



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

JANUARY 2018



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 in the Telegraph top schools and we were the second highest performing school in Seaham. Also last Friday we won the County award from County Durham Sport for Primary School contribution to sport and physical activity. We are very proud of this and I thank Mrs Parlett and all staff who give their time to run sporting after school clubs. Thanks to you and your children too for your commitment to sporting festivals and competitions.

I must congratulate all of our children on their behaviour and enthusiasm at events leading up to Christmas. They performed brilliantly in our Nativity plays, carols around the tree 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.



Parents are invited to come along.

2nd February (9:10am) in school	Year 1 Assembly
Thursday 8th February (9:10am) in school	Reception Class Assembly
23rd February (9.10am) in school	Year 2 Lenten Service
2nd March (9:10am) in school	Year 3 Lenten Service
9th March (9:10am) in school	Year 4 Lenten Service
16th March (9:10am) in school	Year 5 Lenten Service
23rd March (9:10am) in school	Year 6 Lenten Service

Y2 and Y6 Parents

Y6 SATs week is Monday 14th-Thursday 17th May. Y2 assessments will be ongoing through May. We would like to invite parents to a meeting to find out more about the assessments on Wednesday 7th February in school
Year 2 - 3.30-4pm
Year 6 - 4.15-4.45pm

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. Children must have trainers for outdoor sport available in school at all times as we are being active in school for 30 minutes every day.



First Communion Parents:

Lynthorne Weddings has recently opened on Church Street and they stock a range of reasonably priced First Communion dresses starting at £35. They are available by appointment only on 5201055 or 07793054979 and will offer a 10% discount off purchases if you give the name of the school.

A message from Changing Lives...

On behalf of Changing Lives, Sister Mary Michael and her team, I extend to you all our sincerest thanks for your wonderful response to our Advent appeal. Thanks to the generosity of church and school, we were able to put together in excess of 200 very generous Christmas parcels. The staff at Changing Lives were overwhelmed at the magnificent response as well as the quality of the donations. God bless you all, what a beautiful example to pass on to our children. With gratitude.
Bernadette Mongan and Changing lives.

Sport update...

This half term we have been very active! Some of the things we have done are: boys street dance, gymnastics club for Y3 with Francesca, dance club and football club. Next week some children will be going to a swimming gala and a bocchia competition. We are aiming for our 'Active 30'. This is a 30 minutes of activity outside of our usual PE lessons. The Year 6 Sports Leaders organise activities on the field during break time and Year 5 organise skipping in the hall.
By Bella and Tilly



**Our Book Fair is 12th - 15th 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 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 one further Professional Development day this school year:
Friday 22nd June 2018



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 66 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.