04/11/2022

Doing all the good we can, through faith, love and excellence.

Headteacher's news

The second half term is always a busy one with festivals and celebrations leading up and including Christmas. In school we look to teach, learn, understand and celebrate these and hope that you enjoy seeing the work our children do and hearing about these experiences from the children. We started the half term really enjoying the celebration of Diwali and learning about the story of Rama and Sita, tasting different foods, dancing and completing craft activities.

Parents evenings

Thank you so much for your patience and support last week with parent's evenings. It was wonderful to welcome you all back in to school and hear the teachers talk about the progress and support each child is making and receiving. I hope that after looking at the learning in books, you can see how hard the children are working and also what they need to focus on to keep moving forward in their learning.

If you have not spoken to your child's class teacher during parents evening, please contact the school office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.





As always, please take a look at Twitter for some fantastic images of the work the children are doing. Twitter! @StCuthbertsCEP1 Mrs J Hawkins

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th November Individual photos

Friday 11th November Remembrance day

Friday 18th November Children in need day

Wednesday 23rd November

EYFS 2023 admissions open morning 9:45am

Thursday 24th November

WW2 day- Year 6 trip to Beaumanor hall

Wednesday 30th November

Decorations day- nonuniform

Wednesday 7th December

EYFS Nativity 9:45am & 2pm

Meet our Governors!



Hi! My name is John and I am one of the Parent Governors at St Cuthbert's.

I have been a Governor for a little over a year now (time flies!) and during that time I have taken on the role of the <u>SEND Governor</u>, visiting the school on several occasions to learn how we, as a school, support our SEN children and their parents and ensure this is effective.

I have also more recently taken on Governor lead for communication and, with Mrs Hawkins, have developed a new Communication Policy, which is available on the school's website.

Finally, and most excitingly, I am honoured to have been elected as <u>Vice</u>

<u>Chair of the Board</u> at our last meeting, and look forward to working with The Board of Governors, Mrs Hawkins, staff, parents and children as we continue to grow and develop St Cuthbert's into an even more amazing school.

As the weather is starting to get colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat in school.



Poppy Appeal & Remembrance Day - Friday 11th November

As a school we are supporting the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion.

Poppies and other merchandise, (as shown with suggested prices) are now on sale!

Please send your child in with the correct money as no change can be given. A member of staff will bring the box round each morning, delivering items to each class. Some items are more popular than others but we will do our best to ensure each child gets their first choice item.



Class attendance up to 31/10/2022

Hedgehogs- 95 %

Badgers- 98 %

Owls- 98%

Woodpeckers- 97%

Pandas-98 %

Koalas- 97%

Giraffes- 97 %

Zebras- 98%

Leopards-95 %

Panthers- 95 %

Lions-91%

Tigers-97 %

Whole school- 96.2 %



Safety

Please do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zags between 8am-4pm or stop in the carpark gate entrance.

We have noticed this happening particularly at the beginning and the end of the day.

Access to the carpark is needed at all times for staff, disability access and other authorised vehicles.

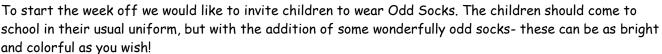
Fines have been issued in the past by the Local Authority patrol car for stopping on the zig-zags during these times.

Cars are able to stop or park on the other side of the road or parking on Coverside Road or Stonehill Drive is also possible.

Thank you

Odd Socks day! Monday 14th November!

Anti-bullying week.



There is no donation required.

The day sends an important message to children about being proud of who they are, respecting differences, free from bullying.

Throughout the week, children will be taking part in activities so please talk to your child about what they are doing in school.



St Cuthbert's Church activities

<u>Light in the Darkness competition</u>



This year the church is working in conjunction with the council and providing a festival of light. Children can create a piece of art, a poem, craft piece, drawing etc on the theme being 'light in the darkness.' What does light in the darkness mean and how would I show that. The winner will be announced at the light switch on at the church on the 26^{th} November. There is a £30 Amazon voucher for the winner.

Entries to be handed in to teachers by Friday 18th November 2022

Good luck! Rev'd Kim



Planning for Christmas!

Wednesday 30th November Decorations Dayl - Non-Uniform day (£1 suggested)

We will be having a whole day of learning, crafts and fun as we make decorations, cards and decorate the classrooms to get us ready for the Christmas season. Families are welcome to join in the fun from 2pm. Parents are asked to arrive in the key stage 2 playground where you will be greeted by staff who will sign you in and direct you to your child's classroom.

Children have the option to come to school in their own clothes (this includes football shirts), they could even go with a Christmas theme if they wish (e.g. hat, dress, t-shirt, jumper etc..)

From Wednesday 30th November - Christmas market enterprise

Following the success of last year's Christmas market 'Apprentice' style challenge, we have decided to stick with this format again this year!

Year groups have been challenged to make a product, advertise it and sell it. Please look out for posters and information from your child. We will also be raffling a number of cakes that have been made by Mrs Davies (Cooking club).

Thursday 15th December - Visit Santa

Santa's Grotto will be open on Thursday 15th December. If your child wishes to visit Santa, please send in £2.50 in an envelope with your child's name and class by Friday 9th December. Each child will receive a photo and gift.

Christmas dinner

Christmas dinner will be on <u>Wednesday 14th December</u>. If your child would like to have a Christmas dinner, please complete the form on Parentmail and send in £2.40 in cash in a named envelope to the school office (KS2 children only) not later than Friday 25th November. If your child normally has a school meal you still need to complete the form but pay as normal.

Each month, the **South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership** team are sending out a newsletter to share ideas on how to support children with their health and well-being. Their November newsletter is attached



Youth Group for Year 6 Children



