



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Be yourself, but be it very well



Date: Friday 10th September 2021

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

Head Teacher News

We have survived our first week back and the sun has been shining! What a privilege it has been to see the children's smiling faces and meet our new Reception Class. It is certainly a new beginning at St. Cuthbert's with lots of new roles and it is an exciting time! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week as Head Teacher.

We welcome three new staff members this year: Miss McCabe who is teaching with Mrs Bewley in Year 4; Mrs Pinkerton, our Business Manager and Mrs Pattinson, our administrator. We also welcome Ms Ball back into Reception Class. Please give them a wave if you see them around school.

Covid 19

As we are now living with Covid 19, we still ask that parents phone or email into school with any issues or requests.

If your child does have symptoms, they must get a PCR test as soon as possible.

Changes to House Groups

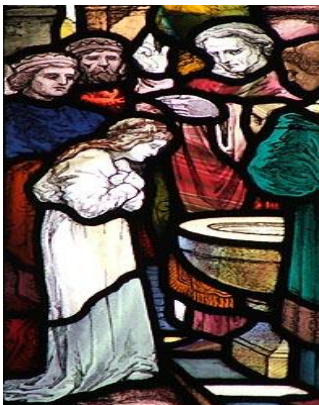
As many of you know, we have six house groups in school. Four of them are northern saints (Cuthbert, Aidan, Bede and Godric) and two others were chosen because of their link to children.

This year we are changing some of the saints so that all the saints are from the north of England and also to add two female saints.

From now onwards, Nicholas House led by Mrs Kerr, will be named Aebbe House. St. Aebbe was the sister of St. Oswald and has many links to Lindisfarne and St. Cuthbert. She is one of the lesser known patron saints of teachers.

Joseph House, led by Miss Noble, will now be known as Hild House. St. Hild is the one of the patron saints of learning and culture. She was an abbess at a monastery in Whitby and did many good works.

The colours of these houses will remain the same.



St. Aebbe



St. Hild



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 children who have made their First Holy Communion over the summer holidays. We hope you enjoyed your day and we look forward to our first mass together.

There are some children in Year 5 who have not made their First Holy Communion yet and we will keep those children in our prayers as they prepare.

Parent Information

Parents will receive class information leaflets in the coming weeks. These will include the autumn term curriculum, homework expectations and days for PE, for example. These will take the place of parent information evenings this year due to Covid-19 visitor restrictions at the moment.

St Cuthbert's PALS



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Our parents' association here at St. Cuthbert's is called 'Parents and little ones' or PALS for short.

In the past, PALS have raised money for fantastic resources for school and have organised some brilliant events such as the Valentine's Disco and Summer Fayre.

Due to children leaving and moving on to secondary schools, PALS really need some new faces and extra help to organise these events. If you're interested, please contact Jo Faulkner via text or email: 07855058360 Stcuthbertspals@outlook.com

Upcoming dates

13.09.21 Reception Class in full time

20.09.21 Year 6 residential to Hawkthirst

23.09.21 Year 3 Tri-golf tournament at Maiden Castle

29.09.21 Year 5 Tri-golf tournament at Maiden Castle

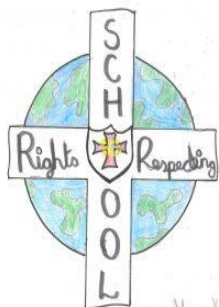
13.10.21 Harvest Festival for children in church (if guidance changes we may be able to invite parents/carers)

18.10.21 UNICEF Silver Rights Respecting day

18.10.21 Year 5 and 6 Inter-house competition

Medication in school

If your child has any medication, needed through the day, please make sure that it is in school and it is in date.



On Monday 18th October, our school will be assessed for the Silver Accreditation for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools. This week, the children have been creating their class charters which centre around the articles in the UNCRC (The United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child). Please keep on discussing your child's rights at home. The main focus this term will be on the following articles:

Article 31 Every child has the right to relax and play

Article 28 Every child has the right to education

Article 29 Education must cater for all children's gifts and talents

Article 12 Every child has the right to express their views and opinions

Article 24 Every child has the right to the best possible health

Dropping off and picking up

The children have been so happy coming into school in the mornings and being able to mix with others outside, it seems to have been so long ago that we did this. At pick up in the afternoon, please could the parents of Key Stage 2 children keep to the section of the yard marked for them and then exit quickly so that teachers can clearly see the other parents? This just makes handing the children over smooth and safe. As we use the local neighbourhood for parking during pick up times, please also be considerate to our neighbours when parking.

