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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.



Good afternoon everyone! Do you know I can feel a little bit of Spring in the air—the daffodils and snow drops are out or just coming out and the sun is shining as I write this letter. The question is am I joyful because I sense Spring in the air or because it is half-term next week?

We are now exactly half way through our academic year and the time is whizzing by. We continue to work hard, rejoice in our school and the families who make up our community. In the last few weeks we have had a Year 5 Assembly, wonderful Masses from Year 4, Year 2 and Year 5, Year 3 held their Inspire, Year 4 continued with their swimming, Year 1 went to Blakesley Hall and Year 2 parents came in for a reading meeting.

Tomorrow is a teaching training day and we are spending the morning in training—looking at spelling, reading and dyslexia and in the afternoon we will be at Corpus Christi Church preparing ourselves for Lent.

It has been a lovely half term and I am looking forward to a sun filled next half term!

Thank you

- To all parents who come in to support their children with assemblies, masses, inspire workshops and parent meetings. This makes a massive difference to your children and we really appreciate the support that you give.

RE Inspection—Section 48

In the week that we return to school we will be inspected by the Archdiocese of Birmingham; they will spend two days in the school Thursday 28th February and Friday 1st March.

- Mrs Brooks and Mr Collins will be our inspectors and they will be observing assemblies, lessons and mass; they will be talking to the pupils and staff and looking at evidence that the school has collected in relation to Catholic Life, Collective Worship and RE.

- Please do join Year 3 for mass on Friday 1st March to celebrate St David's day—we always love to welcome you to mass.

This term our children have been looking at the values of Eloquence and Truthfulness; when we return after half term they will be looking Learned and Wise.

Black shoes

Uniform is, overall, excellent, and whenever the children represent the school in anyway they always look incredibly smart.

This is just a small reminder (particularly as we come into nicer weather) that children are expected to wear black shoes to and from school.

If you have any problem purchasing a pair of shoes then please do let me know; if your child is being resistant to wearing shoes, please let me know and I can talk to them, black shoes are now part of the uniform policy.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Year 3 Swimming

After half term—Tuesday 26th February—Year 3 begin their swimming lessons for half a term. Mrs Harries and I will be taking them swimming and I know that Mrs Harries has sent home a letter asking you to indicate whether your child is a non-swimmer or how far they can swim. This will help us greatly in setting up the groups on the first week back. If you have any concerns then please see Mr O'Rourke or myself.

"Love one another as I have loved you."

Weekly Attendance for St Cuthbert's:

Rec— 99.6%

Year 1— 96%

Year 2— 98%

Year 3— 98%

Year 4—98.7%

Year 5— 95%

Year 6— 95.6%

Congratulations to Reception who won the attendance last week and Year 3 who won in the previous two weeks

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 Winners—the race to the prize

Reception have 5 stars

Year 1 have 5 stars

Year 2 have 5 stars

Year 3 have 6 stars

Year 4 have 4 stars

Year 5 have 1 star

Year 6 have 8 stars

I think it is going to be a close race to the finish this year.

Well done to all the children who have attendance over 95%. We are sending our attendance and punctuality policy home for you to read through.



Nursery Places

We still have places available for Nursery in September 2019. If your child is 3 by September 2019 then you are eligible for a free morning or afternoon place; we also have full time places available and we are currently working through our list and asking parents what they require.

If you do know of anyone in the local area who is interested in Nursery provision then please let them know about St Cuthbert's. I think sometimes we are hidden in our little cul-de-sac and people don't know we are here.

Remember our Nursery is run by fully trained teachers and will give your child the best start to their education. It is a lovely environment and a very happy place—I often pop over just to break up my day and see the children!

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

AT SAINT CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL WE WILL FOLLOW THESE WORDS OF JESUS BY;

Praying every day and bringing God into our daily lives.

Celebrating diversity, treating everyone with respect and welcoming all people into our community.

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 have a lovely break and really enjoy the week off.

I look forward to seeing you all a week on Monday.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff.

Cleaners and Lunchtime Supervisor posts

Thank you to all the parents who registered their interest in the Lunchtime Supervisor positions. We are waiting until the new financial year to consider these posts. However there is a cleaning position available in the school— 10 hours a week, and we can be flexible about whether this is done before or after school. If you are interested please leave your name in the office. 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

Monday 25th February—School reopens Year 4 and Year 5 need their PE kits for Cricket coaching

Tuesday 26th February—Year 3 swimming

Wednesday 27th February—Year 1 phonics meeting for parents

Thursday 28th—Section 48 Inspection

Friday 1st March—Section 48 Inspection and Mass Year 3

Tuesday 5th March—Year 6 Inspire

Tuesday 5th March—Year 3 Swimming

Wednesday 6th March—Ash Wednesday—Mass 9:15am

Thursday 7th March—Year 1 PE competition

Friday 8th March—No Mass and Year 2 PE competition