



St. Cuthbert's  
Roman Catholic Academy Trust



# St Richard's Newsletter

Aspire, learn and serve and grown in Christ.

Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Parents Evening:**

If you have not already made an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please do so. It is extremely important that we are working together to help your child reach their full potential. Appointments are for ten minutes and your child is welcome to attend the appointment with you. You will also have the opportunity to look in your child's book and see all of the brilliant work that they have doing this half term.

## **Tree Planting Day:**

A new date has been added to the dates on the reverse of the newsletter. Woodland Trust are providing the school with a tree for every child to plant on this day. We are planning to invite parents in to plant the tree with their child. We will send out more information soon.

## **Junior Chaplaincy Team:**

This week, the Junior Chaplaincy team planned an extremely thoughtful Act of Worship teaching the children about the power of doing good in Jesus' name.

## **Minnie Vinnies:**

We linked our 'Act of Kindness' to the Gospel by asking the children to 'help someone with their work'. We also met with Mrs Tennyson to design posters to promote donations for our Harvest Festival on 24th October.

## **Year 6 Reflection Day:**

Our oldest children also enjoyed the opportunity to share in a wonderful retreat at St Stephen's, where we reflected on our year to come; asking God to be with us as we face the challenges ahead of us.

## **Attendance and Punctuality:**

Our whole school target for the year is **96%** (or above). The vast majority of children are in school everyday and are always on time. However, some children are always late for school and this really does impact on their education. Please remember that 'every minute counts'. If your child is **5** minutes late every morning he/she will miss over **15** hours of learning. That's almost **3** school days!

**Week ending:** Friday 28th September: **96.1%**

**Week ending:** Friday 5th October: **95.7%**

Unfortunately, not one class in school achieved 100% attendance over these two weeks. Hopefully, that's about to change!

## **Drive-way:**

Please be safety conscious and use the footpath when the drive gates are open. The gates are locked between **8.30am-9am** and **3.20pm-3.45pm** during these times it is safe to walk on the drive-way but at other times, especially for Breakfast Club please use the path as cars are using the drive-way.

## **Clubs:**

As a staff, we have worked hard to produce lots of different extra-curricular activities for the children to attend either at lunchtimes or after-school. They are proving to be very popular with the children and staff! Please ask your children what club they have attended this week.



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## **Golden Table:**

Each week, children that have been spotted being polite, using their manners and following the school behaviour of showing Respect and Pride, are invited to sit at the Golden Table for lunchtime on a Friday. The children are very excited about this and are always eager to find out if they've been chosen.

## **Cross Country Championships:**

A city wide Cross Country Championship is being held on Friday 26th October and in preparation for this day, St Richard's will be hosting it's own Cross-Country Championship on Thursday 18th October. All year groups (Y1-Y6) have been allocated a time for them to compete. Parents and Guardians are invited to cheer on their child or if you are feeling brave, can compete alongside their child. We hope that you can attend this event and support your child.

## RACE LIST –

Year 1 and 2 GIRLS – 1:15pm

Year 1 and 2 BOYS – 1:35pm

Year 3 and 4 GIRLS – 1:55pm

Year 3 and 4 BOYS – 2:15pm

Year 5 and 6 GIRLS – 2:35pm

Year 5 and 6 BOYS – 2:55pm

Please note that children will return to classes after their races and will then be ready to be collected at 3:30pm from their usual pick-up points. I do hope you can come to join us on the day and we look forward to welcoming you on the starting line.

## **Dates for diaries:**

**Wednesday 17th October and Thursday 18th**

**October:** Parent's Evening.

**Wednesday 24th October:** Harvest Festival Celebrations.

**Friday 26th October: Half-term.**

**Monday 5th November:** School re-opens at 8.40am.

**Monday 12th November:** Anti-bullying week.

**\*Thursday 15th November:** Woodland Trust Tree Planting Day\*

**Friday 16th November:** Children in Need

**Monday 19th November:** Swimming for Y4 children starts.

**Friday 7th December:** Christmas Disco

**Monday 10th December:** Pantomime Day

**Tuesday 11th December:** FS1 Performance

**Wednesday 12th December:** KS1 Performance

**Thursday 13th December:** FS2 Performance

**Friday 14th December:** Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 18th December:** Christmas Craft EYFS/ KS1

**Wednesday 19th December:** Christmas Craft KS2

**Thursday 19th December:** Party Day

**Friday 21st December:** Christmas Mass

**Friday 21st December: School closes for Christmas**

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday at 8.40am.

Mrs Coldham

Head of School