

## St. Cuthbert's Catholic First School

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## 27/10/23

Dear Families,

Our first Half Term has finished already! Where does the time go? We have certainly had a busy start to the school year 23-24, here are some of the things we have been doing;

We welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children and their families to our school community - we hope you have settled into school life her at St Cuthbert's.

Class 3 visited Northumberland Zoo as part of their Science topic work.

Reception - Year 4 have enjoyed Dance lessons each week with Katharine our NUFC coach.

All classes had a visit from the local dentists to learn about oral hygiene - keep those teeth brushed!

Year 5 staff from both Berwick and Tweedmouth Middle schools have visited our Year 4 children (remember to apply for your child's Middle School Place by 31/10/23).

Early Years enjoyed an Autumn walk in our local area.

Class 2 and Class 3 have visited the Granary Art Gallery in Berwick to look at the Anne Redpath exhibition in detail.

Our Mini Vinnies and some of class 3 joined parishioners for a porridge breakfast in aid of Mary's Meals - £87 raised - thank you.

Parent consultations were held - we hope every parent managed to come along and find out how their child is doing in school.

Class 3 have had violin lessons this half term as part of our music curriculum offer.

Year 3's took part in the Tag Rugby festival in Alnwick (photos on website).

Berwick Music Series spent a day with Class 2 exploring sounds and making music together using different instruments and equipment.

We welcomed our new parish priest; Father Shaun who starts his ministry here this week, we look forward to working with him.

Thank you to FOSC; Gemma and her band of helpers; Lynn, Neil, Callie, Kara, Beth, Miss Bruce and Kristina for organising and running our Halloween Party (photos on website). We raised £109.84 for school funds - this will go towards support for school trips!

Year 4's led our Family Worship beautifully yesterday, thank you (photos on website)

Thank you to everyone who 'Brightened Up' and for your donations to CAFOD today!!! Mrs Simpson held an assembly with the children in Reception- year 4 today to tell them what the money will be used for and each child has brought home a CAFOD prayer card.

Thank you for your continued support, we cannot stress enough the difference we see in children who are in school on time, who are read to and with at home regularly, have regular access to Maths Whizz and Spell Shed - it really does make all the difference!!

Remember; no PE kits to be worn on Mondays anymore - PE kit to be worn to school TUESDAYS only (apart from Class 3 Hockey Club members).

Have a lovely, restful half term holiday together with your families and friends and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards

## Clare McGregor

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Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen