



## St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Nursery Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School. The Nursery staff are very excited about working with you and your children this year. The children are enjoying exploring all of our Nursery toys and are already getting to know each other and making new friends.

When coming into Nursery Garden with your child in the morning, could you remind them to put their coat, bag on the shelf next to their name and put their water bottle in the carrier. It won't be long before they're doing all of this in their sleep!

Our chosen themes for this half term are 'Myself', 'Autumn' and 'Witches and Wizards'. This term we will be focusing on the following:

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

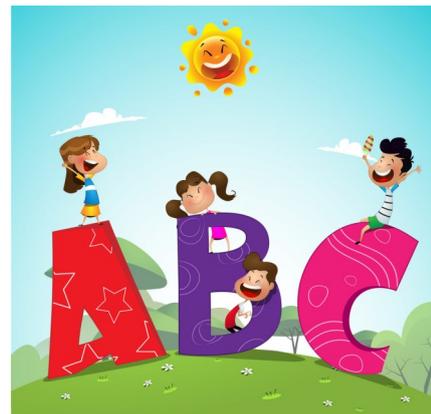
- Demonstrate friendly behaviour, forming good relationships with peers and adults
- Can take turns & share resources sometimes with support
- Select & use activities/resources with help
- Shows confidence in asking adults for help

### **Communications and Language**

- Listen to others when the conversation interests them
- Give meanings to marks as they draw and paint
- Respond to simple instructions
- To use more complex sentences to link thoughts

### **Literacy**

- Enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities
- Listen to & join in with stories & poems
- Sometimes give meaning to marks as they draw and paint
- Begin to recognise their own name



## Mathematics

- Use number names and number language in play
- Show an interest in numerals in the environment
- Recite numbers in order to 10
- Show an interest in shape & space by playing with shapes



## Physical Development

- Move freely and confidently in many ways e.g: slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, skipping, sliding & hopping
- Mount stairs/ steps using alternate feet
- Hold pencil between thumb and two fingers
- Can tell an adult when they're hungry, tired, want to play
- Can attend to toileting needs independently most of the time
- Can usually wash and dry their hands

## Show & Tell

Children love the chance to bring things in from home to show the Nursery staff and their friends. 'Show & Tell' helps to develop children's speaking & listening skills, where they tell us what they have brought and some information about it such as where they got it from, what it does etc. We would like the Nursery children to bring in an object for 'Show and Tell' on a Wednesday each week, to begin on **Wednesday 3rd November**. The object would need to be **small enough to fit in their drawer**.

## Jerry's Diary

Jerry is a soft toy giraffe who stays at school during the week, but he gets lonely at the weekends. Each child will get the opportunity to bring Jerry home for the weekend and will share his adventures with the all children during News time.

## Nursery Diary Dates

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** Children come to school in non-uniform dressed in their spooky clothes for a Halloween celebration.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** Nursery closed for October half term

**Mon 1st Nov** Children back to school



## Reminders

- Don't forget to bring a bag with a change of clothes for your child to put on their peg. The bags will be sent home every day.
- Can we please have a pair of labelled wellies to be kept at Nursery so that come rain or shine, we can play outside!
- Dinner Money will need to be paid at the beginning of each week.
- Please ensure all coats, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, wellies, water bottles and bags etc are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Nail varnish must not be worn at Nursery.
- **Earrings must be removed or covered in Nursery.** This is because Physical Development is part of our daily curriculum. We will always make sure that piercings are covered during the school day.
- Your child needs to bring a water bottle in everyday and we will encourage them to drink this on a regular basis: **Water ONLY** (no juice).
- Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. If someone else is picking your child up, please let us or the office know and make sure they have the password. **If you do not let us know, we cannot let your child go without your consent.**

Please remember NO smoking/vaping on school grounds.

Please log onto the **EYFS** section of the St Cuthbert's website [www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk/](http://www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk/) to find out more Information about Early Years and to view photographs of the activities that the Nursery children have participated in. News feeds and photos can also be seen on our 'St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School' (**closed group**) Facebook page.



Many thanks and best wishes,

**The Nursery Staff:** Miss Graham, Miss Martin, Ms Broxup, Mrs Ruddick  
and Mrs Slater