

# St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

### Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

On Monday, in Worship, the children heard the conclusion of the story 'Bonnie's Brother'. The children were keen to find out how the story worked out and could remember clearly the choices facing Ben and his family. Mrs Winnery shared with the children the Gospel acclamation from Sunday's Mass **"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time"**. Nehan was able to tell everybody that Jesus had made that promise and Mrs Winnery explained that in the next part of the story they would see how God was there for Bonnie and Ben through the actions of other people.

The children watched the animated film and saw how Ben's parents welcomed him back with loving forgiveness. Mrs Winnery asked the children to think about how God had worked through others. John described how, at the shelter, Ben had been given food and had been able to get clean. Mrs Winnery reminded the children that they too had helped the lost and lonely with their fundraising for the Good Shepherd Appeal. The children talked about how they could give a homeless person money or food if they saw them begging. Maria suggested we could give them love and remind them they are not invisible. The Worship ended with the children joining in prayer thanking Jesus for all the times he has been there for us. Mrs Winnery asked the children to be there for others this week when they needed help.

### May Procession



Every year we celebrate the month of May with a May Procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Thursday 5th May all the children and their families processed around the school grounds carrying flowers to lay around our statue of Mary.

In the Hall we prayed to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and crowned Mary with blossoms. Mrs Winnery took the opportunity to present Year 6 with

their Miraculous Medals and told everyone the story of how Mary had appeared to St Catherine and had given her the design of the medal. The children were reminded that the medal was a sign that we are putting our trust in Mary and asking her to give us her support. The children behaved impeccably as usual and their singing was beautiful. As always this was a lovely tribute to Our Lady enjoyed by all.



Year 6 with their Miraculous Medals



## The Good Shepherd Celebration

On Friday 6th May, St Cuthbert's, alongside St Francis', had the honour of organising and leading the liturgy for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Celebration at Leeds Cathedral. This was attended by representatives of all the Catholic School in the Diocese. The children from St Francis' read the opening prayers and gospel and our Year 5 class led the singing for the liturgy. I was immensely proud of the children, who not only sang like angels, but were excellent ambassadors for our school with their exemplary behaviour and focus during what was a very long service. We were delighted to present the Bishop with a cheque for **£1000** that you helped to raise during Lent. The children had the opportunity to talk to the Bishop and tell him a little bit about the activities we had organised.



Thank you to Mrs Bolland for all the work she has done with the choir and for sharing her enthusiasm and love for music with the children. Thank you also to Mr Alex Kyle from the Leeds Diocese Music team who has helped to prepare the choir for the celebration. You can see more photographs from the celebration on the diocese website:

<https://www.patricksicephotography.co.uk/blog/good%20shepherd/>

**Our Statement to Live By this week: I try to accept forgiveness from others**

## 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 3/05/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	92.41	94.89
Year 1	97	97.58	95.15
Year 2	97	96.12	95.88
Year 3	97	93.15	97.88
Year 4	97	97.50	94.40
Year 5	97	95	98.64
Year 6	97	98.75	97.18
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>95.78</b>	<b>96.14</b>
<b>NEW TARGET</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>

**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:	Miss Sheehan's Scallywags	   
Year 5:	Full Fathom Five	  
Year 6:	Pieces of Six	



## World War II Event

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Key Stage 2 took part in an exciting WWII Murder Mystery event. The children watched the drama unfolding in a factory canteen and had to work in teams to solve the murder. It was a great day and the children really enjoyed pitting their detective skills against the adults. It was part of a series of events planned to capture the children's imagination and get their creative writing skills flowing.



## Our Golden Jubilee

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs'. The whole school is being treated to what is being named as 'St Cuthberts' Surprise!' The day will include a picnic lunch and will be a double celebration as it will mark the end of SATs week for our Year 6 pupils. A letter with more details has gone out to parents.

The 'St Cuthberts' Surprise' is just one of a number of activities we have planned to celebrate the school's Golden Jubilee. All this week pupils will be learning about the 1960s and the history of the school in lessons. Although the current school started life in 1966, the original St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' school dates back to the 1870s when there was an infant and junior school on two sites, one of which forms part of the current Lister Primary School. We have brochures showing school life at the time of the opening, pictures of the old schools and pupils as well as school history booklets and original writing and letters done by the first intake of pupils in 1966 and 1967 which the children will be exploring.

We are busy making a commemorative tea towel and current pupils and staff have been asked to draw pictures of themselves to go on it. The School Council has been asked to come up with ideas for the content of a **Time Capsule** which will be buried in our Story Telling Garden. Former staff and pupils will be invited to a celebration evening, at a date yet to be set, which will give them a chance to look back on the school's first 50 years on our current site, so watch out for your invitation.

## Night Zookeeper



Year 4 have been working very hard over the last two weeks creatively writing on the Night Zookeeper website.

They have completed lots of exciting writing missions, created very imaginative zoo animals and have been reading and commenting on each other's writing.

As a class, they have written over 17, 000 words! Sylwester's superhero creation story was picked to be featured in this week's Night Zookeeper online newspaper 'Night News' which is read by many schools worldwide. He received a certificate for his achievement.

## Bags 2 School

The empty bags to be filled for the **Bags 2 School** will be going out this week and will be **collected on the 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9am**. Please could you fill with men's, ladies' and children's clothing. Also paired shoes (tied together or with an elastic band around them), handbags, ties, belts, soft toys and jewellery would also be most welcome.

## Swimming Helper

We are currently seeking a Swimming Helper to go on a Swimming Helper Rota. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each week then please contact the School Office. A DBS will be required but at no cost to the Helper.



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.**