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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon all, what a rainy and slightly wild day it is – it has been indoor break today, both at breaktime and lunchtime so I'm afraid your children haven't got out to play at any point today – sorry!

We have now completed the first month of this academic year and it is has flown by. I am particularly pleased with our whole school attendance as it is over 95% and it has been a long time since we have been in this position – please do keep it up, the more your children are in school the more we can help them!

Please do reassure your children that the Oswald Shop will be open and ready for business next Monday for them to get their first attendance prizes of the year – and they deserve them.

We have welcomed a number of new children this academic year, outside of Nursery and Reception – so I would like officially welcome Rale and Anna in Year 1, Scarlett into Year 3, Isaia and Ashmaan in Year 5 and Aroosh into Year 6. Welcome to the St Cuthbert's family.

Attendance: Our School Attendance is 95.6%

The national target for attendance is 95%.



I am delighted with our whole school attendance – we are keeping the 95% national target after 4 weeks at school. Come on St Cuthbert's you can do it! Congratulations to Year 3

Catholic Life

October 4th – Feast of St Francis

I love St Francis – I have actually had the privilege of going to Assisi, a small Italian town where St Francis is buried. It is a beautiful place and it was a special experience.

St Francis was a man who had it all – money, wealth and power but he gave it all up to serve; to support the poor and the sick and to encourage others to take care of the world that God has created.

The world needs a few St Francis' in it to show others the peace and joy of service and helping those in need.

School Spaces

Schools across the country now have spaces in lower year group classes as the birth rate has fallen. It is due to rise again in the next few years but for now it is low.

We have spaces in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you know someone who is looking for a school space, or is unhappy with their current place please let them know that we do have places available.

Get in whilst you can!



This half term our Virtues and Values are Eloquent and Truthful



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Mass - Fridays at 9.10am in School hall

Friday 10th October –
Year 3 Mass

Friday 17th October –
Year 4 Mass

October – The Month of the Rosary

The Rosary is a chain of beads that Catholics use to help them pray. It has a set format and pattern and allows those who are praying to contemplate on the life of Jesus and to offer prayers for those we call to mind.



St. Cuthbert's Weekly News Updates

Following careful consideration and consultation with and advice from our school Nurse this week, we will be becoming a nut-free school to protect pupils with severe nut allergies, with immediate effect.

This decision has been made to ensure the safety of all our pupils, particularly those with potentially life-threatening allergic reactions. We currently have two children who have to have epi-pens with them at all times because of nut allergies.

We kindly ask for your full cooperation in supporting this measure. We ask that you do not send the following items into school:

- Chocolate spreads containing nuts (e.g. Nutella)
- Cereal bars with nut ingredients
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits or cookies containing nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Sauces that contain nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. We strongly advise checking product packaging carefully to ensure no nut-based ingredients are present in packed lunches or snacks.

We understand this may require some adjustment to your usual meal preparations, and we appreciate your understanding and support. Our pupils' health and safety remain our absolute priority, and together, we can create a safe environment for all.

It's certainly going to make me think about cake sales and Lenten Activities – it is a mind field and I do understand your frustration but please know we have done this because of medical advice we were given this week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for your support for our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We raised £150 just from eating a few cakes and this money will be sent straight to Macmillan who do a fantastic job caring for sick people and their families.

