



St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School Newsletter

14th December 2023

This is our final newsletter of 2023 and looking back, what a very busy year it has been.

The choir and band have been busy throughout the autumn term and I know Mrs Jenkins has lots of things planned for spring.

The Mini Police started their duties supporting children during lunchtime play and they have already been out and about with the police monitoring traffic in Wells.

The farm area has yet again grown some outstanding pumpkins that we raffled and the children have worked hard planting and harvesting during the autumn term.

Year 6 battled the storm when they attended their residential visit and they had a great time, conquering fears and having fun.

I cannot wait for all of the exciting things we have planned for 2024.

Choir and band at St Thomas's Church



The school choir and band have performed at St Thomas's Church this week along the Good Afternoon Choir. They were wonderful! It is such a great opportunity for our choir to sing with other choirs. Many thanks to all of the parents



who came along to support us.

Christmas church service

I am very much looking forward to our Christmas service at St Cuthbert's Church on Friday 15th December. This is always such a special service with family, friends and all of the children celebrating Christmas together. There is always more than a hint of excitement in the air! Service starts at 2pm.





Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to Mrs Thorne for organising such a superb Christmas raffle. Many thanks for those parents who helped us by donating raffle prizes, this was much appreciated. The raffle raised an amazing £132.00.



Swimming

Next term Himalayas and Rockies will be attending swimming. We are asking for a contribution of £40.00 for this activity. Swimming will take place every Tuesday (from 9th January to 19th March) with Himalayas meeting school staff at the pool at 8.45am and Rockies class will be registered in school and taken on the bus later.

Please make sure your child has their swimming costume, towel, goggles and hat on this day.

All the information has been sent out via ParentMail, please make sure you complete the permission form before the start of swimming. Without the permission being completed your child will be unable to swim.

Parking

Can we please remind you to consider local residents when you are parking your cars in the local neighbourhood for drop off and pick up times. We have had reports of driveways being blocked and residents unable to get out. Please ensure you keep off the footpaths whilst reversing, turning or parking so we can keep our children safe.

Exhibition of Design Technology work

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about World War 2 and as part of their learning they have looked

closely at Anderson shelters. They designed and built their own model of an Anderson shelter and they looked quite amazing.



We were so impressed that we decided to exhibit the models in the hall straight after school on Tuesday. Parents had been invited to come in and see what an eye for detail some of our children have. I am extremely impressed Year 5 / 6!



Attendance

Whole school attendance for this term was 95%. We have had a number of children absent for term time holidays. We have also had a lot of coughs and colds circulating.

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 01749678066.
- Avoid taking any holidays during term times.
- Speak to school staff with any concerns.
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is.

Punctuality is also highly important. Children who arrive late to school are not only losing learning but also disrupting the learning of others as they arrive late for

lessons. We want to help families get their children to school on time. Here are some things you can try:

- Have everything you/your child needs for school prepared the night before
- Ensure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time so they are not too tired to get up in the morning
- Ensure your child has a good night's sleep by minimising their use of devices at bed time.
- Set an alarm to allow plenty of time for your morning routine in getting to school on time
- Bring your child to breakfast club (7.45am – 8.45am). This can be booked easily through the school office.

What a very busy term this has been! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their support this term. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

I am very much looking forward to a well-earned Christmas break and I will look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

With Christmas wishes,

Helen Mullinger

