

# St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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## YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

### Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

The term is drawing to a close, as is the season of Advent and the wait for Christmas is nearly over. In their classes and at home, the children have been counting down the days remaining until Christmas Day and whilst the excitement over presents, Father Christmas and party time has been building, we have also found the time to continue looking for the silence through the noise and reflecting on the coming of our Lord Jesus. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 presented two wonderful nativities last week, Key Stage 2 hosted a beautiful Carol Service in church last night. This afternoon we welcome parents to share in our Carols Round the Crib Liturgy in school.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity this Advent.

- On Monday, Eileen from the Gianna Project collected dozens of items that our families kindly donated, some of which went immediately out to new mothers in need.
- Also on Monday, we delivered the hundreds of food items donated through our reverse advent calendar to the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank.
- The Mini Vinnies held a retiring collection at the end of the Key Stage 2 Carol Service that raised a phenomenal **£236.02**. With this and the money raised through last week's bun sale, the Mini Vinnies will be able to buy over **100** Cold Weather Packs for those in need this winter.
- The Friends of the School ran an extremely successful and enjoyable disco on Friday night, raising over **£800**.



### Food Bank



### Gianna Project



We cannot thank you enough for your support for our charities this month. Christmas can be a demanding time, in terms of both expense and time, and we are extremely proud of the kindness and love shown by our school community towards those in need.

On behalf of all at St Cuthbert and The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School, we wish you a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the new term in 2017.

God Bless.

Mr D Copley, Mrs S Walsh and Miss S Burgess

### Key Stage 1 Nativity

Years 1 and 2 last week brought us the story of the birth of Jesus told through the eyes of the Innkeeper, in their nativity performance of The Innkeeper's Breakfast. Marc in Year 2 played a jolly, happy Innkeeper, who became increasingly frustrated as more and more people arrived at the Inn and interrupted his big breakfast! Finally, he looked in the stable and saw the reason why so many people wanted to visit his Inn and was so in awe, he forgot all about his toast and jam. The audience were impressed with the children's fantastic singing, particularly from the children of Year 1 and great acting from the budding stars of Year 2.



### Key Stage 2 Carol Service



We welcomed a huge number of parents, friends and parishioners to our annual Carol Service last night. Children from Years 3 to 6 presented readings to tell the story of Jesus' birth, led the congregation in the singing of some familiar carols and performed several songs they had been learning throughout Advent. During the service, a traditional Jesse Tree was built up, with images and symbols representing parts of the nativity story. The children spoke and sang beautifully



and thanks go to Miss Burgess, Mrs Bolland, Mr Kyle and all the Key Stage 2 staff for preparing this moving and enjoyable service.

### Church Services

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Family Vigil Mass at St Cuthbert's Church, Wilmer Road, Heaton at **6pm on 24th December**. Children can come dressed in their own nativity outfits and meet in the Sacristy about 10 minutes before the start of Mass. At 6pm they will process from the Sacristy to the crib during the processional hymn.

**Midnight Mass** – at First Martyrs' Church

**Christmas Day - 10.30am** First Martyrs' Church

On **Sunday 8th January**, during Mass there will be a special blessing given to each family - all welcome.

### SVP



The Mini Vinnies would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported this Advent's fundraising. The total raised for the Cold Weather Packs was an **amazing £345.02!** Christmas can be such an expensive time of year and we thank you for your generosity for those in need.

## The Work of Christmas

When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and Princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner, To teach the nations,  
To bring Christ to all, To make music in the heart.



### Goodbye, Thank You and God Bless to Mrs Lonsdale



Last Friday, as part of our final celebration worship of the term we said thank you, good bye and God Bless to our longest serving and highly valued member of staff, Mrs Pauline Lonsdale. Mrs Lonsdale has been a Lunchtime Supervisor at St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' for more than thirty years and even looked after Mr Copley when he was a pupil at our school.

As part of the worship we passed on our thanks and appreciation for the time, dedication and love she has shown the children in her care over this period. Mrs Lonsdale has cared for over one thousand children and been an absolute star at St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs'. Our school has

been blessed to have had someone so welcoming and caring for so many years.

**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 12/12/2016	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	98.52	96.78
Year 1	97	96.43	97.34
Year 2	97	95.33	95.61
Year 3	97	97.33	96.37
Year 4	97	95.48	97.31
Year 5	97	96.33	97.52
Year 6	97	100.00	98.55
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97.06</b>	<b>97.06</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!**



**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!**

 <b>Celebration Worship Leaderboard</b> 		
Year Group	Class Pirate Name	Winners
Nursery:	<b>Mini Skulls</b>	
Reception:	<b>Little Treasures</b>	
Year 1:	<b>Scurvy Landbubbers</b>	 
Year 2:	<b>Broken Bones</b>	
Year 3:	<b>Plank Walkers</b>	
Year 4:	<b>Deadly Fours</b>	
Year 5:	<b>Miss Dobson's Daaarrlins</b>	 
Year 6:	<b>Shiver My Sixers</b>	

### **Congratulations to:**

Lisslette Antony, Edward Halliday, Alyssa Ferrer, Kai Gellang, Bilal Javed, Nikos Kaciun, Aaisha Hussain, Dylan Sjolander and Ethan Rodil who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week in our Celebration Worship last Friday.



### **Events Next Term**

Class	Event	Date	Time
Whole School	Mass	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Parents of	London Visit Presentation	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> January	6.00pm
FKS	Flouride Nurse to speak to Parents	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery 11.45am/Reception 3.15pm
Year 6	Maths Booster recommences	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> January	3.30pm-4.45pm
Year 5	Class Worship	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Whole School	Celebration Worship	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Year 4	Class Worship	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Whole School	Celebration Worship	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Year 6	Class Worship - Holocaust	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Whole School	Celebration Worship	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.10am
Whole School	Life Caravan visit	30 <sup>th</sup> January – 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Time to be confirmed

### **Performance Tables 2016**

According to the latest performance tables St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs':

- Is the fourth highest performing school, out of 193 schools, in Bradford Local Authority, for the percentage of children achieving the Expected Standard in Reading Writing and Maths.
- With 77% of pupils achieving the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths this is significantly above the Bradford average (47%) and the national average (53%)
- Is the highest performing school out of the 193 schools in Bradford Local Authority for outcomes in Maths.
- Is the fourth highest performing school out of 193 schools in Bradford Local Authority for outcomes in Reading.
- Is the second highest performing school in the Bradford West area in Reading, Writing and Maths.

This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work, effort and commitment of the children, the high expectations, hard work and dedication of Staff and Governors and the positive relationships and support between home and school. We look forward to continuing our journey together and celebrating excellence in all we do and being outstanding every day.

**School reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**



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**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.**