

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



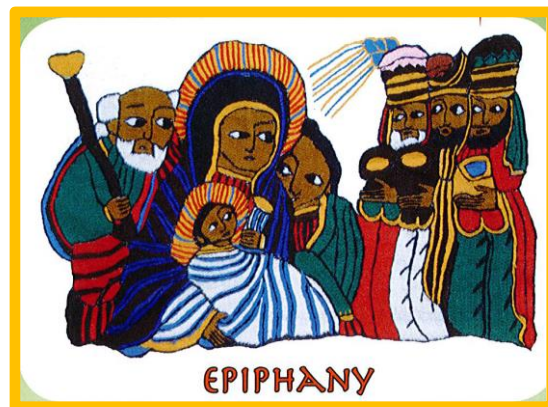
YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 10th January 2017

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

This weekend marked the great Feast of the Epiphany – the arrival of the wise men to visit Jesus after His birth. In worship last Friday Mr Copley talked to the children about different traditions which take place across the world to celebrate this great feast. We heard about the Eastern European tradition of 'chalking of the doors', the Ukraine tradition of 'blessing the water' and we also watched a video of the huge street processions of the 'Three Kings' in Spain. Some children then 'chalked the doors' around school to bless all the people who enter our school and classrooms. As we move towards the end of Christmastide we are given some wise words and a lovely mission about the Wise Men....



The Wise Men

They are curious.

They want to know more.

They constantly discover new things

What they know does not satisfy them.

They are watchers.

Their hearts are awake, attentive.

They take the time to understand.

They know there is more than the eye can see.

They are travellers.

They are not afraid to leave their country, their home,

their customs, their ways of doing things.

They look beyond their own little world.

They travel for a long time.

They do not get discouraged.

To meet Jesus,

To live with him,

We must be like the wise men:

- curious about the hearts of others,

- attentive to every sign of God,

- joyfully moving towards the light.

Mrs Walsh continued this theme in Monday's Gospel worship. Tayyibah in Year 6, Jinos and Nella in Year 4, read aloud the story from St Matthew's Gospel and Mrs Walsh talked about the gifts that were brought to Jesus. The children were encouraged to work out which gifts from Mrs Walsh's bag were suitable for different people, which led onto thinking about the unusual gifts that the wise men offered to Christ. Gold, for a king; Frankincense, to symbolise the healing Jesus would bring; and finally Myrrh, a reference to the significance of Jesus' death. In the hymn, 'In the Bleak Midwinter', the final verse encourages us to think about what we could offer to Jesus:

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.

Although we may not have the riches of the wise men, each one of us has something we can offer to Jesus: our hearts and our love, for Him and for one another.

Year 5 Class Worship

This **Thursday 12th January Year 5** will be holding their Class Worship. Parents and friends are invited to attend. The Worship starts at **9.10am**.

Celebration Worship

Our Celebration worship starts again this **Friday at 9.10am**. Everyone is welcome.

God Bless. Mr D Copley, Mrs S Walsh and Miss S Burgess

Our Statement to Live By this week: I know I belong to a community that includes my school

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 3/01/17	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	95.83	96.54
Year 1	97	91.07	96.78
Year 2	97	93.33	95.45
Year 3	97	92.50	96.03
Year 4	97	91.94	97.01
Year 5	97	96.67	97.27
Year 6	97	94.40	98.37
Whole School	97	97.06	96.77
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 Daaarrrlins	
Year 6:	Shiver My Sixers	

School Council News



The school council have decided to start a healthy eating programme to try and turn our school lunch hall into a happy and healthy community. Every lunch time, a few members of the school council will become the 'Healthy Food Police' and they will monitor children's lunch choices to ensure they are including fruit and vegetables into their meal (and eating them)!

It is very important that all children eat fruit and vegetables, along with other food groups, every day in order to improve



their energy levels, brain functioning and even their mood!

Watch this space to find out which class will be awarded the healthiest.



Minecraft Half Term Holiday Activity

Calling all Minecraft enthusiasts! The Bradford Curriculum Innovation Team are running 4 Minecraft fun meets during February half term aimed at pupils aged 6-11. There are a choice of four sessions which are being delivered on **Monday 20th** and **Tuesday 21st February** at The Innovation Centre, 34 Peckover Street, Bradford, BD1 5BD. The sessions are priced at **£8 per child** and places are limited. To book your place and to find out more information please visit <http://tinyurl.com/minecraftbfd>

Year 6 Maths Booster Class

Restarts tomorrow, **Wednesday 11th January 2016 at 3.30 pm until.**

London Residential Visit – Monday 3rd July to Wednesday 5th July 2017

Today **at 6pm** parents of children in **Years 4 and 5** are invited to a presentation about a potential residential visit to London. The children will be staying in student accommodation at St Mary's in Twickenham and will have a visit to the Houses of Parliament as part of the itinerary. Please do not worry if you have not sent the reply slip back – all parents of Year 4 and 5 children are welcome to attend.

Events This Term

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

Bad Weather Procedure



St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School will always endeavour to remain open to educate the children in our care. However, because of the very nature of the school site and the surrounding roads, snow and ice are a particular issue and there may be rare occasions when inclement weather may force us to close the school. This is due to health and safety considerations for both the staff and pupils.

If the school is closed before the start of the school day, parents will be contacted via text message as soon as possible. Please make sure the school office has your up to date mobile telephone number.

Local radio stations the 'Pulse' and Radio Leeds, the Telegraph and Argus and the Bradford Schools Online website will also have a list of closed schools. Further guidance is available on their page: <https://bsc.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx#schoolclosures>

- If the school needs to be closed during the day, parents will be contacted by text to request that they pick up their children as soon as possible.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that they or another carer can get to school to pick up their child/children.
- Parents should inform the office of the person(s) named to collect their child in the event that they cannot get back to school in time.
- If you have work commitments please arrange for emergency day care **before** the winter sets in.



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.