children at lunchtime as they eat  
their dinners and play outside.

If you are interested in applying for a position then please put your name down in the of-  
fice and I will be in contact with you.  
Many thanks.

#### Clubs

Monday—Dance Year 1 and Year 2

Monday—Football Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday—Basketball Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday—Year 6 Booster

Tuesday—Fizzbang Science—Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday—Area Band (contact Mrs McKenna if your child is interested in Year 5 or 6)

Thursday—Football KS2 (Year 3,4, 5 and 6)

Thursday—Year 6 Booster

All clubs apart from Fizzbang finish at 4:15pm

#### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15th January—Reception Inspire from 9:10 am in School

Tuesday 15th January—Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 16th January—Brass 4, 5 and 6

Friday 18th January—Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 22nd January—Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 23rd January—Brass Year 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 24th January—Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 25th January—Year 4 Mass

Health and Safety Fortnight will begin on Monday 14th January for two weeks, children  
will be covering a range of difference work and activities. I will let you know what is going  
on next week!