

Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

The following is the latest advice from Cumbria County Council's Public Health department: What we're now seeing is high case rates translating into hospital admissions – hospitals that are already under immense pressure – and we must do all we can to relieve the pressure on these services. Which means practicing Covid safety guidance (Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air, testing) and choosing the right NHS service at the right time. "In terms of younger age groups, it's important parents remember to get their children tested regularly – and in the right way taking Lateral Flow tests twice a week if your child does not have symptoms and going for a PCR if they do have symptoms." Colin Cox, Cumbria's Director of Public Health

We are aware as teachers that not everything which children are accessing online is suitable for them. Do you know what your child is accessing? - and what is age appropriate for them? To find out and ensure your child is as safe as possible in their online world, please check out <u>www.commonsensemedia.org</u> for reviews of apps and games your child may be using or have heard of.

In particular, there is a lot of talk about the show 'Squid Games' (age rating 15) at the moment with many children saying they have watched it. Please be aware that they can also access content on you-tube, Roblox and Tik Tok. What parents need to know about Squid Games: <u>'Squid Game' Trending across Platforms: What Parents Need to Know</u> <u>National Online Safety</u>

Half-term is here! What a busy 8 weeks we have had. This week has been a hive of activity in school. Our Cuthbert Bear Baby and Toddler Group is still as popular as ever and it is a joy to welcome children old and new to our group. Toddler group runs during term-time on Thursdays from 9.30am until 11.30am. All pre-school children are welcome.

We are having an Open Morning for all year groups on Thursday 4th November from 9.30am to 11.30am. We hopefully look forward to welcoming lots of new parents and children to look round our amazing school.

As previously mentioned, Parent Consultations will be taking place during week beginning the 8th of November. Due to rising Covid rates these will be taking place over the telephone. We know that this is not ideal, but there will still be the opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making and any other issues you may wish to raise. Thank you for your understanding. Please keep an eye on Dojos for details.

The PFA movie night was a great success. Thank you to staff and PFA members for giving up their own time to run the film night. The hotdogs and popcorn were definitely a hit! We will let you know how much we have raised soon.

We hope you all manage to get a break during the holidays and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on November 1st.

Mrs Bone and Mrs Tansey, Head of School and Executive Head Teacher

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DIARY - NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 1 st	School re-opens at 8.45am	
	All Saints Day	
Tuesday 2 nd	Christmas Craft Club, YR-Y6 until 4.15pm	
Wednesday 3 rd PCSO Road Safety Sessions, in school time		
Thursday 4 th	School Open Morning, 9.30-11.30am, all welcome	
	Last day for Xmas for Schools orders	
	Netball, KS2 - details to follow	
Friday 5 th	Forest School, in school time	



The PFA Movie Night was a great success MENU 1 Week beginning Monday 1st of November 2021



TEDDY AWARD

Amazing! Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 – very well done, I'm impressed!

Reception 75.9%			
Year 1	100%		
Year 2	100%		
Year 3	100%		
Year 4	100%		
Year 5	84.9%		
Year 6	100%		

<u>Wrap-around Care</u> - all payments are due in advance when booking please **Breakfast Club*** is open from 8.15am until 8.45am £2 per child, per session **After-school Club*** runs from 3.15pm until 5pm at £4 per child, per session. *Please book <u>48 hours</u> in advance to allow staff planning or we cannot guarantee availability.

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School