



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - June 2023

# St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

## SUMMER TERM

**We are rapidly heading towards the summer holiday! This is always a very busy term and the weeks fly past. It is very busy but we have lots of fun activities planned for the last few weeks and some opportunities for transition for children to meet their new teachers.**

**A list of dates are attached to this newsletter and more will be added as the term goes on.**

**Just a reminder, our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page.**

We are back in the church's season of Ordinary time. Ordinary time is a time to learn and follow the teachings of Christ in our daily lives.

Congratulations to some of our children in Year 4 who received the sacrament of Holy Communion last Saturday.



## Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants - September 2023

We are delighted to welcome Mr Atkinson to our teaching staff from September 2023. Mr Atkinson has been teaching for four years and is a former pupil of St Cuthbert's! Mrs Groark will be working three days a week from September. Classes are as follows:

Reception - Mrs Wilkinson; Mrs Cook, Mrs Smith  
Year 1 - Miss Elstob; Mrs Strong, Miss Carmichael  
Year 2 - Mrs Lambert, Mrs Dickinson (+Mrs Parlett for one day)  
Year 3 - Mrs Groark (3 days), Mrs Parlett (2 days), Miss Scarr  
Year 4 - Mr Boyle, Mrs Kharko  
Year 5 - Mr Atkinson, Mrs Donnelly  
Year 6 - Miss Huntley, Mrs Prest



There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher on Wednesday 13th September at 5.30pm and then repeated at 6pm in case you have a child in more than one class. This is not typically well attended but it is an excellent opportunity to find out new routines and expectations and for teachers and parents to share important information. Please do try to come.

## SUN CREAM and HATS

We are ever hopeful for good weather! On hot/sunny days please can you send a hat into school for your child and put sun cream on your child before school. They can bring some sun cream with them to top themselves up during the day if you wish but teachers can not put sun cream on your child. **Your child can wear burgundy school PE shorts instead of navy jogging bottoms or leggings on PE days.** Your child should also have a non disposable water bottle each day.



### SCHOOL MASSES AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Monday 3rd July, 9.30am - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



Thursday 20th July, 9.30am - Whole School end of term/Y6 leavers Mass

**All families are very welcome.**

### SCHOOL LITURGICAL PRAYER/ASSEMBLIES AT ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL

Friday 23rd June, 9.30am - Year 1

Friday 30th June, 9am - Reception class

Thursday 20th July 1.30pm, Year 6

(Y5 was on 21st April)

**All families are very welcome.**

### UNIFORM

Thank you to those parents who continue to follow our school uniform policy.

A blue/ white school dress can be worn in summer months. Girls/boys can wear grey school shorts. PE leggings/jogging bottoms should be plain navy, not any other colour and PE shorts should be burgundy.

Please ensure that if you are buying uniform for next year, you purchase the correct uniform. A link to our policy is below and is on our school website.

<https://stcuthbertsprimary.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-Equipment-Policy-2022.pdf>

**Our policy states that no jewellery should be worn apart from a wristwatch (this means no earrings at all). If your child is wanting their ears pierced, the first week of the holiday is a good time so their ears will be healed as earrings must be removed when your child returns to school in September.**

**The Friends of St Cuthbert's will be doing a uniform swap at our summer fayre.**

### Rights Respecting

#### **Article 24: A child's right to a clean environment.**

This is our article of the week. Children should respect their homes, the school and the community. Please try to recycle, pick up litter and do your part!

### Parent Pay

Many thanks to those parents who pay promptly and are up to date with payments for lunches breakfast club and trips.

**If you do have any outstanding debts on your ParentPay account, please can you ensure these are cleared as the end of term is approaching**

**(Parents of children in Year 6 must have this cleared by the end of Thursday 20th July, so please pay ahead for Friday 21st) July.**

Next year, can all parents please endeavour to pay for breakfast club, lunches and trips promptly or in advance.

Thank you.

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023 (1.30pm)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Please note that School will be <u>closed</u> for one further Professional Development day this school year: Friday 7th July</b>		



### IMPORTANT: NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

The staff and office emails have changed. The office email is **office@stcuthbertsprimary.com** Staff emails are similar to previous ones but with the .(dot) between the initial and surname omitted

e.g. **nnoble@stcuthbertsprimary.com** instead of [n.noble@stcuthbertsprimary.com](mailto:n.noble@stcuthbertsprimary.com)

PLEASE NOTE THAT STAFF ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO REPLY TO EMAILS AFTER 4.30PM ON A WEEKDAY OR ON A WEEKEND.

## Important Summer Term School Dates:



<b>Mon 19th June - Thurs 22nd June</b>	<b>Year 6 outdoor week</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd June</b>	<b>Y4 cricket skills (Seaham Cricket club) - am</b>
<b>Friday 23rd June</b>	<b>Year 1 Liturgical prayer, 9.30am in school</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th June</b>	<b>St Anthony's and St Aidan's transition</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th June</b>	<b>St Bede's transition</b>
<b>Wednesday 28th June</b>	<b>Transition afternoon, 1.30-2.45pm</b>
<b>Friday 30th June</b>	<b>Reception class Liturgical prayer, 9.30am in school</b>
<b>Monday 3rd July</b>	<b>Year 6 Diocesan Youth Festival</b>
<b>Monday 3rd July</b>	<b>Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Mass, 9.30am in church</b>
<b>Thursday 6th July</b>	<b>Seaham High Transition day</b>
<b>Thursday 6th July</b>	<b>Transition afternoon, 1.30-2.45pm</b>
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	<b>Trust INSET day - school closed</b>
<b>Monday 10th July</b>	<b>Provisional Year 6 day to Holy Island</b>
<b>Monday 10th July</b>	<b>Reception class Pirate day</b>
<b>Thursday 13th July</b>	<b>Sports Day - am (specific times to follow)</b>
<b>Friday 14th July</b>	<b>Hoopstarz</b>
<b>Monday 17th July</b>	<b>Summer Fayre - morning</b>
<b>Monday 17th July</b>	<b>Colour run - afternoon</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th July (6pm evening)</b>	<b>Year 5/6 show</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th July</b>	<b>Skipping school</b>
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>	<b>End of term/Leaver's Mass, 10am at church</b>
<b>Thursday 20th July, 1.30pm</b>	<b>Leaver's Assembly</b>
<b>To be confirmed</b>	<b>Music concert (guitars and violins, including Y3 violins)</b>
<b>Friday 21st July, 1.30pm</b>	<b>School Closes for the summer</b>

All classes will remain open on 5th July - there is no impact from strike action. School is closed to pupils on 7th July due to INSET.