

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 9th February 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

This week we will be beginning Lent with Ash Wednesday starting the six-week journey. It doesn't seem such a long time since Christmas, but now we begin to prepare to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. Let's all try to do what we can during this Year of Mercy to seek God's mercy for ourselves and others in this time of prayer, self denial and charity.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving can be hard topics to understand – especially for children, so this week in our Monday Worship, Mrs Winnery began with a guided meditation activity. Through using the analogy of a gardener tending a garden in winter, children were encouraged to see their hearts and souls in a similar way – like gardens that need tending, pruning and feeding so that they were ready for new life to blossom.

During the Worship the children learnt about prayer, fasting and almsgiving and they were encouraged to think of specific ways to take action in these areas during Lent. Kenya will be fasting by giving up drinking tea, Cornelia suggested we raise money by having a fancy dress day and Adam said we could make a special effort to pray before we go to sleep.

During Lent we traditionally raise money for two charities, **The Good Shepherd Appeal** which supports the vital work Catholic Care does with families and children in our own diocese of Leeds, and the work of **Cafod** in the wider world.

To begin our fundraising we will be having a **Crazy Hair Day this Friday 12th February**. The children are being challenged to use their creativity and come to school with the wackiest hairstyles they can design. There will be prizes for the best designs and each child is asked to bring a **£1 donation**.

On **Monday 23rd February** we will be having a special Worship Assembly presented by **Cafod**, where we will be learning about the focus of their work this year and how we can, as a school, support this. As well as whole school events the newly formed Mini Vinnies have asked if their classes can organise events such as a bun sale or an Easter egg raffle. I will be working with the Mini Vinnies to establish a timetable of events so that you have plenty of notice.

Our theme this Lent:



Showing Mercy Showing Care Sharing Prayer

God Bless

Mrs R Winnery & Mr D Copley

**Our Statement to Live By this week:
I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in
the world around me.**



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 01/02/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	83.21	94.45
Year 1	97	96.18	94.91
Year 2	97	88.62	95.80
Year 3	97	99.31	98.13
Year 4	97	97	95.21
Year 5	97	99.66	99.08
Year 6	97	96.33	97.28
Whole School	97	94.07	96.25
NEW TARGET	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:

Sienna Fish, Jaymie Aguilar, Daniel Abraham, Anja Todorovic, Ida Naseem, Alicia Sibanda, Katie Kumar and Alex 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 Liam Elwood.

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.

Water Aid



A big well done and thank you to **all** those children who took part in Rosie Walsh's Charity Music Concert. During last weeks Celebration Worship we were treated to performances from Ejo and Alicianna.

We also met Natasha,

from the charity Water Aid, who came to thank all the children for their support. She told us that the money they had raised would be spent ensuring children around the world would have clean water to drink.



Sign2Sing

Year Three treated us to a super Class Worship last Thursday. They led the Sign2Sing event like true professionals and raised a fantastic £338.73. It was a beautiful song and one that we will certainly be singing as a whole school.

Thank you to all our families who supported this cause with sponsorship and donations.

Safer Internet Day 2016

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.



Today in school our KS2 digital leaders talked to the children about internet safety but it is important that parents also play their part too. For more advice please visit our school website where you will find lots of resources and helpful tips.

Baby Bank

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Churches are collecting items for the Salvation Army's 'Baby Bank' appeal the weekend of 13th and 14th February. Items needed are nappies, wipes, toiletries for mum & baby and newborn clothes (can be second hand). Any donations would be greatly appreciated. They will also be having an Easter Egg appeal – details to follow.

Messy Church

To be held at First Martyrs' Church (Heights Lane) on **Saturday 19th 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 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 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.



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.