



# St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

NOVEMBER 2016

We have planned a whole school outing to see **Jack and the Beanstalk at the Gala Theatre on Tuesday 20th December at 1:30pm**

The cost of the trip is £5.

Thanks to the money from the sponsored run, we have managed to reduce the cost of the ticket from £9 to £5, and pay for transport there and back.



Please see attached letter.

Our Christmas Fair is to be held on **Monday 12th December** in the school hall at **1:30pm**. We are appealing for good quality, age appropriate items:



Toys in good condition  
Books & DVD's (not more than 12 rating)  
Raffle prizes

Food for a hamper  
Bottles for bottle stall  
Cakes (to be brought in on the morning of the fair in labelled containers)

Please send donations in the week beginning **Monday 5th December** as we have limited space for storage.

Please find attached x2 strips of raffle tickets. £1 a strip. Please return money and tickets, or any unwanted tickets to school as soon as possible.



Wear your Christmas Jumper on **Friday 16th December** in aid of **TEXT SANTA** charities! Suggested £1 donation please.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner will be served on **Tuesday 13th December**. If your child does not normally stay for dinner you will need to let the office know no later than Tuesday 6th December so that the cook can order the food in.

There is no extra charge for Christmas dinner; the cost is the same as a normal school meal (£2). Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not pay for their meal.

## 234 CLUB

The half yearly £1000 draw is fast approaching. Are you paid up? 234 contributions can be paid in school or at St Cuthbert's Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 4.30pm

**A huge thank you to everybody who sent in sponsor money. To date we have collected over £1500. Many thanks for your generosity.**



This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent.



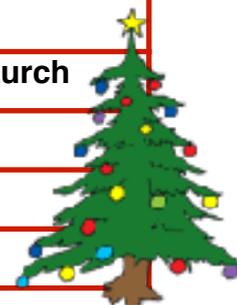
**Parents of Year 3 are welcome to come to Year 3 class liturgy on Thursday 24th November at 9.10am**, where they will introduce the church's season of Advent.

**All Christmas parties take place during school time. Your child can bring in their party outfits on the morning of their party. If needed, staff will help them get changed. Suggested donation £1.**

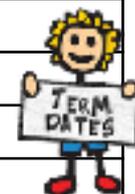
**At the beginning of Advent, your child will be asked to pray for a friend in their house group. It is our custom that we bring a gift of some sweets (value £1-£1.50), which will be exchanged on Friday 16th December.**



<b>Christmas Fair</b>	<b>Monday 12th December at 1:30pm</b>
<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	<b>Tuesday 13th December</b>
<b>Reception Class Nativity Play</b>	<b>Wednesday 14th December at 2pm</b>
<b>Y1/2 Christmas Play</b>	<b>Thursday 15th December at 2pm</b>
<b>Carol Service</b>	<b>Friday 16th December in church (10.30am)</b>
<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	<b>Friday 16th December</b>
<b>House Group Exchange</b>	<b>Friday 16th December</b>
<b>Rec, Y1, Y2 Christmas Party</b>	<b>Monday 19th December (pm)</b>
<b>Christmas Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday 20th December, 9.30am in church</b>
<b>Pantomime - Gala Theatre</b>	<b>Tuesday 20th December 1.30-6pm</b>
<b>Year 3/4/5/6 Christmas Party</b>	<b>Wednesday 21st December (pm)</b>
<b>Break up for Christmas</b>	<b>Thursday 22nd December at 1:30pm</b>



<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Re-opening Date</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 (1.30pm)</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017</b>
<b>Summer Half term</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>To be determined</b>



**Please note that School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:**

**Friday 25th November 2016**

**Friday 23rd June 2017**

**Reminder: School is closed on Friday 25th November (Inset Day)**

### **An appeal from a Parishioner from St Cuthbert's...**

**“As we approach Advent here’s a thought: what if instead of taking chocolates out of a calendar, we take a gift into school for a family in crisis? During the weeks of Advent could we invite parents to donate a suitable gift for a child of a similar age to their own?**

**These gifts would be taken to ‘The Sunderland Women and Children’s Refuge’, where victims of domestic abuse arrive with absolutely nothing but what they are wearing (sometimes nightclothes and bare feet).**

**Christmas usually means a very busy time for the refuge. As you can imagine there is very little money to buy gifts, especially for the children. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and if you could wrap the gift and put on the appropriate age, that would be wonderful.**

**God Bless.”**

**We are appealing for Christmas food items for the County Durham food bank. (Mince pies, christmas cake, puddings etc)**