



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

DECEMBER 2017

It is a very busy time in school at the moment! We are very grateful to the parents and families who generously supported our Christmas Fair last week. We would love to see you at our carol service, school Mass and carols around the tree next week.

Just a gentle reminder: please ask anyone picking up your child to supervise them after school once they have been dismissed. They should not be using the climbing frame and please ask them not to trample the plants, play in the bike shed and walk on the walls. Bikes and scooters should not be used until they are out of the school gate. This includes pre school children.

Many thanks to those parents who returned their photographic consent form. We are constantly updating the ways in which we communicate and share information with parents and need to ask all parents to return the updated form to ensure our records are correct. **We still have a lot to come in and cannot put any pictures of nativity plays or other christmas celebrations on the website until they are returned.**

CHRISTMAS DATES



Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 15th December
Pantomime in school - Dick Whittington	Monday 18th December (am)
Rec, Y1, Y2 Christmas Party	Monday 18th December (pm)
Year 3/4/5/6 Christmas Party	Tuesday 19th December (pm)
House Group Exchange	Wednesday 20th December (am)
Christmas lunch	Wednesday 20th December
Carol service	Wednesday 20th December 1.45pm in church
Christmas Mass	Thursday 21st December, 9.30am in church
Y1/2 Carols around the tree	Thursday 21st December 2.15pm in school
Break up for Christmas	Friday 22nd December at 1:30pm



Please note: Children can come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party, no change of clothes is necessary.

All parents/ families are invited to Mass and the Carol service.
Families of Reception class are invited to their Nativity play.
Families of Y1/2 children are invited to Carols around the Tree.

We raised £1320 at our School Fair - many thanks for your generosity. As a result, we will be paying for the pantomime for your child on Monday and providing the food for the children's parties instead of asking you for the usual contributions towards these events.

Wear your Christmas Jumper on Friday 15th December in aid of Save the Children. Suggested donation, £1 please.



**ST MARY THE VIRGIN PARTNERSHIP
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**



Venue	Christmas Vigil Mass (26 th Dec)	Christmas Morning Mass (25 th Dec)
St Cuthbert's, New Seaham	5.30pm Carols 6pm Mass	10am Mass
Our Lady of Lourdes, Shelton Colliery	4.30pm Carols 5pm Mass	
St Mary Magdalen, Seaham Harbour	6.30pm Carols 7pm Mass	9.30am Mass
St Joseph's, Mutton	4pm Carols 4.30pm Mass	
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Horden	4.30pm Mass	
St Joseph's, Blackhall	5.30pm Carols 6pm Mass	
Ss Peter & Paul, Fulten Henry		8.30am Mass
Our Lady of Rosary, Penrith	6.00pm Carols 6.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass
Sacred Heart & English Martyrs, Thornley	7.30pm Carols 8pm Mass	9.15am (Latin Mass)

Payments

Please make sure all dinner money, breakfast club money and outstanding trips are paid for by Tuesday to enable the money to be banked before Christmas.

Charity

Many thanks for your generous donations to the food bank and homeless charity.

House Group Gift Exchange

During Advent we ask children to pray for a child in their house group and buy them a small gift (approx £1-£1.50). Names are chosen at random and your child should have brought home a slip of paper with the name of the person they are praying for. Please have these into school by Wednesday 20th December (am)

234 CLUB

The half yearly 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

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2017 (1.30pm)	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Spring Half Term	Friday 9 th February 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018
Easter	Thursday 29 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 4 th May 2018	Tuesday 8 th May 2018
Summer Half term	Friday 25 th May 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer	Friday 20 th July 2018	To be determined

Please note that School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:
Monday 8th January 2018 and Friday 22nd June 2018

School Admissions:

If you know anyone who has a child eligible to start school in September 2018, the deadline for applications is January 15th 2018.

Consultation on Admissions Policy 2019-2020

Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools in the diocese are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policy for consultation is available on our school website. A consultation form is available by request from the school.

The governing body will consider all comments received by 22nd January before they determine the admission arrangements of 2019-2020.

**One unclaimed raffle prize
Blue 264 - Champney's gift set**