



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making year 3 so welcome at Mass this week. **We will be joining Fr. Chris and the parish for Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate St. Cuthbert's Day and we would love to invite you all to join us.** We will be meeting in the school hall and leaving school by 9.15am, you are very welcome to walk with us to and from church and join in our celebration. We will be joining our friends from Christ Church and St. Joseph's to perform our Easter Passion at Northumberland Square on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will end this term with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Easter play in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April when the children will retell the story of Jesus' sacrifice for us all. Details for each event will be sent out later this half term. We will also be holding daily opportunities for families to join us in prayer and reflection throughout Lent and we will send more details of what we are doing and when this week.



Our whole school attendance is an excellent 97.7% for the week and year 1 have won the trophy with a perfect 100%. Well done everyone for helping make sure our attendance levels are as high as we expect them to be at St. Cuthbert's.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	90.9%
Year 1 	100%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99.4%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	98.4%
Whole School	<b>97.7%</b>

We continued our Lenten reflections this week with a different focus each day and this will continue next week. Each class prepared a Lenten prayer station and families joined us on Tuesday morning to spend time exploring them, reflecting and praying. Fr Michael visited classes this week also and spoke to the children and staff about meditation and different ways to pray. He then joined our Mini Vinnies and families to meditate after school and it was wonderful to see so many people join together in silent prayer. Friday was our digital detox day and we turned off all our whiteboards, projectors and didn't use Twitter for a full day (a first for St. Cuthbert's!). We will continue with our Lenten preparations next week and we would love you to join us when you can.





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# ST. CUTHBERT'S SCIENCE WEEK, 11-15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

St. Cuthbert's was buzzing with science, psychology, technology, engineering and maths all week as we celebrated British Science Week 2019. Children took part in lots of exciting workshops finding out all about chemical reactions, electricity, designing and building bridges, using their maths skills to solve puzzles, using their science skills to produce art work, exploring what they need to thrive by learning about and discussing Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and having the opportunity to become forensic scientists!





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Our key stage 2 choir performed at the Whitley Bay Playhouse this week as part of the North Tyneside Music Hub Spring Sing event. Our children were part of a group of 1000 children who performed over four nights and we were delighted to have the opportunity to be part of a joint choir singing the SingUp anthem One Moment, One People on international SingUp Day. Children across the world all performed the same song on the same day and our children were honoured to sing it for their families and Beccy Owen who wrote the song!



Our '40 Bags in 40 Days' continues to be a fantastic success and we have almost 50 bags of donations already! Thank you to everyone who has sent in a donation, we will keep accepting bags during Lent, your support for the Community School Clothing Scheme has been amazing!



We are delighted to be taking over another park run! Our next run will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at the usual time of 9.00am. The run takes place on the promenade at Whitley Bay, meeting outside the Rendezvous Cafe. Children will need a bar code to run but accompanying adults do not. **Mrs Massie will be holding 2 drop in bar code printing sessions at school again on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am-9.30am and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm-4.30pm.** If you have a bar code from last run you can use it again for this run. We have had a fantastic turn out in the past and we are hoping for even more St. Cuthbert's families running this time.





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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising. **We now have 73 supporters and have raised £467.51 so far.** There are no catches to using the site, you don't need to share bank or payment details, just sign up and choose to support St. Cuthbert's. all you then need to do is search for your chosen store or seller on the easyfundraising site and do your online shopping as normal. If you are booking a holiday, buying any insurance, changing internet suppliers, mobile phone providers etc. online, and do so through the site they make quite big donations to school! It's really easy to get set up and running, all you need to do is:

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcuthbertsrcprimary/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your support and donations which will go towards all our children.

If you haven't joined our school lottery yet it is really easy and gives you a chance of winning our school jackpot each week and gives you an entry to a much bigger weekly jackpot. All profits from the lottery go towards helping us



## St Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School

North Shields, Tyne and Wear

🕒 Next draw will take place on Sat 24 November 2018

🕒 Next draw in 0 day 6 hours 14 minutes

make sure our children continue to have the fantastic opportunities they get every week at St. Cuthbert's. Our weekly prize currently stands at £19.80, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primary-school/supporter>

*If you think you could be entitled to free school meals and milk for your child it's really easy to apply via the council's website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>. You may be entitled if you are in receipt of income support/job seekers allowance/support under the immigration and asylum act/Universal credit/child tax credit without working tax credit. Even if you are unsure it is worth applying to make sure you are not missing out. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free meals at school but you must make an application for this. It's really easy to do via the council website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>*

**It is very important that all our children are signed up for Universal Free School Meals, even if your child prefers a packed lunch. If you have any questions about school meals at all please call into the school office.**



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## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) drop-in sessions at St Cuthbert's.

Miss Shepherd, our SEND coordinator would like to invite parents and carers to drop in sessions on the morning of the first Wednesday of every month should you have any concerns or questions to answer about any issue relating to SEND.

### Partnership with parents

As stated in our SEND policy:

“Partnership plays a key role in enabling children and young people with SEND to achieve their potential. Parents hold key information and have knowledge and experience to contribute to the shared view of a child's needs. All parents/carers of children with special educational needs will be treated as partners and be given support to play an active and valued role in their child's education.



Children and young people with special educational needs often have a unique knowledge of their own needs and their views about what sort of help they would like. They will be encouraged to contribute to the assessment of their needs, the review and transition process.

The school website contains details of our policy for special educational needs and the local offer that includes the provision made for children with SEND. At all stages of the special needs process, the school keeps parents fully informed and involved. We take account of the wishes, feelings and knowledge of parents at all stages”.

For further information and other support services for children with SEND: \* North Tyneside Local Offer - This details all support services available in North Tyneside \* SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk -The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) provide advice and information to young people, and parents whose children have Special Educational Needs.



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Below are the main dates for the rest of this school term. This list will grow as we confirm arrangements for Masses, trips, celebrations with other schools and many other events we get involved with over the coming months. As always, we will keep the list as up to date as we can and let you know of any changes as soon as possible.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	St. Cuthbert's Day	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	St. Cuthbert's Day Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	St. Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 5 at St. Thomas More skipping festival	St. Thomas More
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Afternoon	Year 5/ 6 hockey team at The Parks	The Parks Leisure Centre
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Whitley Bay Park Run	Whitley Bay Links
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Mother Language Day @ St. Cuthbert's	School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		Mother's Day Assembly	School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afternoon	Easter Passion at Northumberland Square	Northumberland Square
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Whole school Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	St. Cuthbert's Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning	Girls Football team at Northumbria University	Northumbria University
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	afternoon	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Easter Play	School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Staff training day with North Tyneside Catholic Schools	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	School

Thank you for your continued support,  
Shaun Dillon