

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

YOUR TUESDAY NEWS

Date: Tuesday 7th February 2017

Through the sign of the cross we follow Jesus

Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that we are 'the salt of the earth'. But why? Mrs Walsh showed the children some salt in worship on Monday and explained that salt is used for many things: it can flavour food, it can preserve food... But Jesus said if salt loses its taste, nothing can be done to get it back and we may as well throw it away.



Jesus also tells us that we are the 'light for the world'. Emma in Year 3 helped to demonstrate how effective light can be by trying to find an object in a dark tent. When she was given a torch, which was hidden inside a hat, it was no help at all. But when the torch was uncovered, she could see clearly and found the object much more easily.

Just as a torch can help us find things in the dark, Jesus says that we are like light and can help people to find the right path. But

if we hide that light and hide the gifts Jesus has given us, then we are like the salt that has lost its taste, or the light that is hidden under a bowl. Jesus says that our light is the love we have for Him and for others and the good works we can do to help other people. By doing these things and being shining examples, others can learn from us and see the light that following Jesus brings.

Mr D Copley, Mrs S Walsh and Miss S Burgess

Year 3 Class Worship

Year 3's Worship last week told the story of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple. We saw how Anna and Simeon knew that Jesus was special as soon as they met him. Anna called Jesus 'The Light of The World'. Thursday was also Candlemas so each class was presented with



a candle for their prayer tables to remind us of the story of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple and the message that Jesus is 'The Light of The World'.

Year 1 Class Worship

This **Thursday 9th February Year 1** 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.

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Marcus Stock visited our Parish last weekend. The visit gave Bishop Marcus the opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass with Father Gregory and the Parish. As part of the visit the Bishop also met with Mr Copley and Mrs Bussingham to learn more about our school. The Bishop commented to the congregation at the end of Mass that everyone "should be very proud of their Primary School, it is well run and they should continue to support it."

Our Statement to Live By this week:
I try to use words that make the world a better place

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 30/01/17	% ATTENDANCE this year to date
Reception	97	96.55	96.36
Year 1	97	91.07	94.53
Year 2	97	98	95.93
Year 3	97	96.67	95.54
Year 4	97	96.13	96.94
Year 5	97	94	96.53
Year 6	97	99.31	98.06
Whole School	97	95.96	96.27
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:

Anand Panesar, Rohan-Reign Antonio, Gian Guevarra, Matilda Halliday, Anja Todorovic, Oskar Plaugo, Selina Zara and Maya Chohan who were awarded Class Merits for their outstanding achievements for last week.



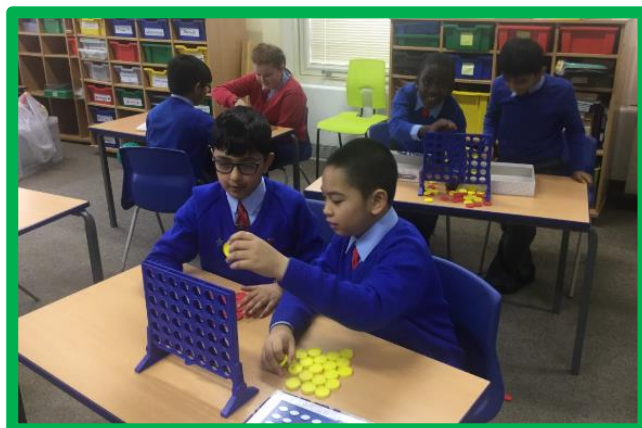
If your child has achieved something outside of school we will celebrate their achievements in our special Celebration Worship. However, due to all the children being so unbelievably talented we will now do this on the last Friday in the month.



NSPCC Number Day – Friday 3rd February 2017



Thank you to everyone who took part in our NSPCC Number Day. Pupils and staff came to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it for a donation of 50p. We raised nearly **£110.00** which has been sent to the NSPCC. A special **WELL DONE** to Zoha, Burhan, Alvin, Aayan, Julyannah, Renz, Sean, Holly, Ryan and Nathan who worked really well on Number Day and were rewarded with playtime games on Monday.



Safer Internet Day



Today is Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year is 'Be the change: Unite for a better Internet'. Throughout the school day there will be a range of activities for children inviting them to think about their online behaviour and safety.

IMPORTANT - On Line Safety Talk for Parents and Carers

As part of our commitment to ensuring the online safety of our pupils, we have booked a talk for parents and carers from PCSO Luke Carson of the Police's Cyber Crime Team. This will be held from **6-8pm** on **Thursday 9th February** and **we invite all parents to attend for free** and learn about some of the measures you can take to help your child stay safe on the internet. A group of pupils will be performing a short play at the start and refreshments will be available beforehand. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

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**.

Librarians



Thank you to our team of Librarians who help Mrs Sharon Dobson to run and keep our library tidy:

Tayyibah, Aleksa, Abigail, Alicianna, Emily, Georgina, Kyrstelle, Beatrice, Mia, Iram, Alessia, Holly, David, Francine, Venus, Kenyah, Maya and Amelia.

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
Whole School	Safety Internet Day	Tues 7 th Feb	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 above
Half Term: last day in School Friday 17th February and return on Monday 27th February 2017			
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

St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College Sports Camp

During February Half Term – SBSJ are holding a Multi Sports Holiday Camp on the **20th and 21st February, 9.00am until 3.00pm** each day, for only **£10.00** per day. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact Mr Hussain by email on **shussain@sbsj.co.uk**

Swimming Money

If you have not already done so could you please forward payment to the office for swimming. £15.00 per term for Years 1 to 5. Thank you.

Dinner Money

Dinner money should be paid on the day or the week the dinners are taken. The cost is £1.60 per day, £8.00 per week.

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