

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 12th April 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all have had a lovely Easter break.

We were delighted to be joined for Monday Worship by Father Gregory as we reflected on Jesus' death and resurrection and what that meant for us personally. Mrs Winnery showed the children a series of pictures and asked the children to help her solve a mystery. The four clues were pictures of an empty tomb and a cloth, a note reading "I did this for you" and a picture of some nails. The children were able to piece together the story of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection with Ginos recognising the empty tomb and Sylwester identifying that the note was from Jesus because he was our Saviour.



The children were next shown a picture of a beautiful garden and asked to imagine they met the risen Jesus there as Mrs Winnery took them on a guided reflection. The children heard how Jesus had died and rose again so that they could be friends forever. After the reflection the children were able to share their feelings about meeting Jesus. Edward in Nursery knew it was the garden that Jesus was in, Archie in Year 2 talked about the grass swaying under his feet and feeling happy and Erin in Year 1 said she had felt trepidatious. All the children placed their hands on their hearts and asked Jesus to be with them through all of their life. The children then listened to a song "We thought that it was over" and left the worship with the message that Jesus was here among us now.

Holy Week



During Holy Week Years 3 and 4 took us thoughtfully, and reverently, through the events leading up to Good Friday. It was humbling to see our children tell the story with such simplicity and care. Yesterday, Year 3 shared with the school and parents the most exciting part of the Easter Story, Jesus' Resurrection and reminded us all of the joy of new life.

Lenten Charity Fundraising

We have raised a **fantastic £1135.45** for The Good Shepherd Appeal and Cafod. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to such worthy causes that transforms the lives of many children at home and around the world.

Year 1 Class Worship

This **Thursday 14th April at 9.10am** is our **Year 1 Class Worship**. Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend.

Year 4 Class Worship

This will be held on **Thursday 28th April at 9.10am**. Parents and friends are invited as always.

Celebration Worship

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

Our Statement to Live By this week:
I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings

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 21/03/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	99.55	95.13
Year 1	97	91.13	94.78
Year 2	97	93.97	95.78
Year 3	97	96.12	97.92
Year 4	97	94.58	94.23
Year 5	97	100	98.82
Year 6	97	97.92	97.05
Whole School	97	96.01	96.09
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	

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.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all our parents who took the time to reply to our Parental Questionnaire handed out at Parents' Consultation Evening about the Catholic Life of our school. We were delighted to see that 100% of parents were happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches and that they felt welcomed when they visited the school. We were also pleased to find out that 99% of parents felt the school was a caring institution based on clear Christian values and that parents were happy with the Religious Education provided by the school.

We looked carefully at the feedback you gave us and 14% of parents were unsure about how we taught other faiths. As a school we need to make that message clearer and share with parents our work around other faiths. Next week we will be focusing as a whole school on Sikhism with the children learning about important aspects of Sikhism: it's belief in one omnipotent and omnipresent God and the equality of all people.

What I like about our school as a Catholic School: Extracts from the Questionnaires:

"There is a strong focus on religious values that are positive to my child's learning"

"Equally respects children and parents of other faiths"

"Teaches the good values of being a Catholic"

"Everyone is welcomed and celebrated"

"The Worships enable the children to understand the Gospel at their level of understanding."

Mass in school reinforces our faith – as does Benediction in school"

What I would like to see improved about our school as a Catholic School: Extracts from the Questionnaires:

"Holy Mass once a Month"

"As I work mornings – it would be a good idea to have an evening Mass"

"Cannot think of anything at the moment. You are doing a brilliant job – Thank you!"

Summer Uniform

As we are now in the 'Summer' term the summer school uniform may be worn.

The girls may wear a blue gingham dress, red cardigan, white socks and black shoes.

Year 6 girls may wear a blue polo shirt instead of a dress. Boys wear a blue polo shirt,

grey shorts or long grey trousers, royal blue jumper (no sweatshirts) and black shoes.



Alhambra Visit

This Thursday at 7pm a number of our Year 5 and 6 children will be visiting the theatre to watch a production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare.

Swimming for the Summer Term

Reception	Friday Morning	Swimming costs £15.00 per term. Please send payment, next term, to the school office. (No charge for Year 6 as it is funded by the council.)
Year 2	Wednesday Morning	
Year 4	Tuesday Morning	
Year 6	Thursday Afternoon at St Bede's	

Notes for your Diary from the Friends of St Cuthberts

Easter Treats: We raised **£131.87**. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased treats on the day. Also a big thank you to Mrs Spinks, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Hardy for all their help selling the treats.

*The Friends are holding a meeting on **Tuesday 19th April at 6.15pm** in school. Everyone is welcome. It would be lovely to see some new parents and friends.*

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

School Summer Term Lunch Menus are available from the School Office and are on the school website.

Good Luck

Mrs Kelby, mum of Erin and Leo Kelby, is taking on the massive challenge of the **London Marathon** on **Sunday 24th April 2016** in order to raise funds and awareness for the **JDRF**, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. To help raise funds for this deserving cause, please either visit

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ErinMaryKelby> or you can donate in the Golf Shop at Hollins Hall

Thank you! The money raised will help JDRF to move forward in its mission to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes. **Chris, Jude, Leo and Erin Kelby.**



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.