



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

I can't believe another year has flown over and we are at the summer holidays again! We have really enjoyed seeing how your children have grown, improved and changed over the last year and now they are ready to move on to new schools and classes.



We say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who are all moving on to new chapters of their lives in new schools. We wish you all the best in your new schools where we are sure you will continue to thrive and succeed.

Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported us over the last year; as always we are very grateful for your support. Extra special thanks for the parents/grandparents/volunteers who come in and work with our children - we could not do without you!

We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

UNIFORM

A gentle reminder before you buy new school uniform for next school year.

Girls:

Light blue checked summer dress
Black or grey skirt/dress/trousers
White blouse/polo shirt
School cardigan/jumper

Boys

Black or grey shorts or trousers
White shirt/polo shirt
School jumper

Black shoes/trainers (coloured shoes/trainers are not allowed). This applies to girls and boys. Open toed sandals should also not be worn. **Please do not buy your child coloured trainers.**

PE Kits:

Could you please ensure that pupils have both an indoor and outdoor kit – this should include plimsolls, school shorts and school t-shirt, which can be bought from JD Fashions in Seaham Harbour, as well as trainers for outdoor PE because plimsolls can be slippery on the field. Please note that children need to have a change of footwear and top – they will not be able to wear the shoes and polo shirt they wear during the school day. You might also wish to include a hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for cold weather.

- **Jewellery should not be worn other than a wrist watch or stud earrings.**
- **No nail varnish or make up should be worn for school.**

As you will appreciate, it is vital that your child's name should be on all uniform, PE kits etc.

Jewellery

I know that many schools have banned the wearing of earrings due to health and safety concerns. Our policy has been to allow children to wear studs only for school **BUT they must remove earrings to take part in PE.** I have still noticed that some children are not keeping to this policy and I would ask for your support in this. If your child can not take out their own earrings, please do not send them in that day wearing their earrings. We must take every precaution to minimise the risk of injury to the children. We encourage all children to remove their own earrings - staff cannot do this for them, and we want to keep the wearing of plasters to cover earrings to a minimum as they are not particularly effective.

If your child is wanting their ears pierced, the first week of the holiday is a good time so their ears will be healed and earrings can be removed for PE when your child returns to school in September.

Parking

Please respect the residents outside school and do not park on or across people's drives outside of the school gates. We have had some complaints from the people who live in the new houses. Parents are asked to park in the church car park. Parents are not permitted to use the school car park.

234 Club

Over the years the parish and parents have supported our school by being part of the 234 club. We are so grateful to you for this, because without contributions from the 234 club, many projects in school would not have been able to go ahead.

Each year we have to appeal for new members to replace those leaving. This year, in particular, we will have a large number leaving and in the past couple of years we have not replaced all those who left. We have not had much success over the past few years in recruiting parents to join the 234 scheme and there are over 100 available numbers. The year for the 234 club runs from September to September.

The final draw of this year took place on Wednesday 16th July. We then will not be taking any money for next year's 234 scheme until 7th September. There will be no monthly draw in August. If you have paid ahead already beyond 31st July which is the end of this year, it will be carried forward until September and we will issue new cards for September. We are still asking for £1 a week. There will be a monthly draw on the first Friday of every month (£100) with a larger draw (£500) taking place on week 24 and week 48. Money will be taken in school or at the Saturday vigil Mass. However, if we do not get enough people joining the scheme, it may not be viable to pay these amounts.

We will send further information about this the first week back in September.

Parent/Teacher meetings



There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher on Wednesday 11th September. There will be 2 sessions; one at 5.30 and then repeated at 6pm (In case you have a child in more than one class).

This is an excellent opportunity to find out new routines and expectations and share important information.

We hope to see you there!

Parent Pay

Many thanks to those parents who pay promptly and are up to date with payments for lunches and trips.

If you do have any outstanding debts on your ParentPay account, please can you ensure these are cleared by September? (Parents of children in Year 6 must have this cleared by Monday).

Next year, can all parents please endeavour to pay for lunches and trips promptly or in advance.
Thank you.

Staffing

There is very little change in the staffing structure next academic year. We are thrilled that Mrs Parlett is to be our permanent Deputy Head and Mrs Eadsforth is just working 4 days.

Classes will be as follows:

Reception Class - Mrs Groark
Year 1 - Mr Boyle
Year 2 - Mrs Wilkinson
Year 3 - Mrs Lambert
Year 4 - Monday, Tuesday - Mrs Eadsforth
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - Mrs Fitzpatrick
Year 5 - Mrs Parlett
Year 6 - Miss Huntley

Birthday Cakes

Please do not send birthday cakes into school on your child's birthday. Unfortunately due to the medical conditions and allergies of children in our school, we are unable to give them out.