



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

NOVEMBER 2018

Welcome back to a new half term! It is one of the most magical times to be in school in the run up to Christmas. It is a term packed with lots to do - hard work and lots of enjoyable things! I have attached a list of diary dates to try and give you as much notice as possible; further information about these events will be sent out closer to the time.



Parents are invited to come along.	
9th November (9.10am) in school	Year 2 Assembly
23rd November (9.10am) in school	Year 1 Assembly

Please join us from 9am for tea/coffee.

Our first half term was full of fitness and activity. We are working towards our target of being active for 30 minutes each day and we kicked this off with a really fun week with Hoopstarz and our sponsored run. A huge thank you to all of you who contributed – we raised over £1500 for school! Some of our classes have worked with the Sports Partnership to improve the quality of our PE lessons and our after school clubs of multi-sports, skipping, dance and gymnastics were, as always, incredibly popular. Some of us had the chance to compete against other schools: both of our football teams got off to a great start with the B team achieving the Runners Up trophy in the Ian Grimes cup; our netball team enjoyed their first tournament and won several games; our ten pin bowling team won second place medals in a competition against other Durham schools; and our Cross Country squad had perfect weather for their run with our KS1 boys team coming third in their event. Whenever we have coaches in school or when we take children out, it is always wonderful to receive compliments about their teamwork and great sporting behaviour. Well done everyone for an active start to our school year.

Tea Bags

Over 3,500 tea bags were collected and sent to South Africa! Thank you everyone for your donations!



Parents meetings this term are Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November. Teachers will send slips for you to choose your time slot.



Wednesday 21st November	Year 2,3,6
Thursday 22nd November	Year 1,4,5

Year 1 are selling poppies in school for a donation (minimum 20p) and poppy merchandise ranging between 50p-£1.



Year 6 Residential.

There will be a meeting for parents on **Thursday 8th November at 5pm** with Miss Huntley and Kevin Foster from Explore4All.

234 Club winner:

October - Lisa Ord

November - C Mulligan

We still have some numbers left. Please ask at the school office for a number.

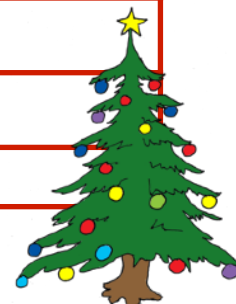
We do lots of exciting things in school. Please don't forget to check our school website and Facebook page for blogs, information and photographs of these events.

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CHRISTMAS DATES



Reception Class Nativity play	Tuesday 11th December, 2pm in school
Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 12th December, 1.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 13th December
Pantomime in school; Sleeping Beauty (am)	Thursday 13th December
Year 3,4,5,6 Christmas Party (pm)	Thursday 13th December
Choir singing at St Bede's (am)	Friday 14th December
Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Christmas Party (pm)	Friday 14th December
Year 1 - Songs around the tree	Monday 17th December, 2.15pm
End of term Mass	Tuesday 18th December, 9.30am in church
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 18th December
House Group Exchange	Tuesday 18th December
Carol Service	Wednesday 19th December, 1.45pm in church
The Christmas Truce (Drama club play)	Thursday 20th December, 2pm
Reception Class at Gibside (further info to follow)	Thursday 20th December
Break up for Christmas	Friday 21st December at 1:30pm



Please note: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 can come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party, no change of clothes is necessary. Years 3,4,5,6 will be wearing their Christmas jumper outfit. No change of clothes is necessary.

**All parents/ families are invited to Mass and the Carol service.
Families of Reception class are invited to their Nativity play.
Families of Y1 children are invited to Christmas songs around the Tree.**

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Christmas	Friday 21st December 2018 (1.30pm)	Monday 7th January 2019
Spring Half Term	Friday 15th February 2019	Monday 25th February 2019
Easter	Friday 5th April 2019	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 3rd May 2019	Tuesday 7th May 2019
Summer Half term	Friday 24th May 2019	Monday 3rd June 2019
Summer	Friday 19th July 2019 (1.30pm)	To be determined

Please note that School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:
Friday 30th November 2018 and Friday 21st June 2019