



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

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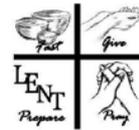
Dear Parents, on Saturday, our Year 3 children had the opportunity to represent our school and perform with East Durham Orchestra at the Sage Gateshead as part of Durham Music Service's Showcase event.

We were one of only two school invited, as the rest were orchestras and choirs. The children were an absolute credit to their parents and our school. I am very proud of the children and very grateful to their parents for being so supportive and bringing them to the Sage on a Saturday! The children behaved so well and performed very professionally!

This Friday (23rd) at 10.10am, the whole class will have the chance to perform their pieces to the school and their parents are welcome to join us (this may seem like an unusual time, but we are restricted to the time that Mrs Sellers is in school). The violinists in Year 5 and 6 will also be playing their pieces and their parents are welcome to attend too.

Another thank you to the parents who supported our science Fair last week. The children had a great science week in school and we were amazed and delighted at the number of parents who turned up at the event.

On Ash Wednesday we began the church's season of Lent
Lent is a time where we prepare for Easter by praying,
fasting and almsgiving.

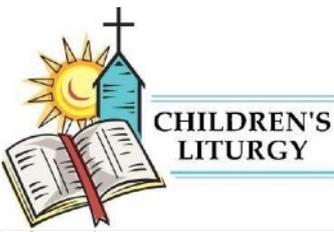


Throughout Lent it is our custom to collect **Lenten Alms**. Each class has a small box where children can put in small change on a daily basis.

This year it will be sent to our Mission together charity.

www.missiontogether.org.uk

Please send in a donation if you are able.



Prayer times during Lent.

Parents are invited to come along; we warmly invite you to our class masses as well as assemblies in school.

23rd March (9:10am) in school	Year 6 Lenten Service
Tuesday 27th March in church, 2pm	End of term Mass

Unfortunately any class masses that we had planned during Lent were cancelled due to funerals in church (which we are unable to plan in advance) and school being closed due to the snow.

The end of term mass will be at **2pm on Tuesday 27th March**. The whole school will be there and it will be led by Key Stage 1 children instead of our older children as it usually is. We will endeavour to be back over to school for you to collect your child at 3pm, but please be patient with us if we are late. **All children must be picked up from school, not from church so that teachers can account for their children.**

This also applies to children coming back from school trips/sporting events. We understand you may have been kept waiting, but often delays are out of our control and our priority is to ensure all children are picked up safely. Please can you pass this message on to anybody who is on the pupil collection sheet. Many thanks.

Mini Vinnies - Lenten Alms

As Mini Vinnies, we are trying to encourage people to bring in coins to raise money for Mission Together; this year we are raising the money for Sri Lanka. The Mini Vinnies have set a competition for every class to see who can get the longest line of coins. The class with the longest line of coins will get a treat at the end of next week.



Yours sincerely,
Keira (Mini Vinnies President)
and William (secretary)

Easter Raffle



We are holding an Easter raffle in school. Tickets will be 10p each and will be sold each day in your child's class (please don't send money to the school office). Children can buy as many tickets as they like and tickets will go on sale tomorrow. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 29th March.

Book Sale - Wednesday 28th March

Could children please bring a book (books) to donate for our book sale? Children are welcome to bring a little pocket money to buy a book (during school time).



Thanks for your support with the recent books Fair - we raised £220 for books for school.

Easter Disco

The Parent Support Group are holding an Easter disco for the children on Tuesday 27th March.

KS1 - 4.30-5.45pm

KS2 - 6-7.15pm

Entrance is £1 to be paid on the door.

All children must be picked up from inside the hall; for their safety we will not be letting children walk into car parks etc.

We are appealing for volunteers for both discos if you can help out please let the school office know. If you are not available to help out, then any cake donations would also be greatly appreciate to help maximise the fund raising – please bring these to the office on the morning of the disco.

Parent Support Group (PSG) – Appeal for volunteers

The PSG run a number of fundraising events through the year with the support from the school and we are appealing for new volunteers.

The core PSG volunteers are primarily from the older year groups and we would love to welcome new volunteers to ensure that the fundraising and discos continue when this group of volunteers children leave the school.

There are 3 discos a year (Easter/Summer and Halloween) – where we set up the hall ready for the disco and prepare the kitchen to sell cakes, hot dogs and drinks to raise funds – volunteers assist in set-up and selling the items. We also run stalls at the summer fair.

Please can you let school office know if you can get involved or have any fundraising ideas to contribute?

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Easter	Thursday 29th March 2018	Monday 16th April 2018
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 4th May 2018	Tuesday 8th May 2018
Summer Half term	Friday 25th May 2018	Monday 4th June 2018
Summer	Friday 20th July 2018 (1.30pm)	Tuesday 4th September 2018

Please note that School will be closed for one further Professional Development day this school year: Friday 22nd June 2018

Please see attached our new list of holiday dates for 2018-2019. School cannot authorise any holiday takers in term time.



We regularly update the school website and if you'd like notifications of new items, please follow our school on:



twitter@StCuthberts3
www.stcuthbertsprimary.com

We have been alerted to the fact that some children in KS2 (as young as 8) have an instagram/facebook account. Please be aware that these social media sites come with an age restriction of 13 years. We have recently had workshop with the NSPCC and held an internet safety day in February but parents should know what their child is accessing online. If any parent wants further advice about these sites, please see Mrs Eadsforth or Mr Graham.