

# St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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# YOUR TUESDAY NEWS Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

#### Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners



Yesterday Mrs Winnery led the whole school worship. We began by hearing the Gospel reading from Sunday. We talked about how Jesus will one day return and will welcome all those who have lived a good life into his Kingdom of Heaven.

Then Mrs Winnery shared a number of images and asked the children what they all had in common; they were all images of peace.

Following the tragic news over the weekend of the events in Paris Mrs Winnery wanted to share with the children an alternative view of the world.

Mrs Winnery explained that many people have tried to define peace over the years. Martin Luther King, an American who worked for fairness for people of all races in the USA, said "*True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.*" Gandhi also reminded us that if we want peace then we need to be peaceful people and to work for peace. He said "*Be the change you want to see in the world.*"

Mrs Winnery then asked the children what peace meant to them. Joshua Gutman, in Year 2, offered his explanation, he said that peace was "*when everyone stopped falling out and lived in harmony*." Mrs Winnery praised Joshua's explanation and said how wonderful it would be if we all tried to live like that.

The worship ended with prayers for the people of Paris and the hymn 'Let there be love shared among us'.

#### Mrs R Winnery & Mr D Copley

Reception Worship 3,2,1 BLAST OFF!



On Thursday Reception took us on a journey to outer space with their space themed class worship. They could confidently name all the planets in our solar system and told us what they would take with them on a trip to the moon. They showed us the colourful rocket models they had made and sang with great enthusiasm their space songs. We always greatly enjoy sharing in Reception's class worships and they were truly our own 'little stars'.

#### **Celebration Worship**

This week our Celebration Worship will be held on **Thursday** morning at **9.15am.** Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no individual Class Worship this week.

Our Statement to Live By this week - 'I think before I make choices that affect my health'.

Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day...

Every week we look to celebrate excellence in all we do. Here is how we worked towards our vision last week. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize! Each Class has created a name:

Celebration Worship Leaderboard			
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners	
Nursery:	Mini Skulls		
Reception:	Little Treasures		
Year 1:	Mr Booth's Brave Bucaneers		
Year 2:	Swalshbucklers		
Year 3:	Hit The Deck		
Year 4:	Ye-aargh 4 Terrible Tordoffs		
Year 5:	Full Fathom Five		
Year 6:	Pieces of Six		

**Congratulations to:** Mustafa Amjad, Tomy Cuhnovs, Liam Elwood, Bilal Javed, Emmanuel Akoli, Kornelia Guz, David Akoli and Caoimhe Richards who were awarded class merits for their outstanding achievements for last week in our Celebration Worship Friday morning.



Mr Copley & Mrs Winnery's Headteacher's Award went to Tracey Riberal.

If your child has achieved something outside of school we will celebrate their achievements in our special Celebration Worship. However, due to all the children being so unbeliveably talented we will now do this on the last Friday in the month.

The dates for the next Celebration Worships where children can bring in their achievements will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Attend Today Achieve Tommorow EVERY

# SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Can you reach our new whole school target of 97%?

If we reach 97% our attendance will be Outstanding.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE	% LAST WEEK	%ATTENDANCE
	TARGET	w/b 09/11/15	this year to date
Reception	97	98.57	94.28
Year 1	97	95.67	93.71
Year 2	97	99.31	95.20
Year 3	97	95.67	98.02
Year 4	97	98.33	95.99
Year 5	97	99.66	99.27
Year 6	97	97.67	95.92
Whole School	97	97.54	95.95
NEW	97%	97%	97%
TARGET			

Over the last few years we have all worked tirelessly to improve attendance. Please help us reach our target!

# The Friends' of the School

#### Bags2schools

Thank you to everyone who brought in Bags2school. We have received a cheque for £116.00.

# **Dates for your Diary**



## **Parents' Information Evenings**

Thank you to the parents who attended the meetings last week. These meetings are a useful way of sharing important information and we will be holding other curriculum meetings throughout the year.

#### Coats

Some children are still coming to school without a coat. It is very important they bring one to school together with hats, scarves and gloves for the winter weather. Please make sure all items are named so that they can be returned if they get misplaced. Please remind your child, that when playing tig, not to pull another child's hood, as this can be very dangerous and can damage coats.



## Punctuality

Please can we encourage all children and families to arrive at school on time. This really does help the children settle in and ensure they are ready to learn straight away. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Thank you to all those who support school with punctuality every day! Also the school day ends at 3.30pm. If, for any reason, you are not able to collect your child on time, it is very important you ring the office to let us know.

# Payments

To avoid congestion during peak times please can you use the finance box, in the school entrance, to post any payments. Make sure that monies are placed in an envelope with your child's name, class, the amount enclosed and what it is for.

#### **Book Fair**



Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. You all helped to earn commission for our school of **£300** which will be spent on books for the whole school.

A big thank you to Mrs Spinks, Mrs Bramford, Mrs Gilmartin, Mrs Richards and her daughter Olivia Richards and Fatima's mum, Mrs Shah. As usual

a great team effort!

The theme of book week was Heroes and Villains and the winners of the £5.00 book vouchers were:

Rohan Antonio, Sabinka Pazyniak, Nabiha Javed, Bilal Javed, Ishaaq Abbas, Christian Malate, Georgina Gilmartin, Lilian Bingham and Ginos Odiomume.

# World Book Day 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016



Take the creative challenge at **http://worldbookday.com** answer the question below as imaginatively as possible using one of the methods below. Entries to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.





Please visit the Friends Facebook page https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=424388321072615

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Winnery, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Walsh or Mr Copley.