

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 13th December 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

This week, the third week of Advent, follows Gaudete Sunday. The word 'Gaudete' means 'Rejoice!' and in this third week, we begin to celebrate the joy of Christ's coming after a penitential start to the Advent season. It is a joyous week in school, with our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities and our Christmas Disco. Final preparations are also underway for our Key Stage 2 Carol Service and Christmas parties next week. After thinking about our Advent theme of 'Find the silence through the noise...' for the first part of Advent, perhaps this week it is our opportunity to let a little of that noise return and begin to build up the excitement as we await the birth of our Lord.

D Copley, Mrs Walsh and Miss Burgess

Nursery & Reception Nativity



Nursery and Reception got us into the festive spirit this morning performing their wonderful Nativity. Such fabulous singing and excellent acting skills brought a tear to many a parent's eye. Well done to the children and a big thank you to all the staff for making this a special time for our families.



SVP Please can I remind all families that the SVP (Saint Vincent De Paul) Society are working in our Parish. This charity supports families and individuals in a variety of ways at times of hardship.

If your family could do with some extra help at this time please either contact Mrs Bamford in school or Mr Brian Rowe at St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Church in complete confidence.

Mini Vinnie Bun Sale

Buns will be on sale at break time on Thursday. All buns are **50p** each. Children from Years 5 and 6 will be able to buy buns at the end of the day as they are at Church in the morning. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the cold weather packs that the Mini Vinnies are fundraising for. Any donations of buns would be very welcome. Thank you.

Christingle Service

Thank you to all our parents and children who attended the **Christingle Service** at First Martyrs' Church, last Sunday. The children produced some wonderful Christingles to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World".

Our Statement to Live By this week: I try to love others as I love myself

Events This Term

Class	Event	Date	Time
Years 1 & 2	Nativity	Thurs 15 th Dec	2.00pm. Everyone invited.
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Advent Carol Service	Mon 19 th Dec	7.00pm St Cuthbert's Church. Everyone invited.
All Classes	Carols by the Crib	Tues 20 th Dec	2.00pm Everyone invited.

Excellence in all we do. Outstanding every day.

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 5/12/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	98.15	96.64
Year 1	97	95.36	97.41
Year 2	97	95.67	95.63
Year 3	97	94.67	96.24
Year 4	97	98.06	97.45
Year 5	97	98.33	97.61
Year 6	97	98.62	98.43
Whole School	97	96.98	97.05
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!

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:	Scurvy Landbubbers	 
Year 2:	Broken Bones	
Year 3:	Plank Walkers	
Year 4:	Deadly Fours	
Year 5:	Miss Dobson's Daaarrlins	 
Year 6:	Shiver My Sixers	

Congratulations to:

Michalina Adamska, Zofia Bierkat, Caitlin Waterhouse, Julia Jarecka, Aayan Ahmed, Thomas Brown and Francine Lebrilla 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.

Fluoride Application Reception and Nursery

Nurses from the Dental NHS team will be calling on **Wednesday 11th January 2017** to speak to Parents/Carers if you have any concerns over the fluoride application. They will visit Nursery at **11.45am** and Reception at **3.15pm**. The fluoride application which will be taking place on **Tuesday 24th January 2017** for both classes.

Christmas Disco

This is to be held on **Friday 16th December 2016** in school. Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 from **6.00pm to 7.15pm**. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from **7.30pm to 9.00pm**. This is a ticket only event.

Class Christmas Parties – Monday 19th December

The children will be having their Class parties on Monday afternoon. This will be a non-uniform day. Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be walking to church in the morning for a rehearsal so please make sure they are suitably attired for the weather. Thank you.



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 Miss Burgess, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Walsh, or Mr Copley.

SCHOOL MILK

Changes to School Milk Provision – Advance Notice

This is the last time you will be able to order milk through school. From the beginning of April 2017 (Summer Term) school milk provision will be changing and parents will have to register with the school milk website to order, and pay, for milk. More information about the new system will be coming home during next term. **When a child reaches their 5th birthday they now have to pay for milk**, but as a school, we will not introduce this until the term after the child has reached their 5th birthday.

MILK - £10.00

If your child would like to have milk when we come back to school in January please fill in the slip below and return to school by **Friday 16th December 2016**.



Children who are in receipt of **free school meals (not universal infant free school meals)** are entitled to **free school milk**. Children in Nursery and Reception children under the age of 5 receive free school milk.

MILK WILL NOT BE ORDERED AFTER THIS DATE – Friday 16th December 2016

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MILK – January 2017

Name of Child: Year:

My child would like school milk and I enclose:

£10 for the Spring Term (January 2017)

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My child would like school milk and I will bring in payment on the 3rd January 2017

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(Please delete as appropriate)

My child is eligible for free school meals and **would / would not** like to have milk

Signed: Date: