



St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

OCTOBER 2016



To keep you updated about your child's progress we will be having progress meetings after half term.

Monday 7th November (pm)	Year 3,4,5,6
Tuesday 8th November (pm)	Year 1,2
More information to follow after half term.	



Our Book Fair is 7th - 11th November 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.

Parents are invited to come along.



21st October (9:10am) in school	Year 1 Assembly
11th November (9:10am) in school	Year 2 Assembly
18th November (9:10am) in school	Reception Class Assembly
24th November (9.10am) in school	Year 3 Assembly



The Parent Support Group is arranging a Fancy Dress Halloween Disco. Refreshments, games, prizes for best dressed etc

Thursday 20th October
in the school hall.

Rec, Y1, Y2 5.00pm – 6.15pm
Y3,4,5,6 6.30pm - 7.45pm

£1 entry fee payable on the door.

Children are NOT allowed to bring mobile phones and must be collected from the school hall.

Jewellery

I know that many schools have banned the wearing of earrings due to health and safety concerns. Our policy has been to allow children to wear studs only for school **BUT they must remove earrings to take part in PE.** I have already noticed that some children are not keeping to this policy and I would ask for your support in this. We must take every precaution to minimise the risk of injury to the children.

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

www.stcuthbertsprimary.com

Early Morning Routines

- Access to school is via the footpath next to the church. If you are arriving by car, please join this footpath, so leaving the school gates free for deliveries etc. This is for the safety of the children.
- Children should be arriving around 8.45am to ensure they are ready to line up when the bell goes.
- When the bell rings at 8.55am, we would like parents to allow the children to line up independently please. Parents should not be standing in line with children holding their bags etc, or walking into school with their child's line. Also it would be appreciated if parents left the main yard when the bell rings before the children walk into school.

We have planned a whole school outing to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Gala Theatre on Tuesday 20th December at 1:30pm



Further Christmas dates for your diary will follow after half term.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Thank you to those parents who try and keep medical appointments outside of school time. We know at times appointments in school time can't be helped, but please keep appointments to as close to 9am or 3pm as possible. If an appointment is in the middle of the day, children should be in school before/after the appointment. Evidence of a medical appointment should be taken to the office.

Medical appointments **DO** affect your child's attendance

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.

Attendance

As mentioned in previous newsletters the government has given new guidelines to schools that mean that family holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Any holiday requests will unfortunately have to be declined unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Absence

The school has a messaging service on our school telephone number (5813090) for parents to record their child's absence. This should be done as soon as possible at the start of the school day on the first day of absence.

Lateness

Lateness can cause serious disruption to the learning of all children in school. There can be NO excuse for children being late on a regular basis. The new Durham County guidelines state that lateness will be recorded on your child's report and will remain on their report throughout their school life. Children arriving after the close of registration (9.15am) will be deemed absent without permission.

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Autumn half term	Friday 21st October 2016	Monday 31st October
Christmas	Thursday 22 nd December 2016 (1.30pm)	Monday 9 th January 2017
Spring Half Term	Friday 17 th February 2017	Monday 27 th February 2017
Easter	Friday 7 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 28 th April 2017	Tuesday 2 nd May 2017
Summer Half term	Friday 26 th May 2017	Monday 5 th June 2017
Summer	Friday 21 st July 2017	To be determined

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

Friday 25th November 2016 ***

Friday 23rd June 2017