

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Love to learn, learn to love

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Catholic Life of the School

The Mass times for Easter weekend are as follows:

	ST JOHN VIANNEY	ST CUTHBERT'S
Thursday 1st April Holy Thursday		7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper CHURCH OPEN
Friday 2nd April Good Friday	3.00pm Mass: Solemn Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. CHURCH OPEN	10.00am Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion. CHURCH OPEN
Saturday 3rd April Holy Saturday	5.30pm First Mass of Easter CHURCH OPEN	
Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday	11.00am Mass CHURCH OPEN	9.30am Mass CHURCH OPEN

The link to the Wednesday Word can be found in the home learning section of the school website and you can also use the link below to access the materials:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>

This week all classes have performed a Lenten Liturgy, pictures from each will be available on the school website: https://www.stcuthbertsw.newcastle.sch.uk/website/easter_liturgies/529196

Lenten Charity

As you are aware, during Lent we have been fundraising for 'CAFOD Walk for Water'. CAFOD support people living in poverty to live a full and dignified life. We have been raising money by walking/running laps of the running track each day when in school. The sponsorship form for this will be sent with this newsletter. Please complete the form with pledges. Please send for donations directly to CAFOD, details are available on their website. Thank you.

Newcastle Best Easter Ever

Please see attached the poster for the community projects who are delivering activities free of charge to children over the Easter break.

Please note you must continue to follow Government guidelines and your child must isolate if they have a positive test or have been identified as a close contact and not attend any holiday activity sessions. If you/they are presenting with Covid-19 symptoms, do not attend the sessions and arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. An LFD test should not be used when displaying symptoms.

As restrictions start to ease it's vital that we all continue to follow Hands, Face, Space. You should look to minimise travel; however, travel for sport and exercise is permitted, ensuring all control measures are followed.

Laptop Loans

If you loaned a laptop from school to support home learning during lockdown and have not yet returned it, please return it to school as soon as possible.

Planning Permission

Nearly five years ago we applied for planning permission to have the demountable classrooms added to the site; this was to help us move classes to single form entry in Key Stage 2. We were granted temporary permission with a restriction on the numbers allowed in the school due to congestion on the roads outside. Two years ago, we went through the process of reapplying to have the temporary permission made permanent. This was granted but the restriction of only having 193 children in school remained in place. We are in the process of going through planning again to have this restriction removed in order that we can achieve our pupil admission number of 210. We have been working hard to ensure that we can meet the requirements of the planning department and part of this is encouraging you to walk to school, park away from the site and walk (Engine carpark), cycle or scoot to school. Please help us if possible, as we really want to keep growing our school community. We currently have pupils on the waiting list for year groups that are not full but are unable to offer a place due to the restriction.

Parking

We have had several complaints from members of the public regarding parking around school at the start and end of the day. We understand that it can be busy but please park considerately around school, taking the opportunity to walk or "park and stride" wherever possible.

Free School Meals

You can apply for Free School Meals by following the link below and filling out a short form online.

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals>

Please complete the form if you think you may be eligible even if your child is currently receiving a universal free school meal in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. You will need to make a separate

application for each child in your household.

Attendance

Attendance 2020 -2021

Please see below details of attendance recorded in school from the start of the autumn term. Pupil attendance at school has been mandatory since September and the usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- Parents' duty to ensure that all children attend regularly
- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

As you are aware, holidays during term time **cannot be authorised**. Children who have an attendance of 90% or below are classed as persistent absentees.

Year	Attendance since 8/9/2020
Reception	95.6%
1	98.2%
2	97.6%
3	95.6%
4	96.6%
5	95.7%
6	95.5%
Whole school	96.4%

COVID -19 Positive Tests

If your child receives a positive test during the Easter holiday, please inform the school by email and use the subject "COVID-19" to ensure that the email can be clearly identified.

Asymptomatic Testing Information

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees

- › by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- › by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

EU citizens living in Newcastle

Have you applied to the EU Settlement Scheme for your family?

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen living in the UK everyone in your family, including children, needs to apply before 30 June 2021



If you need help to apply visit
newcastle.gov.uk/services/citizenship/eu-settlement-scheme

Finally, on behalf of the governors and staff of St Cuthbert's we wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back on the 19th of April.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time	Class
01.04.21	Maundy Thursday – school closes at the end of the day for the Easter break		All
19.04.21	School re-opens for the summer term		All
20.04.21	First Holy Communion session for Y4	15:30-16:15	Group
20.04.21	Y2 reading session (information for parents on how to support your child with their reading) – please email school if you would like an invitation to join us on Teams.	16:00-17:00	All
27.04.21	First Holy Communion session for Y4	15:30-16:15	Group
03.05.21	Bank Holiday – school is closed	All day	