

# St. Cuthbert's Catholic First School

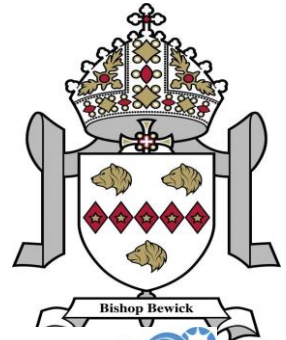
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## SCFS News Spring 2022

We have come to the end of another busy term here at St Cuthbert's! There have been lots of opportunities for your children to learn and grow this term and we are glad to have been able to gradually start to do a few more 'normal' things. Here are just a few memories.....

Bikeability	Surprise Storytellers have been visiting EYFS!	Computing in class 2
		
EYFS using Beebots in their map work..	Learning to play the recorder...	Visit to the Granary Art Gallery
		

## Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust (BBCET)

We officially became part of the BBCET on 1<sup>st</sup> April!! We are looking forward to our future journey together along with 39 other Catholic schools across the northern part of our Diocese. <http://www.bishopbewickcet.org/>

## COVID-19

Please carefully read the updated government guidance set out below;

### **Guidance for Parents and carers**

The approach to managing COVID-19 has changed and advice is to take similar measures that you would for other respiratory infections.

### **Testing**

Free universal COVID-19 testing (PCR and lateral flow tests) for people with and without symptoms was withdrawn in England on Friday 1 April 2022. Most people can no longer access free testing and are no longer advised to get tested. Testing is now much more targeted so there are still some people who are able to get free COVID-19 tests from the NHS. Pupils and staff no longer need to test to attend a school or educational setting.

### **Children with mild symptoms of respiratory illness**

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. For most children and young people, these illnesses, including COVID-19, will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids.

Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future. Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

### **Feeling unwell and high temperature**

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

### **If a child tests positive for Covid-19**

Whilst testing is no longer recommended, if you still have access to lateral flow tests and your child tests positive for COVID-19 they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. Your child should not attend school during this 3-day period. They can return to school after 3 days, if they feel well enough and do not have a high temperature.

### **Children who are close contacts**

If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 your child can still attend their education or childcare setting as normal.

We still intend to keep our protective measures in place such as; keeping windows open and good hand hygiene practices.

### Fundraising

Thank you for your support for CAFOD; the 'Walk Against Hunger' and Ukraine appeal raised £438.87 in total. Our Easter bunny and hamper raffle raised £108.40 for school – well done to Freja and Clara who won the prizes respectively. Well done to all the children who entered the 'decorate an egg' competition – we were very impressed! And thank you to 'Judge Judy' (aka Judy our school governor) for having the difficult job of choosing the winners in each year!

### School uniform & PE kit

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and PE kit for school on return 25<sup>th</sup> April. Details can be found on the school website and remember our *Uniformerly* site has good second hand items.

Earrings are not permitted and these must be removed before school. If you intend to pierce your child's ears could I ask that this is done right at the start of the Summer holidays (July) so they are healed and ready to be removed before our return in September.

### Mrs Dyer

For those of you who don't know... Mrs Dyer and her husband are expecting their first child in late August. We all wish them huge congratulations! We will advertise and recruit for a teacher to cover her maternity leave after the Easter break and will of course keep you updated.

### Spring Term 2022 Special Achievement Awards

Huge congratulations to;

Nursery – **Julian** for working hard across the term

Reception – **Finn** has made excellent progress and tries really hard in his learning

Year 1 – **Naomi** for making outstanding progress in reading & writing and trying hard in all lessons

Year 2 – **Lyla** for her fantastic work ethic this term

Year 3 – **April** for excellent progress in writing & building confidence in maths

Year 4 – **Liam** has worked really hard all term and is progressing well across the board

### Attendance

Well done to everyone for ensuring your child/ren does not miss any school day unnecessarily! We are seeing a rise in 100% stickers each week and overall our attendance figure is gradually rising!

Congratulations to the following children who have 100% Attendance award for the whole Spring Term 2022;

EYFS - **Ruby, Zac, Finn & Tagdh**

Class2 - **Oliver, Paul, Rory, Callie & Larysa**

Class 3 - April, Libby, Liam, Ellie & Jane

### Are you leaving us?

Some children have informed us that they may be leaving the area and therefore attending new schools in September. Please could I ask all parents to let the office know if this is the case as we do hold a waiting list for spaces and it really does help us to plan for the future.

### Ten:Ten 'Life to the full'

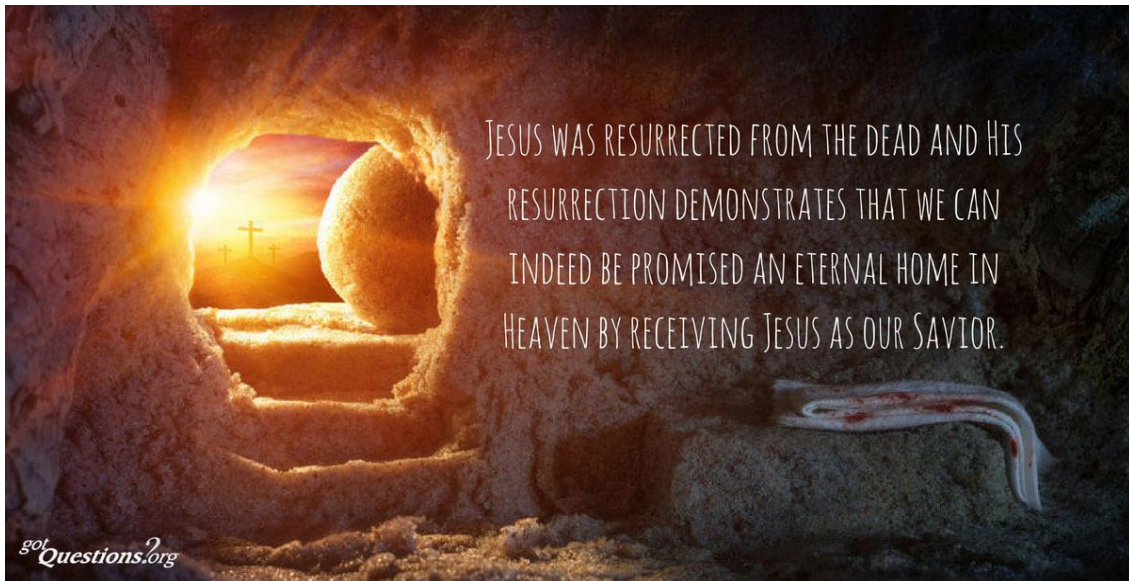
A reminder - please take a look at the resources for the Relationships and Health Education programme and complete the parent questionnaire before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you to those of you who have already responded so positively.

### Happy Easter

Remember you are all most welcome at Mass at Our Lady & St Cuthbert's RC church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to celebrate Easter!

Thank you to all staff & governors who have worked so hard to support the children and to our families - thank you for being so supportive.

"Out of darkness is born the light"  
- Saint Catherine of Siena



### A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world. Amen.