

St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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We are fast approaching our last day of the school year and what a year it has been! Despite all of the reservations and concerns we had back in September about infection rates, potential school closures and the dreaded home learning, we have managed to keep school open and the children have had a very successful year.

We have only managed to do this with the hard work of all of the staff who stepped in and stepped up when we had significant staff absence before Christmas. In addition, we saw the extraordinary efforts and expertise of staff in ensuring that our children have strong emotional wellbeing and were in a good positive place to learn. The children have had fun this year with such a lot of exciting events and visits that they have been denied over the previous 2 years. It certainly has felt like we have been back to normal. Long may this continue!

Year 6

We had a very professional Year 6 leavers performance last week as well as the Year 6 leavers presentation assembly. Both were very emotional events for staff, parents and children. Tomorrow, we are having our final farewell to our Year 6 children with a service at St Cuthbert's Church. The service starts at 2.00pm and I expect it to finish at approximately 2.30pm. All parents from all year groups are welcome to attend and celebrate with us. You will be able to take your children home after the service if you wish or collect them from school at the normal time of 3.20pm.

The Year 6 children received their SATs results at the end of this term and we are very proud of every single one of them. They battled through an outbreak of Covid to come in and complete the tests. You will see from the results below that we exceeded what schools achieved nationally in all subjects. A huge well done!

<u>2022 Year 6 SATs results</u>					
	Writing	SPAG	Reading	Maths	Combined SPAG, reading and maths
Expected Standard National	69%	72%	74%	71%	59%
Expected Standard School	77%	84%	75%	78%	62%
Greater Depth Standard School	28%	34%	34%	12%	9%

Circus Workshop

We had the circus workshop visit school yesterday and the children had the most incredible experience juggling and trying out a unicycle. It was very difficult but the children gave it a really good go. The circus show in the afternoon went down a storm and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. What a lovely end of term treat!



Talent Show

We had our annual talent show to end the school year this week and although we chose the hottest day on record to do it, we still managed to keep reasonably cool.

We had a range of amazing performances including magicians, singers, ballet dancers, comedians, gymnasts, footballers and many more. Year 6 children did a great job deciding the winners. This is one of my favourite fun days of the school year. Well done to all of those children who had the courage (and a lot of talent) to get on the stage and take part.

Reading Books

Could I ask parents to make sure children bring their reading book back into school if they have not already done so.

A huge thank you!

I would like to thank The Phipps family for the extremely kind donation of a friendship bench yesterday. This was a lovely goodbye gift from them after being part of our school family for many years.



We have managed to get through the extreme heat of the beginning of this week in one piece and I hope that the summer holiday brings many more sunny days (just not quite as hot). Once again, thank you all for your continuing support to the children, staff and school as whole. We hope that next year will be just as exciting!

With thanks

Helen Mullinger

Headteacher