



Monday 18th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well.

Poverty Proofing the School Day – No Gifts Sent into School Initiative

Please remember as part of our **Poverty Proofing the School Day** initiative, we will not be accepting any gifts into school for the adults from the children or families.

In agreement with all staff, any gifts which are sent into school will be donated to local charities. Please support St Cuthbert's and all of our children and families – please do not send any gifts into school.

If parents/carers want to express thanks to staff then please send in a card, a letter or an email. This feedback is so valuable to our well-being and has such a positive impact on our morale and really is very much appreciated. We will also be providing all of the children with the necessary materials and the opportunity to make a card for any of the adults in school if they wish to do so.

Reception/Year 6 Buddies - No Gifts Sent into School Initiative

Please note, our No Gifts into School Initiative also extends to our children, with particular reference to our Year 6/Reception Buddies. Please do not send any gifts into school to be shared between the children so that we can ensure no children are left out. We will be giving all of the Reception and Year 6 children time and resources to make cards for each other before the end of the summer term.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform for September 2022. School uniform is an integral part of our school identity and ethos. It is really important that children feel that sense of belonging and unity and are prepared for the school day ahead and wearing school uniform goes a long way to achieving this. Please visit our school website for more information on [school uniform](#) or contact our school office if you wish to discuss further or you would like some support with school uniform items.

School Uniform Exchange

We have a lot of pre-loved uniform which is in excellent condition which families can collect from the school office for free. If you have any items to donate, please send them into school with your child or drop them off at the school office. If you need any bigger sizes for next academic year, you may be able to exchange your items with pre-loved uniform items in school.

First Holy Communion (FHC) Dresses or other items

If you no longer wish to keep your child's FHC attire, please donate to school so that another family and child may enjoy it. Please hand any FHC items you do not need any more into the school office or send them into school with your child.

Attendance

The Department for Education has introduced a new document, [Working together to improve school attendance](#), which is to be implemented from September 2023 which gives more legal powers to schools and local authorities. Please consider your child's education before you book holidays during term time. The children have already missed so much learning and time experiencing school life. It is important that they attend every day they are well enough and able to do so.



Cashless Payments into School from September 2022

From September 2022 St Cuthbert's will be completely cashless. You will be able to pay for School Meals, trips etc. via SIMs Pay360, our online payments system. You will receive a survey before the end of the school term and registration codes will be emailed out over the Summer Holiday and early in the Autumn Term. Any queries please speak to Mrs Summerson in the School Office: 0191 2860129.

Kenton Food Bank

We are doing a final drive seeking donations for Kenton Food Bank which we will be getting collected on Friday 22nd July. Please donate any food items if you're able.

Please contact the school if you wish to discuss any of the above or any other matter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Anne Bullerwell
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary July 2022

Wednesday 20 th July	Nursery – End of year celebration day
Thursday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' 2.00pm Start
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for the summer holidays
Monday 5 th September 2022	School closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 th September	School re-opens for all children

Please note that we do our best to adhere to the dates set in the diary however the above may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.