

# St Cuthbert's RC Primary School October 2020 Newsletter

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## Live the light, share the light, be the light!

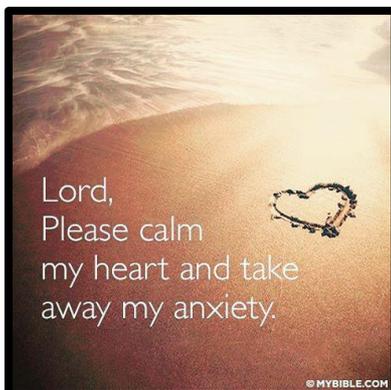
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

My goodness is it really two weeks since our last newsletter. The days are flying by in a flurry of bubbles. (Pardon the pun) Although I am unable to go into classrooms, I do have an allocated space in each doorway from which I can greet the children and speak to them. I am so proud of them and how they have adapted to our new way of life at St. Cuthbert's School. As I move around the school visiting classrooms I am in awe of how our teachers have created learning environments that make coming to school fun for children - even if they are sitting in rows facing the front. Whether it is an alien visitor in Y5, pirates in Foundation stage or recreating the digestive system in Y4 there are a wide range of activities being implemented to engage the children and make learning exciting. It is lovely to see their happy faces, hear their stories, watch them laugh and of course observe them working hard too. Please keep visiting our website or Twitter or Facebook page to keep up to date with the fantastic experiences your children are having. We loved seeing photos from home during lockdown and recognise that learning is not only within school so if you wish to continue sharing photographs of children's activities with us please do so through the school email [crookstcuthberts@durhamlearning.net](mailto:crookstcuthberts@durhamlearning.net) remember to let us know if you are happy for us to share them through social media.

We are very lucky to have a Mental Health Support worker in school every week. This is a programme that is developed through the NHS and supports children who are suffering from anxiety. The team work with families to support children in a variety of ways depending on the needs of the child. Please do let us know if you feel your child would benefit from this service as we know that sometimes children behave differently at home and can mask their worries at school. The children, like you, have been through and are still experiencing, the strangest and possibly the loneliest of times, and we know that they may have worries that they struggle to articulate. We work in school on identifying emotions and understanding that there is no 'wrong' emotion but children also need to learn how to cope with the wide range of emotions that they will experience in life including anger, frustration, sadness and happiness.

We continue to keep you updated with the church bulletin each week through our social media channels and will continue to share the lovely collective worships and reflections from TenTen resources that we use in school. [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)

The link can also be found on our social media pages.



We are all facing a difficult and concerning time with local lockdown: the inability to share time with loved ones, concerns over health, bereavements and worries for the future. You are doing a fantastic job of keeping your families safe and secure by following government guidelines. But remember we are all God's children, including you, and when it seems like you don't know what to say, don't say anything -

**He will hear you!**

Keep Safe from Miss McElhone



### School Lunches

We are very lucky to have hot meals made fresh each day on the premises. Menus are developed through the Local Authority to ensure a balanced meal is available covering all the food groups. Our lunchtime supervisors are very good at encouraging children to try new things and quickly learn who 'really' doesn't like something so that lunch is a positive experience. If you wish your child to have a hot meal in the winter months please contact the office to let us know. Meals cost: £2.15 per day payable through ParentPay. Menus are available on the website.

### School Fund

Thank you to those parents who have already paid a contribution to their class fund. If you have not done so yet there is still time to pay through Parentpay.

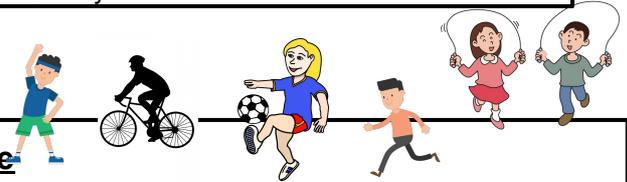
### Payments

Please could I remind parents that as stated on previous letters if you are accessing Breakfast Club or After School Club you must keep your account up to date otherwise we will have no alternative other than to stop allowing your child to access the service provided. Contacting people for payment of debts is not very pleasant for staff or yourselves.

### PE

As we asked children to wear PE kit on their allocated day we recognise that some children have been walking to school in PE shoes. If you wish your child to wear trainers on these days then that is fine until normal service resumes.

### Fit For the Future



How many of us during lockdown got into really good exercise habits? Whether it was a daily walk, run, bike ride, or Joe Wicks for those truly energetic of you, I'm sure we all felt motivated to keep moving. With this in mind, Mrs Bissell has introduced the Daily Move. In the same manner as the Daily Mile but allowing for a wider range of activity to keep children interested - the children will do some form of exercise each day to ensure their heart rate is raised. Why don't you challenge yourself alongside your child? Who is the fittest? Photographs to Mrs Bissell please. Remember we want children to enjoy exercise and create good habits for future health.

### Internet and laptops at home

Please let school know by email or phone if your child does not have either internet access or access to an IPAD, Chrome book or a laptop at home. We need to have this information in order that we can provide alternative work in case of self isolation or lockdown.

### Holidays During Covid 19

Please be aware that all holidays during term time are still unauthorised. If you go on holiday during term time a request form must be filled in stating the country and resort being visited. If you do go on holiday at any point during this time, due to Covid 19 transmission we would ask that you follow Government Guidelines and self isolate on return if the destination is an area not on the safe list. Work will be provided for your child through Google Classroom or the website for EYFS.

### Covid Contact

It is very important that we know as soon as possible if your child or someone in their household tests positive for COVID, including over a weekend, as we have to put things in place for the following Monday morning. You will have received a message on ParentMail about how to do this. **At this stage, please only use this system for weekend reporting of POSITIVE Covid cases not for any other absences.**

### Keeping Warm

As we mentioned in a text we are keeping rooms well ventilated as per government guidance however they can become chilly. It is a good idea to make sure your children have an extra layer on under their uniform to help keep them warm. (skins, tee shirt etc)

### Discussion Point!

This is a dilemma that we discussed in Y3 over lunch. Do you eat the favourite thing on your plate first or last? My answer was favourite thing last. What would your answer be?

### Stars

Foundation Stage - James Nichols, Hugo James, Tomlinson, Iris Leighton, Layla Hanley  
Year 1 - Esme Hunter  
Year 2- Colby Seymour, Ella Gustard  
Year 3 - Arron Burrows  
Year 4 -Logan Tyler  
Year 5 - Shane Finn  
Year 6 - Annabelle Smith

