

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



Executive Headteacher: Mr D Copley Head of School: Mrs R Winnery

YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

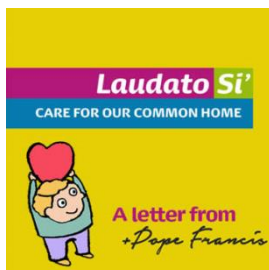
Date: **Tuesday 26th January 2016**

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

Mrs Winnery introduced the Monday Worship by reading the Sunday Gospel where Jesus presents himself to the people as the Messiah. At the time Jesus was born, the Jews had been waiting many years for someone to come and save them. The prophet Isaiah had written about the Messiah, or Christ, promised by God, and all the wondrous things he would do when he came. Jesus was the Christ, the living Son of God, who was bringing the words of Isaiah to life and making everything happen just as the words of the Scripture had foretold.

Mrs Winnery then talked to the children about a letter that Pope Francis had written addressed to every person on this planet, asking us all to protect our common home... The Earth.



In this letter known as '**Laudato Si**' Pope Francis explains that the earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder and it belongs to everyone. However, what we see today is that our common home has never been so hurt and mistreated. We have developed at a greater speed than we could have ever imagined and have treated the earth like it has an unlimited supply of resources. Mrs Winnery asked the children how they could make small changes in their lives that would help the planet. The children said they could turn off the lights, recycle rubbish and not waste water.

Mrs Winnery explained to the children that they would be finding out more about '**Laudato Si**' this week as each class will be taking part in an art project that will become part of a travelling school/parish art exhibition. Mrs Winnery asked each class to produce pieces of art that shared and celebrated their understanding of how everyone needs to look after the world for future generations.



God Bless

Mrs Winnery & Mr Copley

Class Mass

Year 5 will be having a **Class Mass** this **Wednesday 27th January at 2.30pm**. Parents are welcome to attend. Next **Wednesday 3rd February at 2.30pm** **Year 4** will be having their Class Mass.

Year 6 Class Worship

This **Thursday at 9.10am** **Year 6** will be leading the Worship Assembly which will commemorate Holocaust Day. A letter has been sent out regarding donations of old or unwanted shoes which will form part of the Worship. After Holocaust Memorial Day the shoes will be donated to Clarks Shoe Shop who will then forward them to UNICEF.

Your shoes will help to change children's lives by buying educational equipment such as the 'School in a Box'. School in a Box can transform any space into a learning space, with enough resources to educate 80 children, allowing children the chance to learn, no matter where they are, or what is happening around them. Everyone is welcome to attend the Class Worship.

Sign2Sing

Next **Thursday 4th February** during our **9.10am Whole School Worship**, Year 3 will be presenting the Sign2Sing fundraising event. Sign2Sing is an annual event, organised by the Deaf Health Charity SignHealth, which raises essential funds to help vulnerable deaf children and adults. The children have been collecting sponsorship and have learnt to sign a specially written song 'Reach out Your Hand.' This event is part of our drive as a school to become more communication friendly.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion classes are now underway in school each Thursday. On Sunday the First Holy Communion children received their gift of a small wooden cross at First Martyrs' Church. Each wooden cross depicted the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Father Gregory blessed the crosses and asked Jesus to be a loving protector of the children during their preparations. Please remember the children in your prayers.

Our Statement to Live By this week: 'I cooperate with others in work and play'.

Water Aid

Next **Friday 5th February at 9.10am**, Miss Rosie Walsh will be here to talk about her Water Aid Fundraising Music Concert that many of our children participate in.

Our School Council

The School Council consists of pupils from Year 1 up to Year 6 and they meet with Mrs Winnery every Friday lunchtime. They have been elected by their own class and teachers to represent their school in a variety of projects. This year they are working on a joint project with Lister Primary School to investigate the issue of school traffic and parking on and around Scotchman Road.

Last Wednesday, on a very cold and frosty morning, the school councils took part in a parking and traffic survey and later met to discuss their findings. The two school councils will be writing to parents to suggest ways in which parking and pupil safety could be improved. They will continue to work on this project sharing plans and ideas to help improve this issue over the next half term.



CBeebies Star

Congratulations to **Zac Benitez** in Year 1 who was selected by the BBC following auditions in school to star with Mr Bloom at the Alhambra as a 'Tiddler'. Filming takes place this weekend with Zac interacting with Mr Bloom and the dancers on the stage during the performance of The Northern Ballet production of 'Tortoise and the Hare'. Look out for Zac collecting his Oscar in years to come!

BHealthy

BHealthy have set out some healthy lifestyle programmes which are due to start shortly. These are aimed at children and families who would benefit from knowledge around eating healthily and being active, regardless of weight status and are delivered in an informal, fun and interactive manner. They are not intended to be weight management programmes and no weighing and measuring of children will be undertaken. The list of venues with dates and times is available from the school office.

Attendance

**Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow**

**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS**















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

**If we reach 97%
our attendance
will be
Outstanding.**

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

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE TARGET	% LAST WEEK w/b 18/01/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	93.21	95.02
Year 1	97	94.19	94.92
Year 2	97	97.24	96.24
Year 3	97	97.93	98.04
Year 4	97	95.33	94.91
Year 5	97	100	99.19
Year 6	97	100	97.30
Whole School	97	96.25	96.38
NEW TARGET	97%	97%	97%

Every week we look to celebrate excellence in all we do. Each class is collecting Gold Coins for their treasure chests and the winners each week will receive a prize!

Celebration Worship Leaderboard		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
Nursery:	Mini Skulls	
Reception:	Little Treasures	  
Year 1:	Mr Booth's Brave Buccaneers	 
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:

Filip Kalinski, Sabinka Pazyniak, Julia Jarecka, Leon Joseph, Lewie Bergin Smith, Kacper Karpinski, and Aadam Bashir who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week in our Celebration Worship last Friday.



Mr Copley & Mrs Winnery's Headteacher's Award went to Nella Chang.

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 unbelievably talented we will now do this on the last Friday in the month.

Celebration Worship

This week our Celebration Worship will be held on **Friday** morning at **9.10am**. Everyone is welcome.

Bad Weather Procedure



St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School will always endeavour to remain open to educate the children in our care. However, because of the very nature of the school site and the surrounding roads, snow and ice are a particular issue and there may be rare occasions when inclement weather may force us to close the school. This is due to health and safety considerations for both the staff and pupils.

If the school is closed before the start of the school day, parents will be contacted via text message as soon as possible. Please make sure the school office has your up to date mobile telephone number.

Local radio stations the 'Pulse' and Radio Leeds, the Telegraph and Argus and the Bradford Schools Online website will also have a list of closed schools. Further guidance is available on their page:

<https://bsc.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx#schoolclosures>

- If the school needs to be closed during the day, parents will be contacted by text to request that they pick up their children as soon as possible.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that they or another carer can get to school to pick up their child/children.
- Parents should inform the office of the person(s) named to collect their child in the event that they cannot get back to school in time.
- If you have work commitments please arrange for emergency day care **before** the winter sets in.

Be prepared should the school have to close at short notice.



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.