

St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School

Newsletter 14/03/22

Red Cross Appeal

The world feels a very uncertain place at moment and I think we have all been moved by the plight of the Ukrainian people. Last week, we had mufti to raise money for the Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal and I was overwhelmed with the response we had for this. **We raised a magnificent £413-14.** My many thanks.

Outdoor Adventure Week

The outdoor adventure week we did last year was such a huge success we have decided to do it again! This year, adventure week will be from 16th May – 20th May. We will have the same team building activities such blind trail, orienteering and den making as well as using some of our sports funding to pay for the mobile climbing wall to visit again. This year they will be bringing the climbing wall and a caving unit. Children will also be able to try archery as well. This will be an exciting and you can find out more about the climbing wall by visiting <https://www.mobileclimbing.co.uk/>



Year 6 are going to be having something rather special and exciting happening this week which I will be giving details about nearer the time.

Year 6 Languages Day

Year 6 have been asked to attend a languages day at Downside School. This is a very exciting opportunity for the children. The children will enjoy a Euro quiz, translations tasks and create book cover designs. They will have a better understanding of European languages and different cultures. They have also been invited to have lunch which I have been told is always quite delicious!

If you have not yet sent the consent form back for this trip please do this tomorrow at the latest please.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on this Friday and we are asking children to dress in something red and make a donation of £1.00. There will be lots of fun activities throughout the day.

World Book Day



What a fantastic day we had on Thursday when we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day! There were so many fantastic costumes and class activities all across the school which really help to showcase the love of reading we already have at St

Cuthbert's. The children brought in some amazing book donations for our school library and thoroughly enjoyed listening to the favourite stories of staff during the morning.



INSET Day – Thursday 23rd June

We have been allowed to book another INSET day as the training arranged for the last one had to be cancelled due to the storm and school closure.

We have booked an additional INSET day for both infant and junior schools for **Thursday 23rd June**. We already have an INSET day booked on Friday 24th so this will make it a very short week.

Easter

Although it is still quite a time away, I wanted to inform you that we have booked St Cuthbert's Church on the last day of term (Friday 8th April) for children to perform the Easter service. We had to cancel the Christmas service due to restrictions but I am sure that it will go ahead this time. The service will start at 2.00pm and parents will be able to take their children home from church if they wish. We are very much looking forward to this and I hope that you are too.

Covid Update

The case numbers of covid in the area are increasing significantly. Case numbers in school are still relatively low but we are seeing them increase amongst children. I would like to remind parents of procedures when you have covid within the household.

Children that test positive will need to follow the same course of action they did last term:

- Remain away from school for the first 5 days after a positive test
- From Day 5 onwards, children can test again and if they have two negative tests within 24 hours, they may return to school if they feel well enough to do so
- After Day 10, children may return to school, even if the tests remain positive as they are no longer regarded as infectious.
- If a family member the child lives with tests positive, as long as your child is well and is showing no symptoms and tests negative on lateral flow tests then they will be able to attend school as normal.

Online/Mobile phone Safety

We have had a number of issues raised with Year 5 and 6 children over the last couple of weeks regarding how children are using their mobile phones. I sent out a letter this week to Year 5 and 6 parents outlining these concerns. I have also offered to support any parents who are struggling with safety features on the phones. Please contact us if you need any support. I will be in touch shortly to inform you of an online safety workshop I am trying to organize. I think this will be most helpful to a lot of parents.

Attendance

We have a number of children arriving late for school in the mornings. This is incredibly unsettling for the children and does not allow them to enjoy a smooth start to the school day with their peers.

Please be aware that teachers often focus on some of the most important things for children early in the morning because research shows this is when they are at their most receptive. If your child is regularly late for school they will consistently miss this important part of their learning.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Helen Mullinger

Headteacher