



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.



SCHOOL PARKING

We appreciate that parking can be difficult around school at the beginning and end of the school day, but please be aware for the safety of the children the school car park is for staff only. The land directly outside the school gates is not owned by the school, nor do we own the land surrounding the church, however we are grateful to Fr Hastie for allowing parents to use both church car parks. We do not have any say over where the builders can park their vehicles. Please be mindful of children around parked cars and be courteous of the residents of Mill Road and surrounding areas. Under no circumstances should any car be parked in the staff car park.



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and joyful holiday. The staff and I would like to thank you for the many cards and gifts that were sent into school before the holidays. Your kindness is much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. CUTHBERT'S!

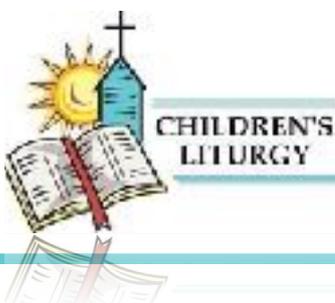
Before Christmas, school performance was reported in the local and national press. Our results appeared in the Telegraph and the Sunderland Echo.

We are very proud to inform you that our school was 11th in County Durham and 2nd in Seaham for our 2016 SATs results out of 256 primary schools.

I must congratulate all of our children on their behaviour and enthusiasm at events leading up to Christmas. Behaviour at the Pantomime was excellent and they performed brilliantly in our Nativity plays and school Carol Service. A huge thank you to our school choir who made Christmas Eve Mass so special. We are very proud of you all.

This school year your child's House Group will also be leading assemblies about their House Group Saint.

Watch out for these through the school year. Parents of children in the House Group are welcome to attend the assembly.



Parents are invited to come along.

3rd February (9:10am) in school	Year 5 Liturgy
10th February (9:10am) in school	Year 3 Liturgy
17th February (9.10am) in school	Reception Class Liturgy
1st March (9:30am) in church	Ash Wednesday Mass
3rd March (9:10am) in school	DAVID House Group
10th March (9:10am) in school	Year 2 Lenten Service
17th March (9:10am) in school	PATRICK House Group
24th March (9:10am) in school	Year 1 Lenten Service
31st March (9:10am) in school	Year 6 Lenten Service
7th April (9:10am) in school	Year 4 Lenten Service

A message from Wearside Women in Need...



Wearside Women in Need would like to thank everyone from St Cuthbert's for the very generous donation of children's toys. The toys you donated to WWIN helped make Christmas time our women and children will remember for the right reasons rather than Christmas being a time they'd rather forget living in a home filled with abuse. Some of the women we work with come to our refuge with just the clothes they are wearing as it is not safe to return home, so your generous gifts ensure that everyone feels cared for and their needs are being considered.

REMINDER: all children should have a PE kit and trainers/plimsols in school. Failure to have their equipment may result in your child missing PE. **NO JEWELLERY** should be worn.



Our Book Fair is 13th - 17th March in the school hall from 3pm. Parents are welcome to view the book fair with their child. Any commission we earn is used to buy books for the classes and the school library.

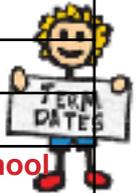
After half term, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

Further details will be sent nearer the time.



Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Spring Half Term	Friday 17 th February 2017	Monday 27 th February 2017
Easter	Friday 7 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 28 th April 2017	Tuesday 2 nd May 2017
Summer Half term	Friday 26 th May 2017	Monday 5 th June 2017
Summer	Friday 21 st July 2017	To be determined

Please note that School will be closed for a further Professional Development day this school year:
Friday 23rd June 2017



If anyone has changed their mobile number or contact information can you please inform the school office as soon as possible so records can be updated.



Well done to all children with attendance percentage of 95% and above and especially the 73 children who received 100% for the last term.

Durham County Council guidelines stipulate that any attendance below 95% should be monitored by school and the educational welfare officer.

Persistent latecomers are also monitored by the educational welfare officer. Please make every effort to have your child in school on time.

WINTER BUGS

Just to remind you of the Durham County guidelines for illnesses. If your child vomits once in a 24 hour period but is otherwise well they may return to school. If your child has more than 1 episode of vomiting/diarrhoea in a 24 hour period they should be kept away from school for 48 hours after vomiting/diarrhoea has ceased.