



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Be yourself, but be it very well



Date: Friday 24th September 2021

Article of the month: Article 28 Every child has the right to an education.

Head Teacher News

The Reception Class children have had another super week in school, full time. They have been coming into the school playground without any help from parents or grandparents – well done everyone!

When parents and carers are dropping children off, please be aware of the roads and other children who could be travelling to school. Traffic Wardens will be patrolling around this time to help keep everyone safe.

Next week we will find out which of our Year 6 children will be leading the House Groups in school and we will be asking them to introduce themselves in our celebration assembly on Friday 1st October.

St. Cuthbert's Football Team News

Well done to our footballers who drew one match and won one last week.

This week, at Ouston Primary, the team played two hard fought matches but lost to 2-0 to Ouston and Brandon.

Harvest Celebration

On Wednesday 13th October, the children will be having a Harvest Celebration in church. Due to current restrictions, we can only have the children and staff in church at this time. We are hoping to record some of the celebration for the website.

We will be collecting food items, which we can donate to Durham Foodbank. Children may start to bring in donations from next week. At the moment, the food bank are looking for; UHT milk, long life juice, sponge pudding, savoury treats, biscuits and jam, as they do not have large supplies of these.



Good to Grow – from Morrisons

We have registered for Good to Grow, a collector scheme where we can exchange Grow Tokens for gardening equipment for our school. The more children know about how food's grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future.

When shopping in Morrisons, either in store or on-line, you will receive one Grow Token for every £10 spent and can donate these straight to our school, via the app or website.

To donate your Grow Tokens, download the MYMorrisons app, scroll down and select the 'It's Good to Grow' section, then choose to donate your Grow Tokens to **St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Chester-Le-Street**. Please encourage friends and family to download the app and help us achieve (or exceed!) our target.



St Cuthbert's PALS

A coffee and cake evening will be held on **Wednesday 13th October at 6pm** in our school hall for anyone who is interested in helping PALS. Please come along and even bring a friend!



If you'd like any more information, please contact Jo Faulkner via email/phone 07855058360 or on the PALS Facebook page.

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School Admissions

If your child, or children you know, would like to apply for a place to come to our school, the **primary admissions** applications are now open. The closing date is 15th January 2022.

If your child is due to leave Year 6 next year, the **secondary admissions** applications are also open and will close on 31st October 2021. Our official secondary school is St. Leonard's Catholic School in Durham.

Upcoming Dates

28.09.21 School Mass for the new year (**pupils only**)

30.09.21 St. Leonard's Open Evening

13.10.21 Harvest Celebration for children in church (**pupils only**)

18.10.21 UNICEF Silver Rights Respecting day

18.10.21 Year 5 and 6 Inter-house competition

22.10.21 Break up for half term

Hawkhirst Residential

This week our Year 6 children have been climbing, canoeing, throwing tomahawks (!), walking and orienteering, at Hawkhirst Scout Adventure Camp, in Kielder. They have had a brilliant time and have really bonded as a team.

Ela: I think it's fun! I'm really enjoying playing in the trees and being surrounded by nature.

Alfie: I think it's so mysterious that we are in the middle of nowhere with trees and as tall as buildings. The activities are so exciting to do, and I've learned lots of new things.

Medication in school

Please make sure your child's medication is in school and in date!



As we are working towards our Silver Accreditation for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools award, you will notice that some children have been awarded stickers in our celebration assembly for upholding their own or others' rights. Well done to everyone who has had one so far! These stickers have our own logo on which was designed by Maisie, a previous pupil at our school.

This week in our liturgy, we talked about how important children are and how years ago they did not have these rights, which is why we should try our best to make sure we achieve them. Please continue to discuss children's rights with your child and help them understand how important they are to keep all children safe and happy.

Uniform

The children have returned to school, very smartly, in their school uniform and PE kits. Please could we ask that, for safety reasons, all earrings are removed before they arrive at school and that longer hair is tied back. Also, as a reminder, grey school trousers, shorts or a skirt should be worn - jogging bottoms or jogging shorts should only be worn on PE days.

