

# St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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



## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

**Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus**

### Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

This Monday's Worship focused on the question '**Who am I?**' Mrs Winnery explain that this worship was about how each one of us is **precious, valuable** and **unique**.



Mrs Winnery invited eight boys and girls to stand in a circle. She gave a ball of wool to Ishaq and asked him to hold the thread end firmly. Mrs Winnery then asked the children to throw the ball of wool to one another. After a few throws the children had made a web of wool. Mrs Winnery explained that this web showed us that just by being there, each person was playing their part, supporting the others. Just like this web, we are all interconnected. Each one of us is precious and God can see the whole picture, He alone knows how valuable our place is in his creation.

The children then watched a video clip of two parents talking about how they felt before the birth of their child. The children gave some super answers as to why the baby was precious to his parents with

Daijo recognising that the baby was a gift from God.

Mrs Winnery then showed the children a unique handprint and invited them to think about what special qualities they themselves had that they could list on their hand. Some children found this difficult to do and were reluctant to say what made them special so Mrs Winnery encouraged their friends to describe them. Mrs Winnery explained that each person in the world has their own mixture of qualities, likes and dislikes. This special mix makes us who we are: unique, precious and valuable.

In the First Reading from Sunday's Mass we were told that God has known us since before we were born and has a plan for us. Mrs Winnery explained that this meant that God has wanted them from the very beginning of time.



***'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'*** Jeremiah 1:4-5

Filip led the closing prayers for the Worship thanking God for making all of us unique. The children were asked to think of two things they could do this week to show to others how unique, valuable and precious they are.

Mrs Winnery concluded the Worship by saying that the answer to this mornings question was very simple.....**I am me.**

**Mrs R Winnery & Mr D Copley**

### Class Mass

**Year 4** will be holding their **Class Mass** this **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm**. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Year 3 Class Worship - Sign2Sing

This **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Year 3 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 and other year groups have learnt the chorus to the song so that they too may take part. We are asking for a £1.00 donation from children from other classes to go toward this charity event.

## Water Aid

This **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.10am**, during our Celebration Worship, Miss Rosie Walsh will be here to talk about her Water Aid Fundraising Music Concert that many of our children participated in. Everyone welcome.

## Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Day



Thank you for your support in donating shoes to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day last Thursday. We had a huge amount of shoes donated. These have now been taken to Clarks Shoe Shop who will now forward them to UNICEF. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Bamford for transporting them to Clarks.

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.

## Our Statement to Live By this week: 'I try to use words that make the world a better place'

**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!**

### Attendance

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE TARGET	% LAST WEEK w/b 25/01/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	95.71	95.06
Year 1	97	93.55	94.85
Year 2	97	95.17	96.19
Year 3	97	98.62	98.07
Year 4	97	98.67	95.11
Year 5	97	96.55	99.04
Year 6	97	97	97.28
<b>Whole School</b>	97	96.16	96.36
<b>NEW TARGET</b>	97%	97%	97%

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

**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:**

Mohsin Shehzad, Muhammad Javad Nawaz, Liam Villariaza, Emma Awingan, Maysie Malonzo, Rumaisah Arafat, Alesandra Amber, Megan Guanzon and Abby Rowe 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 Archie Bergin-Smith.**

**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.**

### **St Cuthbert's Alumni**

We are hoping that past pupils of our wonderful school would like to send in any old photographs or share with us their happy memories and experiences of the time they spent here as a child. Please email to school and we will upload them into the section marked Alumni on the website. We would also love to know what our past pupils went on to achieve. We want to spread the word to past families how fantastic we are and would like to welcome your children, grandchildren or even great grandchildren into our school.

### **Year 5 Greek Day**

Next **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** Year 5 will be taking part in an Ancient Greek themed day. A special visitor will be coming into school to work with the Year 5 children for the day. Children will get to experience Greek food and take part in lots of Greek themed activities. Mrs McNulty would like to invite the children to dress the part for the day. There is a small charge of £3 per child to help cover the cost which includes Ancient Greek food tasting in the afternoon. Children will still need to have their school dinner or bring in a packed lunch.

### **Messy Church**

To be held at First Martyrs' Church (Heights Lane) on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March** between **11am-1pm. Free, fun, faith-based lunch and activity session** run by local Christians at First Martyrs' Catholic Church. Children and parents/carers of any faith background, or none, are very welcome. Stories, fun, music, lunch, games, crafts.... For more information email [liz.firth@live.co.uk](mailto:liz.firth@live.co.uk) or ring/ text 0787 679 4453

### **Messy Church (Lepjave Kostola)**

Je zabavna, viera-zalozene mimoskolske lub mi Krestanmi v kostole First Martyrs v Heights Lane  
Deti a ich redicia / opatrovatelia su velmi vitane. Jedlo a pitie, Skvele, piesne, Biblicke pribehy, Mal'ovanie a lepenie, Hry a sut'aze. For more information email [liz.firth@live.co.uk](mailto:liz.firth@live.co.uk) or ring/ text 0787 679 4453

### **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.**



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**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.**