

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 24th January 2017

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners



In this week's Gospel, Jesus asked four fishermen to leave behind their boats, their nets and their lives to follow Him. He said to them, *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Mrs Walsh asked the children in Worship on Monday, who could make them leave everything behind and follow, just as the disciples did? Would it be Justin Bieber? Little Mix? Batman? George Clooney? (some of the teachers said yes to that one!) A YouTuber? Mr Copley? These people are well known to us and yet we would still think twice about giving up everything and going with them. Jesus wasn't known to these four lowly fishermen and yet the Gospel tells us they dropped everything and went with Jesus at once.

Would any of us have the courage to do what the disciples did? They immediately and without question followed and went on to do great work in the name of Jesus. We may not be asked to leave behind our homes and families, but can we leave behind old habits and make small changes to become a true follower of Jesus?

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

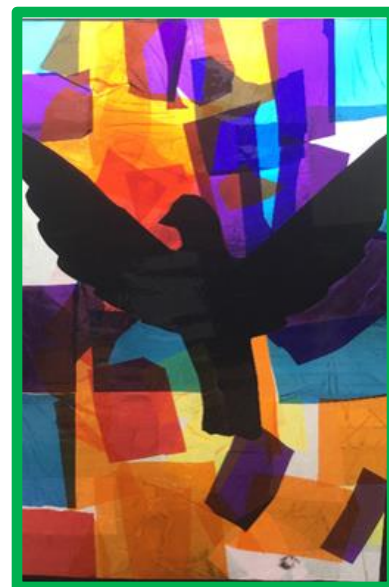
Year 4 Class Worship



Last Thursday, Year 4 held a Worship that told the story of St Paul's Conversion. On Wednesday 25th January we celebrate the Feast day of St Paul's Conversion from being Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to Paul, a Christian spreading Jesus' message around the world. Year 4 explained what persecution is and

that it is still happening all around the world today.

As a reminder that we can use our differences to make something beautiful, Year 4 presented each class with a 'stained glass' piece of artwork for their class - the different colours represent the different kinds of people in our school and when they are put together they create a beautiful picture together.



Year 6 Class Worship

This **Thursday 26th January Year 6** will be holding their Class Worship. Parents and friends are invited to attend. The Worship starts at **9.10am**.

Celebration Worship

Our Celebration Worship takes place every **Friday at 9.10am**. Everyone is welcome.

First Holy Communion

The first meeting for the children taking their First Holy Communion this year will be this **Thursday 26th January** in school. The meeting **starts at 3.30pm** and will **finish at 4.30pm**.

This **Sunday 29th January** at the **10.30 am** Mass at First Martyrs' Church, Heights Lane BD9 6HZ, the Communicants will be presented with their 'I Belong' books.

Our Statement to Live By this week:
I listen to what you say. I show I am listening to you.

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 16/01/17	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	92.59	96.38
Year 1	97	82.86	95.43
Year 2	97	98	95.71
Year 3	97	91.33	95.61
Year 4	97	97.74	96.89
Year 5	97	98	97.30
Year 6	97	95.86	98.11
Whole School	97	93.76	96.49
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:

Halima Rosaf, Dawid Sawka, Zoya Hussain, Elaine Nicole Basilio, Zayyan Hussain, Ejo Joseph, Christopher Malate and Alessia Spinks who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for the week beginning 9th January 2017 in our Celebration Worship last Friday.



Also **Congratulations for last week** to: Rida Khalid, Zane Benitez, Sophia Pasag, Monica Fadrihan, Nehan Imran, Lewie Bergin-Smith, Sylwester Tomczyk and Holly Smith.

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 will now do this on the last Friday in the month.

Life Education Caraven

Life Education Centres provide health promotion and drug awareness education for Primary Schools. They aim to help children develop the confidence and thinking skills needed to make informed health choices. Their fully equipped mobile classroom will be visiting us on **Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd February**. We have arranged two sessions for parents where there will be a talk about the organisation and three programmes that they will be teaching. These sessions are to be held on the **Tuesday from 3.15pm until 3.30pm** and **Wednesday at 8.50am until 9.10am**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Top Table and Healthy Eating!



A few weeks ago, the School Council 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 have become the 'Healthy Food Police' and have been monitoring children's lunch choices to ensure they are including fruit and vegetables into their meal (and eating them!)

We have been keeping a tally of the number of 'Healthy Choice' stickers given out to each class to see who is going to be named the healthiest! Can anyone catch Year 6 who are the front-runners at the moment?

We now need your help!

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please help them to make healthy choices of what to bring in their lunch box. You could try to reduce the number of sugary items, such as chocolate bars, brioche, jam and biscuits, and add an extra item of fruit to help them collect their 'Healthy Choice' stickers. Change4Life leaflets about healthy eating were handed out last week and there are posters around school, made by the school council, that show the components of a healthy plate.



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.

Top Table

We have also been thinking about our behaviour in the dining room. Our Year 5 monitors have been looking out for children who are showing excellent table manners; such as eating with a knife and fork, trying new foods, clearing their plate and sitting sensibly while eating. The monitors then nominate children to be chosen for the 'Top Table'.

We held our first Top Table of the year last Wednesday! Could it be you next week?



Mothers' Day Secrets' Room

Secrets' Room will be held on **Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March 2017** between **2.00pm to 3.20pm**. Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be visiting on the Tuesday, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday and any leftover gifts will be available to all on the Thursday. Nursery will be at 12 noon, the day yet to be decided. The gifts will be on display the week commencing 13th March. Further details to follow.

Parking



Parking safely and responsibly is always a high priority in the area around our school. We obviously want to keep our children safe on entering and leaving the school premises. Make sure you park in a safe and legal way and please respect our neighbours by not parking in front of their houses and causing obstructions. Complaints have been made to the Neighbourhood Policing Team regarding this matter. Thank you.



NSPCC Number Day – Friday 3rd February 2017

Pupils and staff can come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it and bring in a suggested donation of 50p. It can be a sports shirt, a cap or even a hoody, or pupils could get more creative as a dice or calculator!



Sports Club

Reminder to the children who take part in Sports Club: this is now to be held every Friday afterschool instead of Thursday – starting this week.

Enterprise Day

Monday 6th of March 2017 school will be holding an Enterprise Day. Further details to follow.

Events This Term

Class	Event	Date	Time
Year 6	Class Worship	Thurs 26 th January	9.10am
FHC	First Meeting for children	Thurs 26 th January	3.30-4.30pm
Whole School	Celebration Worship	Fri 27 th January	9.10am
FHC	Presentation of books	Sun 29 th January	10.30am Mass FMC
Whole School	Life Caravan visit	30 th January – 1 st February	See above
Whole School	Number Day	Fri 3 rd February	All day
Whole School	Sign to Sing Worship	Wed 8 th February	9.10am everyone welcome
Parents	Internet Safety Talk	Thur 9 th February	6-8pm. Details to follow
Whole School	World Book Day	Thurs 2 nd March	All day
Whole School	Enterprise Day	Mon 6 th March	All day
Whole School	Mothers' Day Secret Room	21 st -23 rd March	2-3.20pm

Swimming Money

Swimming money is due for Years 1 to Year 5. If you have not already done so could you please send payment to the school office. **£15.00** per full term.

Dinner Money

Could we please remind parents that school dinner money has to be paid for the week the dinners are taken. **£1.60** per day. **£8.00** per week.



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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.