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St Cuthbert's C of E Primary School

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

Headteacher's news

We are entering the season of advent and in school we are beginning to learn what this means and start the build up to Christmas. It can seem quite early and for many children and families Christmas can be a challenging and unsettling time.

In school, we try to be mindful of this and group festive activities together so that we can keep as much routine as possible. We continue to reinforce positive behaviour through our reward systems but we also act on an individual basis if children struggle to cope with these changes resulting in them becoming angry or upset. We talk and complete activities with all the children about how we can show our emotions safely and provide support and advice to the children about what to do when they see a friend in need.

Decorations day- Wednesday 30th November- Talk to the Headteacher and Governors

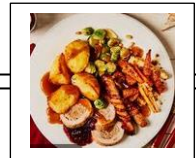
We are having our annual decorations day on Wednesday 30th November and warmly invite family members to join us from 2pm to take part in a variety of activities. Please arrive from 1:50pm through the main entrance to give plenty of time to get to your child's classroom. Staff will be available to help as you move around the school to get to your children's classrooms.

We would also like to use this opportunity for you to raise any questions or comments to me and members of the schools Governing body. This could be around school improvement, curriculum, Ofsted readiness, school monitoring or other points you may wish to raise.

I will be joined by governors in the hall from 2:30pm-3:30pm if you would like to stop by for a chat.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and hope to see lots of you at the Memorial Green tomorrow from 4:20pm!

Mrs J Hawkins



Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th November

PTA meeting

Wednesday 30th November

Decorations day- non-uniform.

Parents welcome from 2pm

Tuesday 6th December

Flu Vaccination yr 1-6

Wednesday 7th December

EYFS Nativity 9:45am & 2pm

St Cuthbert's Church activities

Meals at Christmas

A gentleman who attends St Cuthbert's church, has donated 6 complete Christmas meals to support local families who may be finding the increases in the cost of living a challenge. The packages include foods such as; Turkey crowns, Parsnips, Carrots, Brussel sprouts, Potatoes, Stuffing, Pigs in blankets, Bread sauce, Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Christmas pudding and Brandy Sauce.

If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these packages please drop our office an email (office@stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk). All emails will be treated with the strictest confidentiality but must include a contact name and telephone number that can be shared with Rev'd Kim.

Christmas lights

On Saturday 26th November St Cuthbert's church are organising a light switch on event. There will be tea and mince pies at the Methodist church, a switch on at the memorial green, then lighting up the trees at the church. Children and families are invited along to sing carols. We hope to have as many St Cuthbert's children as possible there to join Mrs Hawkins in a singsong!

Please meet at the Memorial Green at 4:20pm for a 4:30pm start!



Christmas disco

After school on Thursday 8th December 2022, St Cuthbert's will be holding a Christmas School Disco (party or Christmas outfits- it's up to you!). This is a chance for the children to spend time with their friends, play games and have a dance.

The disco will take place over 2 sessions:
EYFS and Year 1 & 2- 3:30- 4:15pm
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 -4:30- 5:30pm



Tickets cost £2.00- this will include a drink and snack/treats to take home with them after the disco. No money is required during the disco. Please send money in to school by Wednesday 7th December (named envelope) as tickets will not be available on the door.

EYFS, Year 1 and 2 children are asked to bring a change of clothes with them in the morning. Staff will support the children in getting changed and take the children to the hall for the disco. Parents then collect the children from their classrooms at 4:15pm. Parents do not need to come at the end of the day to check on or help get them ready.

Children registered for Cuthbert's club will be taken there by a member of staff.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6- Children are asked to arrive at the main entrance no earlier than 4:20pm. Please collect your child at 5:30pm from their normal end of day point: **Year 5 and 6** key stage 2 playground; **Year 3 and 4-** classrooms.

Children at an after-school club or Cuthbert's club will be taken to the disco. Children registered at Cuthbert's club until 6pm will be returned to the club. If a change of clothes is required for the disco please bring it to school in the morning.

Twitter Highlights! @StCuthbertsCEP1



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s) / Grandparent(s) and Friends

Mr Hirrell needs your help!

As of this academic year, I have been given the opportunity to re-establish St. Cuthbert's PTA.

I am proud to say that St. Cuthbert's has managed to pull off many successful enterprises and celebrations whilst still making regular contributions to the local area of Great Glen. The resilience shown by children and families alike is what has made these possible. I love the sense of community in our local area and have been able to celebrate local events such as the Jubilee, Christmas lights switch on and Remembrance parades which our school community contribute towards and regularly attend.

I am keen to formulate a group of volunteers to share ideas and take part in future events in order to continue providing children with the best educational opportunities and resources available.

Over the past few years funds have been used to provide:

- Individual class equipment at break and lunch times
- New ICT equipment and technology
- Contributions towards whole class trips
- New books and resources for the library
- General refurbishment of the school building
- Outdoor Reading sheds
- Volunteers to run Mother's Day and Father Day activities
- Support running school discos
- Listening to children read

As many of you will know, I'm full of ideas and an advocate in making memories at primary school that children will remember for a lifetime! I would like to welcome any who are interested in supporting activities in school to a discussion on **Tuesday 29th November at 5:00pm**. This will take place in Panthers Class (Year 5 building). I look forward to hopefully seeing you all to discuss and share ideas.

There is no right or wrong way to be involved – we invite you to take part because we can do more together than we can apart!

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Hirrell