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St Cuthbert's C of E Primary School

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Headteacher's News

I hope you have all had a restful summer holiday and are ready for an exciting term. I wish to welcome back all our children and families, especially those who are new to St Cuthbert's. It's great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and settling well into their new classes.

Staffing

We are really pleased to welcome new staff to school.

Mr Sharpe will be working in Year 3 as a Learning Support Assistant and also at lunchtimes.

Mr Broome and Miss Mccartney-Frith will be joining our lunchtime team with Miss Maccartney-Frith also joining our cleaning team.

The beginning of a new school year is a busy time as staff, families and children settle in to the school routines and we get everything running and communicated out to you all.

Please take a minute to read the reminders as there is also new information about uniform, Health and Safety and attendance. I have asked staff to communicate with families through Class Dojo, telephone or in person if there is a concern or an issue needs to be raised so that we are working together to ensure safety, well-being and consistent expectations for all.

We have already started to share our learning and activities on Twitter and Class dojo so please take a look at some fantastic images of the work the children are doing. [Twitter! @StCuthbertsCEP1](#)

We look forward to *'doing all the good we can through faith, love and excellence,'* working with our whole school community to continue to improve and showcase the talents and brilliance of our children.

Mrs J Hawkins

Kaleidoscope!

This year we are opening a new classroom called Kaleidoscope! It is based in what was Mrs Hawkins' office.

Kaleidoscope will provide a much needed space and resource as we strive for excellence in our provision for children with Special Educational Needs, Emotional Literacy needs and those who from time to time experience challenges that would benefit from additional support.

This provision will be led by Mrs Guy, who is an experienced class teacher and our SENDCo. Kaleidoscope also offers her a space to hold meetings with parents, lead training sessions with staff, complete assessments of children's needs and complete all administrative responsibilities.

Next week, Kaleidoscope will be open at break and lunchtimes where quieter games and activities are available for those who wish to take a break from the playground or have a worry or a problem they need an adults help with. Mrs Guy will also be teaching, including an English group as part of our drive to provide excellent learning opportunities which enable every child to flourish.



Health and safety!

Bikes and Scooters

If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter they must **not** ride them in the playground, this also includes younger siblings. This will create a safer environment for pedestrians along the path and hopefully avoid any unfortunate accidents. On entering the school grounds, please push it to the bike shelter or scooter stand.



Coach arrival

It is wonderful to have new children join us and with many living in areas outside of Great Glen transport has been provided by the Local Authority. In previous years this has been by taxi, however this year the LA are trying a school Coach/Bus. The coach will drop off at around 8:40am and pick up at 3:40pm where The Chase joins Coverside road. Staff will be present to walk the children to and from school. The roads are very narrow so we kindly ask that cars are not parked around this area to allow cars to pass by.



Parking

Parents/ Carers who bring children to school by car **must not**:

- stop on the yellow lines outside the school entrance
- park on or in the school driveway/carpark
- park on any of the pavements near the school
- **park in the school car park between 8am and 6pm (this includes drop off and pick up from school or privately run clubs)**

We also ask that you park considerately and do not obstruct driveways of neighbouring houses. St Cuthbert's and local residents seek your cooperation in resolving this issue by requesting that parents park sensibly and with due consideration for other road users.



Dogs

Dogs should **not** be brought onto the playground (even if they are being carried). If you are waiting with your dog, please do not wait in the gateways. This is so that any child or adult with allergies' or anxieties can enter and exit the grounds without worry.

This does not include Guide or Assistance dogs.

Drop off

Children should arrive at school no earlier than 8:45am unless they are going to Cuthbert's club. Before this time, a child should be waiting with their parent or carer.

Please do not use the equipment from the playground containers or bring sporting equipment from home e.g. footballs to play with while waiting even if parents are there to supervise.

Our school uniform is

- a school red sweatshirt or cardigan (available at the school office) The majority of our pupils do wear the school sweatshirt but a plain red sweatshirt without logos is also acceptable.
- white polo-shirt
- **grey** trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Pupils should wear sensible footwear for school - plain white, black or grey socks with **black shoes or trainers.**

Please support us in ensuring girls skirts and dress are around knee length particularly in years 5 and 6. Many girls choose to wear shorts underneath so they can do gymnastics at breaktimes, this is fine.

PE kit

PE kit with the St Cuthbert's logo, can be purchased through ParentMail and should be worn during PE sessions within school. Alternatively, please provide a plain red t-shirt and shorts. A pair of tracksuit bottoms and trainers are also advisable as we try can get the children outside as much as possible.

We recommend that PE kits come in to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday for washing. It is helpful to do this as occasionally due to unforeseen circumstances, PE sessions may need to change or we have an extra opportunity for the children to take part in a sporting activity. It also proves helpful should your child has a spillage or accident and need a quick change of clothes.

School PE kit should also be worn at sporting afterschool clubs. The exception to this is KS1 & 2 football.



Safeguarding

Many children may start using mobile phones particularly if they are walking/travelling to school on their own or with friends. With that come worries and dangers about how our children are using their phones. Children who need to bring phones in to school e.g. for walking home after a club or school or because they going to a friend's house, **MUST** hand their phone into the office when they first arrive in school. If a phone is found in the classroom or a child's bag, parents will be notified and the phone kept safe until the end of the day.

Here are some useful links for supporting parents in the setting up of controls on your child's phone to help keep them safe.

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below (copy and paste into browser if required):

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

Change of details



Can we ask that if you have moved house over the summer holidays or have changed your telephone number (landline or mobile) or your email address you inform the school **as soon as possible**. We need your correct details in order to be able to effectively communicate with you and also to contact you in the event of an emergency.



Our Safeguarding Team



Jenny Hawkins
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Daniel Bools
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Jemma White
Phase 1 Lead
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Jane Jones
Joint Phase 2 Lead
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Elizabeth Willoughby
Joint Phase 2 Lead
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Pauline Guy
Inclusion
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



ClassDojo

We continue to use Class Dojo as a communication tool between home and school.

Each week, (on a Wednesday is the aim) class teachers update the class page with information about the learning taking place the following week and the whole school story shares some snippets of the events we share on Twitter.

All families already connected to Class Dojo, should be able to access their child's new class. If you have not yet connected to Dojo or are new to school, invites will be sent out next week on how to access this.

Please remember this does not replace ParentMail, which remains our main system for sharing information.



Cuthbert's Club

If you are interested in using our before and after school extended provision, please visit our website or contact our school office for more details.

Attendance and Absence

It is vital for your child's education that they attend school regularly and promptly.

If your child is absent due to illness or another reason, please ring the school office to inform us why your child is not in school or send an email. This is so we can record the type of absence and support your child on their return. We appreciate this can be tricky at times, but it avoids absences being marked as unauthorised and staff having to follow up on this with your child.

Holiday in term time

Please note that the Government legislation guidance schools follow in making these decisions, rarely agrees to parents taking their children out of school for the purposes of a holiday in term-time. Holidays in term time can result in the Local Authority issuing fixed penalty notices. Please ensure that you email the school office us with the information.

We are required to share our attendance and absence information or concerns in connection to all categories of absence to the LA as part of our safeguarding and obligations to the statutory guidance.