

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

During Monday's whole school worship Mrs Winnery introduced 'Refugee Week' and helped the children to engage with the reality of who refugees are. Children learnt that a refugee was 'someone who had been forced to leave their home because it was not safe' and that a refugee was 'someone just like you and me'.

Next the children watched a short film about the lives of two children who were just like them, but because they were born in a different country they lived their lives in danger. At the end of the film Mrs Winnery asked the children the question "What would you miss if you had to leave your home?" Alvin in Year 2 shared his experiences of having to leave his home when they had had a gas leak and he'd had to live elsewhere until it was fixed. Alvin didn't mention missing his toys or expensive gaming equipment but said he'd missed his garden, other children said that they would miss their grandparents and their bed!

The children were then given the chance to think about what the journey must be like for these children, as well as the difficulty they face seeking refuge in another country far from home.

Mrs Winnery explained that in the second reading from Sunday's Mass, St Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, had said everyone is one with Jesus. This means we must not see a distinction between ourselves and people who are refugees - we are all equal and they are our brothers and sisters.

Sanctuary School Presentation

This week St Cuthbert and The First Martyrs' officially became a School of Sanctuary. Over the last two years we have been collecting a portfolio of evidence of all the excellent work we do in making our school a place of welcome and safety.

A School of Sanctuary is a school that helps its students, staff and wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all. A big thank you goes to Mrs Bamford for championing this vision and to Miss McAlpine and Year 3 who represented our school at the Award Ceremony. The school has received a lovely certificate and a cheque for £50 from Bradford University.



Welcome: Refugee Week Art Exhibition 20th - 25th June 2016

Welcome will run for the whole of Refugee Week, from Monday 20th to Saturday 25th June 2016, in a pop-up gallery, at 5 John Street, Bradford BD1 3JS. Art work from St Cuthbert's will be on display at the all-age exhibition.

Year 1 Worship



On Thursday Year 1 led our worship and retold the story of Jesus calming the storm. Year 1 spoke confidently and shared their writing about the times they had been afraid and how they knew that they could always put their trust in Jesus to take care of them.

Well done Year 1.

Year 5 Class Worship

Year 5 will be holding their Class Worship on **Thursday 23rd June at 9.10am**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Year 6 Class Worship

This will be held on **Thursday 30th June at 9.10am**. Everyone is welcome.

Our Statement to Live By this week:

I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect 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 13/06/2016 | % ATTENDANCE this year to date |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reception | 97 | 96.79 | 94.87 |
| Year 1 | 97 | 99.03 | 95.53 |
| Year 2 | 97 | 96.00 | 96.01 |
| Year 3 | 97 | 99.03 | 97.84 |
| Year 4 | 97 | 99.33 | 94.76 |
| Year 5 | 97 | 97.74 | 98.48 |
| Year 6 | 97 | 92.00 | 96.97 |
| Whole School | 97 | 97.01 | 96.20 |
| 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: | Miss Sheehan's Scallywags | |
| Year 5: | Full Fathom Five | |
| Year 6: | Pieces of Six | |

Congratulations to:

Sofia & Michela Fiorani, Caitlin Waterhouse, Musa Majid, Archie Collins, Thomas Brown, Christopher Malate and Aron Armas who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week in our Celebration Worship last Friday.



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 celebrate this on the last Friday in the month.

Nursery



Today our Nursery were visited by PCSO Sam Sagar. He comes in each year to talk to the children about the many roles of the Police Force.

The children enjoyed dressing up as Police Officers and sitting in the back of the Police Van and listening to the sirens!

Sam is now retiring and we wish him well and thank him for his commitment to our school.

Ten Ten Theatre

Ten Ten is an award-winning theatre company with a Catholic ethos working in primary and secondary schools throughout the UK. On **Wednesday 22nd June** they will be visiting our school to work with our children. Parents are invited to join us for a **15 minute assembly at 9.10am** with the children, led by Ten Ten. This will give you an opportunity to experience the work of Ten Ten and also help you to discuss the day with your child.

Transition Day – Year 6

Wednesday 29th June will be Transition Day for our Year 6 children who will be visiting their new upper schools. **Can we remind parents of Year 6 children that it is your responsibility to get your child to their new school and arrange to pick them up.**

Transition Day – Other Classes

All other children will be visiting their new classrooms and meeting with their teachers on **Wednesday 6th July 2016.**

Summer Fair

It was not an easy decision to cancel this year's Summer Fair as we know how much the children look forward to it and how it brings all our school community together. We will still be going ahead with a Summer Raffle Draw as the prizes had already been bought or kindly donated to the Friends.

We plan to hold the draw on **Friday 1st July after school at 4pm** in our playground. Whilst you wait for the draw there will be a small number of game activities for the children to play such as 'Hook a Duck', a refreshment stall and a tombola. For the tombola we are looking for **donations of bottles and unwanted gift items** to be brought into school the week beginning **Monday 27th June** and **buns/cakes** for the refreshments stall **on Friday 1st July**. Thank you for your support.

Summer Raffle Tickets



Tickets for the Summer Raffle will be sent out this week to each family. Please try and sell as many as possible to help raise money for the school. There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won for just 50p per ticket. The main prize is a **HP Pavilion X2 Laptop**. Other prizes include match tickets for Bradford City Football Club and Bradford Bulls Rugby Club, a signed Bradford Bulls Rugby Ball plus many more great prizes to be won.

End of Year Disco – Whole School

This is to be held on **Friday 8th July** between **7pm and 9pm** at First Martyrs' Church Hall.



Sports Day

This year Sports Day will be held on **Friday 15th July**. Further details to follow.



Year 6 End of Year Events

Our Leavers' Mass will be held on **Wednesday 20th July at 6.30pm** at **First Martyrs' Church** which will be followed by the **Year 6 Leavers' Disco** to be held downstairs in the Church Hall.

Year 6 Production



The production this year is **Mary Poppins** to be performed by Year 6 on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July 2016**. Further details regarding times to follow.

Swimming

The swimming timetable for this term is:

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| Reception | Friday morning |
| Year 2 | Wednesday morning |
| Year 4 | Tuesday morning |
| Year 6 | Thursday afternoon |

Reminder

School dinners are **£1.60** per day or **£8.00** for the week. Payment must be made on the day or on the Monday for the current week.

Heaton Woods Trust Open Day

This is to be held on **Sunday 10th July from 11am until 4pm**. Activities on Sean's Pond and adjacent to the mowed meadows include a Bouncy Castle and Ball Pool, Archery, Pond Dipping, Hook a Duck, BBQ and lots more. Entrance via Aireville Avenue or Park Drive.



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.