



St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 16 Week ending 19.01.18

Believe
you can
achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have continued to focus on our School Value of Achievement. We have refreshed the children's memories of our growth mindset learning from the start of the Autumn Term and asked them to reflect on the personal targets that they have set themselves. We have looked at the word 'fail' and that this is known within our school as first attempt in learning. We encourage our children

to take risks and then to learn from errors. During my visits to classrooms this week, I have seen how our children are supported to become more resilient through challenges in their learning.

First
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Learning

As a school we recognise the increasing pressures on families and children these days, and the importance of working closely with families to ensure that children are able to be healthy in mind, body and spirit. Teaching staff have been working with Primary Mental Health Workers on the CAMHs team on Targeted Mental Health Awareness for Schools (TAMHS) to develop a greater understanding of how

to ensure that we support our children to maintain good mental health. As always, please contact your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss anything relating to your child or if your child may need further support.

[John 1:35-42](#)

In our liturgies this week we have listened to how important each and every one of us is. We have reflected on how God knows us all individually and calls us all by name. With this comes the responsibility to listen to his call and also to use our gifts and talents for the good of all.



School Council Update

Thank you to our School Council who continue to make a huge contribution to school development. The following priorities are on the School Council Agenda for this term:

- To analyse the results of the pupil survey
- To write and develop a child friendly anti-bullying policy
- To write and develop a child friendly behaviour policy
- To work on playtime improvements
- To improve the learning environments
- They have also voted to hold a Crazy Hair Day to fundraise for additional playground equipment. The date for this is yet to be confirmed!

Happy Playtimes

Thank you once again to our School Council who fundraised for our two new friendship benches. Many of our children enjoy playtimes and join in well, playing a range of games with others. We are lucky to have a huge amount of outdoor space for our children to play in which they have access to all year round. At playtimes children can go into the astro-turf area, the Awe and Wonder Garden, or play under the tree or on the playground. We are still awaiting news of our additional funding from the Diocese to enable us to begin our playground development.



We recognise that for some children playtime can be a challenging time and as a result we now offer an indoor opportunity for children to come and play quietly indoors in a nurturing environment in the old Music Room. This has so far proved successful and we will continue to offer a range of activities at lunch time to ensure pupils are supported to have happy playtimes. Feedback from pupils has been very positive so far. Our buddy system which enables our older pupils to support younger pupils is also working well at lunchtimes.



Extended Provision

In response to parent enquiries, we are looking into the viability of establishing before and after school childcare. The first step in this process is consultation with parents to establish need. Please can you access the survey below and complete on line by Friday 2nd February. I hope that all parents will complete the survey to enable us to get a true picture of parent need for childcare both before and after school. Once we have the results of the survey, I will be able to update you on the next stages.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XXCGMB6

Parent Governor Elections. Update

The nominations for this are now closed. As we have received more nominations than there are vacancies currently on the Governing Body, we are going to a ballot . Each family should have by now received a ballot paper which needs to be returned to the school office by Thursday 25th January at 12pm. Please remember that any votes submitted after this time will not be included in the count. Please ensure that you all take the time to vote for the candidate who you feel would contribute the most to our ongoing school development and read their personal statements. If you have not received a ballot paper then please check your children's school bags and contact the school office before the closing date.

Reception Admissions 2018 Applications now closed

Late applications may still be considered. Please contact the school office for further information.

School Website

Our school website is celebrating its first birthday this month. We continue to develop it and update it to ensure that parents have access to the latest information. Please let us know if you would like other information included. Also, please can I encourage you to click on the link to access the Parent View Website and complete the online questionnaire.



Diary Dates

JANUARY

24th 3.15-4.00pm Open Classrooms

25th 12 noon Parent Governor Ballot closes

FEBRUARY

2nd Anti-bullying performance theatre company visit

7th 2-3pm Headteacher's Open Door drop in for parents

8th 2pm Parent Forum 3

9th INSET Day (Maths)

MARCH

2nd—The Friends' Quiz Evening

9th— 18th National Science Week

9th School Science Day

14th 3.15-4.00pm Open Classrooms

19th Class photographs

20th 4.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening

22nd 4.00-6.30 Parents' Evening

26th Holy Week

29th Last day of Spring Term 3.15pm Finish

Antibullying and raising awareness

Firehorse Productions will be presenting 'The B Word' to pupils in Years Two to Six on 2nd February. This production will provide the overriding message that bullying must not be tolerated, that no one should suffer in silence and speaking out is crucial. The production also helps to tackle cyber bullying and treating people with respect. Please ensure that you have returned the consent form and paid on line at Scopay by 22nd January 2018 to enable this excellent production to go ahead.



<u>Attendance figures for w.e. 12.01.18</u>	Class	%
School Target 96.5%	Reception	92.7%
Whole school percentage	Year 1	98.3%
	Year 2	98.3%
	Year 3	91.1%
	Year 4	99.1%
	Year 5	98.5%
	Year 6	97.2%
Well done to Year 4 for the highest attendance last week	Whole School	97%

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Natalie McCarthy

Headteacher

