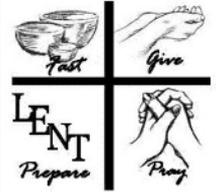




St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

During the church's year we get several opportunities to take a moment and reflect on our lives. Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is one of those occasions. We often hear about what people are going to give up for Lent, but sometimes we don't really understand the reason why. Sometimes it is because we want to do something to change our lifestyle such as giving up chocolate or crisps. Sometimes it is to do something for other people. In the end our reasons are personal. Perhaps this Lent our promise could be to think about others and try to follow Jesus' commands and example more fully.



One of the pillars of Lent is 'Giving'. We were overwhelmed by your generous donations to our appeal for Ukraine - and thank you very much. Throughout Lent it has been our custom to collect **Lenten Alms**. Instead of money, this year at this difficult time, we are collecting for the local food bank as it is important to help those in need who are on our doorstep too. You can send the usual packet/tinned foods or an easter egg. Each class has a small box where children can put in donations on a daily basis. Please send in a donation if you are able.

This week the children have continued to show real dedication to their Lenten mission by collectively walking towards their end of Lent target of 2000km. Each class have contributed to the Walk Against Hunger mission and are really proud they are able to make a difference. If you have not already, remember this year instead of sponsorship forms we are using a Just Giving page where you can make donations which will go directly to CAFOD.

You can donate anything from as little as £2 to support your child help stamp out hunger!
Click the link below or on the school website.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-against-hunger-this-lent2022>

Parent Meetings

On Thursday 28th April, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Our apologies - this should have been before half term but we have had staff shortages! Class teachers will be in touch with details about how you can book your slot. If you have recently had a review in school, you do not need to attend.



School Entrance and School Times

At long last we are able to use our new school entrance! Children attending breakfast club can now come into school this way and any parent with a child who needs to be collected or dropped off during the school day should use this entrance.

Children in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 begin school at 8.55am and should be dropped off at their school gate by this time.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 begin school at 8.45am and should be dropped off at their school gate by this time. We have a lot of latecomers in these classes.

Any child arriving after 8.55am should be brought to the school entrance with an adult and a reason given to the office staff for their lateness. The two school gates will be locked at 8.55am and parents should not try to access school through the Daisy Path gate after 8.55am.

HEALTHY SNACK

We promote healthy eating.

Fruit is provided at KS1. The ONLY snacks allowed from home are fruit, vegetables or cheese and crackers. No chocolate, biscuits, chocolate biscuits or crisps are allowed for any pupils. Cereal bars and wafers are also not allowed as they are very high in sugar. Children should not have juice in their water bottles - this is only allowed at lunchtimes.



Allergies

We have children with a range of food allergies in school, therefore birthday cakes/ cupcakes and sweets can NOT be brought into school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



School Meals

From 4th April, the cost of a school meal increases to £2.20 per day.

School meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remain free. Please note that if your child wants to change their meal pattern, the office must be informed and two weeks notice given.

School Masses at St Cuthbert's Church



Monday 28th March, 10am - Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 7th April, 10 am Whole School end of term Mass

All families are very welcome.

OPAL

We have begun a new initiative in school which is in its early stages of development. We are working with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to revise and improve our playtime offer.

Children should have suitable clothing in school – outdoor shoes as a minimum at the moment while we are in the early stages of planning out the grounds into play zones and we know what equipment we will need for the children.



Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Easter	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 29th April 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Summer Half term	Friday 27th May 2022	Tuesday 7th June 2022
Summer	Wednesday 20th July 2022 (1.30pm)	Thursday 6th September 2022

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

Monday 27th June (this has changed from 24th June due to the Year 5 residential)
Thursday 21st July

We will also be closed on Monday 6th June for the Queen's Jubilee.

The 2022/23 holiday dates are available on our school website.



Rights Respecting

Article of the Week: 24

The right to clean water. The 22nd March was World Water Day celebrating this valuable resource.



Absence

If your child is absent, **please ring the school office and leave a message (24hours).**

You do not need to speak to a member of staff or email your child's teacher.

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know as soon as possible.