

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

During Worship on Monday Mrs Winnery shared the Sunday Gospel with the children. They heard the story of Jesus forgiving a woman who had lied to her husband. Although this was a difficult Gospel for children to grasp Mrs Winnery challenged the children to think before responding in anger to situations where they might feel hard done by. The children were asked to be more like Jesus, who does not condemn people, but chooses the path of peace and forgiveness.

All the children spent a few moments reflecting on times when they had done something wrong or on times where they had needed to show forgiveness but failed to. They were encouraged to say sorry to God in the quiet of their hearts and then offer each other the sign of peace.



As part of the Worship Miss McAlpine called forward the children that had been selected to become our founder members of the 'Mini Vinnies'. These children had to write a letter stating why they wanted to join the St Vincent De Paul Society and how they would make a difference to our local community and Parish. We were delighted with the response from the children and the quality of their letters. This newly formed group will meet every Thursday lunchtime with Miss McAlpine.

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected - **Joseph Zachariah, Daijo Jentin, Nikos Kaciun, Julyannah Jardiniano, Nella Chang, Clare Usero, Tayyibah Abbas, Amy Artjos, Amber Parrington and Iram Malik.**

We will be holding a **Commissioning Ceremony** at **2.45pm on the 24th March** for these children with representatives from the SVP in attendance. All parents and friends are invited.

Mrs R Winnery & Mr D Copley

Sponsored Aerobics

Our sponsored aerobics event was held on Wednesday 9th March. Each class in Key Stage 2 had an aerobic session that afternoon and followed Miranda's workout DVD on the large screen. Many thanks to the staff in Key Stage 2 for leading us all in an energetic workout - I know of certain members who struggled to lift their arms the following day!



Sponsored Nursery Rhyme Event

Our youngest children in Foundation Stage also played their part superbly on Friday towards our Lenten Fundraising.

In front of a large crowd of family and friends the children performed solo, with the microphone, the song or rhyme they had learnt by heart. This was a big ask of our younger children but they rose to the challenge and delighted us all with their renditions of 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and 'Mary had a Little Lamb' to name just a few.



Sponsored Run



Our Key Stage 1 children took part in their sponsored run. Luckily the weather was fine and **all** the children and staff ran a mile around the MUGA which, I am reliably informed, is 22 laps.

A great achievement by everyone. Well done!



Bun Sale Today

Thank you to everyone who donated buns for our Lenten bun sale today. Thanks to your generosity we have enough buns for another **sale tomorrow**.

Last Lenten Fundraising Event

Last year the children brought in loose change that we made into a large cross in the Hall. This year we hope to make an even bigger cross. To do this we will be collecting loose change all through Lent and making our cross on **Monday 21st March**. No amount is too small!

Thank you to everyone who has helped in our Lenten Fundraising this Year. The final total will be revealed as soon as every penny is totted up!

There will be **NO** Celebration Worship this Friday as we are having a Mass for **St Cuthbert's Feast Day**. All parents and friends invited. The Mass will commence at **9.10am**.

Year 5 Class Worship

This will take place on **Thursday 17th March at 9.10am**. There will be prizes for the '**Design a Road Safety Poster Competition**' and Lister Primary School Council are joining us to help present the prizes. Parents and friends are very welcome. The winners will also be sharing lunch with the winners from Lister Primary School next **Tuesday 22nd March**.

Lenten Prayers

Mrs Winney will be holding Lenten Prayers tomorrow morning at **8.40am** in the Hall. All parents and children are invited.

Palm Sunday

At First Martyrs' Church this **Sunday**, at the **10.30am** Mass, the children taking their First Holy Communion this year will be presented with a gift from school of a Bible. Everyone is welcome.

**Our Statement to Live By this week:
'I know what humility means'**



..... to our Executive Head teacher, Mr Copley, for being shortlisted in the Telegraph & Argus Bradford and District Schools Awards 2016, in the Leadership Category.

..... also to Mrs Winnery, our Head of School, for receiving her 25 Years' Continuous Service Teaching Award yesterday from Bradford Council.

How lucky we are to have such hard working and dedicated staff leading our school.



Staff Changes

At Easter we will be saying goodbye, and a big thank you, to Mrs Tordoff who will be returning to her home town of Liverpool. We thank her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to our pupils in Year 4 and wish her every success in the future in whatever new challenges and opportunities she decide to embark upon.

We have appointed Miss Sheehan, an experienced Teacher, to take over in Year 4 for the Summer term. Miss Sheehan is on secondment from St Francis Catholic Primary School. She has met with the children and staff and was introduced to our Year 4 parents at their Consultation Evenings last week. We are interviewing, after Easter, for a permanent Class Teacher to join our happy school in September.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be joined by Mrs Wilson, after Easter, as our new Pastoral Support Worker. Mrs Wilson brings a wealth of expertise to our team and will be a great asset to the school in her work with our children.

Skipton Music Festival

Congratulations to our very talented School Choir and Mrs Bolland, our superb Music Director, for gaining **First Place in the Skipton Music Festival** on Friday. Comments from the judges were highly complimentary, " Nice and expressive... a lovely sense of energy... very clear words – the Choir produced a super sound."

Film Night

This **Friday** is our Film Night from **3.30pm-6pm**. Tickets are still available from the Office.

World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March

To help raise awareness of WDSO we are inviting our school family to wear socks...BUT NOT JUST ANY SOCKS... brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock... even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes. If you don't normally wear socks, then wear them. Pupils are to wear their school uniform as normal.

Note for your Diary from the Friends of St Cuthberts

Our next event will be **Easter Treats next Tuesday 22nd March**. Donations of buns to sell or help to sell them would be very welcome.

Easter Treats	Tuesday 22nd March
Bags2School	Thursday 26th May 9am
Fathers' Day Secret Room	14th, 15th & 16th June
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2nd July
Summer Disco	Friday 8th July

School Visits

Year 2 had a fantastic day at the **Yorkshire Wildlife Centre** on Monday.

Reception children will be going to **Nell Bank Outdoor Centre** on **Friday 6th May**.

Year 5 & 6 are able to visit the **Alhambra** on **Thursday 14th April** to watch a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to enhance their learning on William Shakespeare.

Attendance

**Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow**

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**























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

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE TARGET	% LAST WEEK w/b 07/03/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	99.29	94.89
Year 1	97	98.06	94.86
Year 2	97	92.41	95.75
Year 3	97	97.93	97.95
Year 4	97	90	94.28
Year 5	97	98.28	98.73
Year 6	97	97	96.92
Whole School	97	95.93	96.04
NEW TARGET	97%	97%	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!

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:

Joy Abraham, Noorun-Nisaa Hussain, Burhan Qureshi, Leo Kelby, Filip Kapsiak, Giacomo Spinks, Tayyibah Abbas and Eton Lau.



Mr Copley & Mrs Winnery's Headteachers' Award went to Mohammed Naqvi.

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.

Reminder

Next Thursday 24th March is our last day in school as we break up for our Easter Holiday. We wish all our families a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing our children back in school on Monday 11th April 2016.



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.