



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

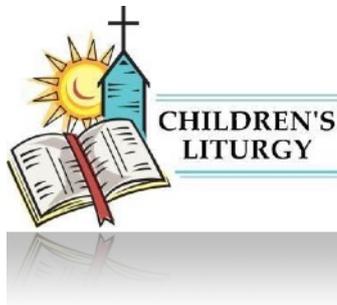
Welcome back and Happy New Year!

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 national and local newspapers. We are very proud to inform you that our school was in the top performing schools in Seaham. Please see our website for our Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 results.

I must congratulate all of our children on their behaviour and enthusiasm at events leading up to Christmas. They performed brilliantly in our Nativity play, the Christmas Truce, school Carol Service and other event in school. 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.

1st February (9:10am) in school	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 8th February (9:10am) in school	Year 4 Assembly
8th March (9.10am) in school	Year 2 Lenten Service
15th March (9:10am) in school	Year 6 Lenten Service
22nd March (9:10am) in school	Year 1 Lenten Service
29th March (9:10am) in school	Reception class service
5th April (9:10am) in school	Year 3 Lenten Service

Y2 and Y6 Parents

Y6 SATs week is Monday 13th-Thursday 16th 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 6th March in school.
Year 2 - 3.30-4pm
Year 6 - 4.15-4.45pm

REMINDER: all children should have a PE kit and trainers/plimsolls 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.



Reading in school

Just a reminder to parents that ALL children should be reading at home. Parents, can you please sign your child's record to say that they have read. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and reading at home is beneficial to your child's progress and achievement in all curriculum areas. Thank you for your support.

A message from Changing Lives...

On behalf of Changing Lives, Sister Mary Michael and her team, I wish once again to extend to you all our greatest thanks for your wonderful response to our Christmas appeal. It is truly heart warming to see our Christian values of love, care and giving not only taught to our children but also put into action. This example I am sure will stay with them throughout their lives.
Thank you all. God bless.

Bernadette Mongan and Changing Lives.

Sport update...

Another active half term. Last half term we took place in tag rugby, sports hall athletics and gymnastics competitions. A huge congratulations to Milly in Y6 for achieving gold medal in the open. She will go on to represent our region in the county finals.

We are working towards our 'Active 30'. This is 30 minutes of activity outside of our usual PE lessons. The Year 5&6 Sports Leaders organise activities on the field during break time and skipping in the hall to help with this and we enjoy skipping and hooping on the yard.



**Our Book Fair is 18th - 21st 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.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Spring Half Term	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer Half term	Friday 24 th May 2018	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Summer	Friday 19 th July 2018	Tuesday 3 rd September

Please note that School will be closed for one further Professional Development day this school year:
Friday 21st June 2019



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 56 children who received 100% for the last term.

Durham County Council guidelines stipulate that any attendance below 96% should be monitored by school and the local authority.

Persistent latecomers are also monitored by the local authority. Please make every effort to have your child in school on time. School begins at 8.55am and your child should be on the yard at this 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.