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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 19th April 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

On Monday Mrs Winnery introduced Worship by asking the children to share what they knew about sheep and shepherds. The children knew that the shepherd's job was to keep the sheep safe and to make sure they were fed and watered. Mrs Winnery then dressed Dylan as a shepherd and told the children that he was Jesus, 'The Good Shepherd.' Mrs Winnery explained what a good shepherd would do to keep his flock safe and asked Dylan to lie down on the floor guarding his sheep. A good shepherd would become the gatekeeper and put himself physically between the sheep and the wolves that prowled at night in the dark.

Next, Tayyibah read the Sunday Gospel from John where Jesus said "*My sheep know my voice and they follow me. I know everyone by name and they can always trust me to take care of them and protect them from harm.*" The children watched a video clip of a modern day shepherd out on an empty misty moor calling to his sheep, the video showed that within minutes the shepherd was surrounded by his flock. They had recognised his call and knew he would take care of them.



Mrs Winnery explained that Jesus used the idea of a shepherd and his flock to make people understand that he would guide and look after his people and to show us that we can place all our trust in his love and care. The Worship ended with the children sitting quietly listening to the words of the hymn 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. The message, on going forth, was to try to listen to what Jesus is saying to us and to think carefully about how we can follow him.

Mrs R Winnery & Mr D Copley

Today Year 3 have gone on a visit to the Gurdwara Singh Sabha in Bradford to learn about sacred places of worship as part of **Other Faiths Week**. Tomorrow we will be joined by Mrs Kaur from the Interfaith Centre who will be talking to the children about Sikhism in a special Assembly. Visits and visitors like these help us all to understand the traditions and values of different members of our community and teach us about respect and tolerance.

Year 1 Class Worship

Last Thursday, in their Class Worship, Year 1 shared with us their learning about Spring. The children all spoke confidently and read beautifully about the changing seasons and their visit to Lister Park. The highlight of the Worship was when the children recited and acted out the poem by William Wordsworth 'I wandered lonely as a cloud' which they illustrated with paintings of bright yellow daffodils. The children definitely brought the sunshine with them!

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.

First Holy Communion

A reminder that the next meeting for the parents' of the children making their First Holy Communion will be on **Tuesday 26th April at 6pm** in school.

Our Statement to Live By this week: I know how to help others when they are in trouble

St Cuthberts' Alumni

On Monday we were delighted to welcome back a past pupil, Mr Michael d'Arcy who with his two brothers had spent many a happy time at St Cuthbert's during the 1980's. Mr d'Arcy had offered to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about his role as a Barrister in London, his time at Oxford as a student studying Physics and how he had gone on to study Law. He brought with him his wig and gown and after a discussion let the children ask questions and try on his robes.

Mr d'Arcy had fond memories of the Bishop's visit to school and of sitting in the hall just where the children were sitting now. He also remembered



how he had once been given a cup of tea in the staffroom to warm himself up after walking up from St Cuthbert's Church after serving at Mass on a cold wintery day. He was thankful for the great teachers he'd had and the strong faith we nurtured at St Cuthbert's.

Mr d'Arcy was delighted with the children's responses and was very impressed with how smart school looked. We are always pleased to hear from past pupils and would like to thank Mr d'Arcy for helping to inspire and motivate our children to be the best they can be, we want our pupils to see themselves as learners who put no limit on what they can achieve!



Reception & Year 6 Class Photograph

On **Wednesday 27th April at 1pm** the school photographer will be here to take Class photographs of Reception and Year 6. Further details will be sent out at a later date.

Year 6 SATs week beginning 9th May

There is less than a month to go before the SATs. This is the culmination of all their Key Stage 2 teaching not just the teaching of Year 6. It is very important that you ensure that your child completes all their homework. After SATs their homework demands do reduce - the end is in sight.

We try and make it as stress free as possible for all the children and do emphasis that all we want is for each child to do the best they can. The advice below may be of help:

Attendance: Make sure your child attends each day during SATs week. The tests have to be taken at a specified time, if your child is away unfortunately for them, and the school, they count as getting a zero.

Breakfast/Lunch: Get your child in the habit of taking time for a nutritious breakfast every day. A hungry child is not going to learn well. If they have a packed lunch then make sure they have a well-balanced meal. Year 6 children will be given extra fruit throughout that week as a treat.

Sleep: Get your child into a regular sleep routine then stick to it! Most children need ten hours sleep each night. No late night TV or computer games!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As part of our ongoing school safeguarding procedures parents and carers are **not allowed** to enter school through any door other than the Main Entrance. On entering through the Main Entrance please wait for assistance at the Desk. Thank you.

Notes for your Diary from the Friends of St Cuthberts

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

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

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 11/04/2016 | % ATTENDANCE this year to date |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reception | 97 | 97.50 | 95.22 |
| Year 1 | 97 | 99.03 | 94.94 |
| Year 2 | 97 | 96.55 | 95.81 |
| Year 3 | 97 | 100 | 98 |
| Year 4 | 97 | 97.67 | 94.36 |
| Year 5 | 97 | 100 | 98.87 |
| Year 6 | 97 | 99.67 | 97.15 |
| Whole School | 97 | 98.35 | 96.18 |
| 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 | | |
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| 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:

Ava Ahmar, Nabihah Javed, Monica Fadrihan, Joshua Gutman, Zac Richards, David Villaneuva, Krystelle Remoroza and Haven-Grace Antonio who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week in our Celebration Worship last Friday.



Mr Copley & Mrs Winnery's Headteachers' Award went to Zak Benitez.

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.



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.