



St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy

Care, Courtesy, Concern
Newsletter – 3rd of December 2021

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HOLY CROSS THANK SCCA



We received a big thank you and photograph from the team at Holy Cross soup kitchen this week, following our Harvest donations. It is great to see our support for others is welcomed!

CHOIR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Tonight our primary school choir from across the trust will perform a short set of carols to support the South Shore Community Hub Christmas Light switch on. Santa has been invited to join in the fun too! The switch on is at 4.30pm outside the hub building on Highfield Road (FY4 2JF). We will share news of their success in next week's newsletter.



ADVENT SERVICE

Sadly our Catholic Advent Service is not able to take place as planned. A few children from our school have been chosen to represent our school and their effort will be filmed early next week. The children have been rehearsing over recent days with Mrs Thackwray and I am grateful for their commitment and support. Once the films have been sent to St Mary's they will be compiled into a short video montage and shared with us all via the school website/dojo.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES



Children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will today receive a Day by Day Advent Activity booklet. These have been kindly donated by a parishioner.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th December
Elf Run

Thursday 16th December
Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 21st December
School finishes for the Christmas Holidays. School re-opens on 5th January 2022



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GOLDEN BOOK

Kylo Cunningham-Glen - for trying his best to overcome challenges during learning opportunities. Kylo has then shown pride in his achievements.

Lekesh Hemasanth - for reading well at home and trying his very best in phonics. Keep it up!

Jake Ackers - for putting in lots of effort with his name writing and numeral practise. You are making good progress - keep it up!

Adam Alosh - for always showing a sensible and focused attitude in phonics. Adam is making great progress in learning his sounds and is showing lots of confidence with his reading.

Peggy Larkin - Peggy has been extremely caring this week. Peggy always puts others first and this has been a pleasure to see this week.

Jonah Hulme - Jonah has provided excellent explanations in Maths this week! When Year 2 had some special visitors Jonah provided some amazing explanations and gave fantastic reasons in Maths! Well done Jonah!

Ariana Senthuran - for being super mature and hardworking. She responds sensibly to any unexpected situations and is a great role-model for the class.

Daniel Pasek - for working extra hard in maths. Daniel never fusses and always gets onto the task in hand with a super positive attitude.

Suvd Gantulga - Suvd has beautiful handwriting. Her hard work has resulted in her being awarded her pen licence. Well done Suvd!

Emelia Hughes - For making fabulous progress with her swimming since September. In addition, she really impressed the visiting sports coaches with her speed, agility and spatial awareness whilst participating in invasion games. Well done Emelia.

Kara-Mey Allsop - Kara has wowed Miss Starkey this week as she has been engaged in all of her lessons and frequently wants to share her thoughts and answers. Keep this up, Kara!

Maja Gawronska - Miss Hyland has nominated Maja this week for her hardwork and determination in mathematics. Maja has remembered the strategies taught and uses them in lesson to help her!



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COVID UPDATES

Omicron Variant

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister shared new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK.

Then on Sunday 28 November, the Department for Education announced the measures as they apply to education and childcare. This means that staff are wearing masks around school in shared spaces, are distancing once more in meetings and across the building again.

Information on contact tracing and isolation, travel and quarantine, are also within the guidance to reflect the new measures. Our risk assessment has been updated and staff informed. Should you have any questions about the changes and measures being applied, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Cases in your family

One of the additional measures we discussed with public health this week is tracking positive cases in the homes of our pupils. We ask that you share any positive cases in your household and ensure that the children attending our school are sent for a PCR straight away and then discuss the result with a member of the senior leadership team, before returning to school. Remember that we encourage all pupils to take regular lateral flows, we appreciate that this is an additional task to complete at the start of a busy morning, when engaging in the school run, but we feel it is such an important precaution in reducing the spread of the virus.

ASPENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

As part of our Christmas preparations we are looking forward to a school Christmas dinner day with crackers, singing and all the trimmings! If your child doesn't usually have a hot dinner don't forget to book their meal if you haven't already. It takes place on 16th December 2021.

Remember children are invited to wear a festive hat, hair accessory or headband to support the celebrations. Dinner will be served to the whole school in the full sitting, so lunch time arrangements will be extended. Crackers donated by our foodbank will also be enjoyed!

ASPENS COLOURING COMPETITION



Aspens are once again holding their Christmas Colouring competition with a chocolate prize for the best entry in each class. The sheets to colour are available from the classrooms.

Please submit entries to school by **Wednesday 8th December**. Happy colouring!



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Y2 FOOTBALL SHIRT INITIATIVE



Blackpool FC, Blackpool Supporters' Trust and Blackpool FC Community Trust are offering every single child in Year 2 the opportunity to receive a BFC 21/22 replica home shirt just in time for Christmas.

This is a Blackpool wide initiative which aims to share our love of the Football Club with the community and increase the feeling of pride for the town.

To ensure the shirts go to wanting recipients and limit any waste, we ask that you fill out a simple Google form to request your child's shirt. The form will give you the option to choose either a BFC 21/22 replica home shirt or if you already have a home shirt, a new 21/22 replica training top.

It is imperative that you fill out and complete the Google form carefully as shirts will only be given out to those who have completed the form. The link to the form is:

<https://forms.gle/WtTzhNTPDVuPQfUM9>

The form must be completed no later than **5:00pm on Monday 6th December.**

BREAKFAST TIME

We've noticed a number of children have been coming into school still carrying/eating their breakfast.

Please ensure that children have eaten breakfast before coming to school so that they are ready for lessons on arrival.

CO2 MONITORS

The DFE have given each school in the country carbon monoxide (co2) monitors to test the air flow in each classroom. To ensure that it is of the highest quality it alerts staff of the need to open windows, keeping COVID transmission low. They are really useful tools!



NURSERY NEWS

Nursery have been busy getting festive and have enjoyed dressing their Christmas tree.



Mrs Sarah Smith

Executive Headteacher