



18 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, thank you to each and every one of you for your unwavering support during another challenging time. January 2022 has been our worst month yet for COVID-19 absences for both children and staff and, of course, we lost our KS2 roof! I know there has been a lot of change around school, particularly with drop-off and collection points, but I hope you all know, every decision made is made with the children at the centre and what is the very best thing to do by them. Cases of COVID-19 have reduced dramatically over the last couple of weeks and there is a clear plan now in place for the roof so things are starting to look up. Thank goodness!

COVID-19 February 28th onwards

From 28th February onwards, we will be removing more of our COVID-19 restrictions in school to coincide with the easing of restrictions both nationally and locally. For example, it will no longer be compulsory for school staff to wear face coverings in communal areas. We have made this decision because of the falling rates of COVID-19 in the general population and because of the very low numbers we are now experiencing within school. The half term should provide a good break for everyone and we hope to see numbers of cases falling even lower.

The school will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation to ensure we are keeping our school community as safe as possible and are able to keep St Cuthbert's fully open for all of our children. We may need to reintroduce restrictions should the situation change.

The KS2 Roof

Work has yet to begin on the replacement roof on the Y5/Y6 classroom because of the high winds and recent inclement weather. I am hopeful the work will be finished after the half term and that Y3 and Y4 at least can return to their classrooms. The ceilings in Y5 and Y6 and the carpets and light fittings have all been damaged because of the lack of roof and recent heavy rain and winds. It will be some weeks before Y5 and Y6 will be able to return to their classrooms.

School Uniform Update

We have changed uniform supplier and you are now able to purchase school uniform direct from Tots to Teams. They are a local company based at Kingston Park and offer the facility to purchase your uniform in person from their shop or online for delivery to your home address (£3.95) or free delivery to school. We do keep a small supply in school should anyone need an item quickly.

Tots to Teams are based at 10b, Airport Industrial Estate, Kingston Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2EF.

Opening Times

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 16:30pm

Friday 8:00am – 16:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

To order online please go to the following website; schools are listed alphabetically.

www.totstoteams.co.uk



Parent/Carer Evenings

We will be running our Parent/Carer Evenings the same as last year because they have been a real success and we've had some very positive feedback from our families. We will be running sessions between 3 and 6pm on Monday 7th March for any families with siblings and then any families with just one child on roll will have their session between 3 and 6pm on Monday 14th March. There will be a text message sent out to parents and carers today so please book your appointment slot.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and a well-deserved rest with your families and friends.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,



Mrs Anne Bullerwell
Headteacher

Attendance up until February half term

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.94%	94.82%	91.76%	94.40%	94.18%	95.59%	94.11%

Green Zone: 97% and above; Amber Zone: 91-96%; Red Zone: 90% and below

Well done, Year 5! Best attendance so far!

Dates for your Diary January 2022

Monday 7 th March	Parent/Carer Evening
Wednesday 9 th March	Ride a Bike prep for Bikeability L1 Y3 and Y4
Monday 14 th March	Parent/Carer Evening
Wednesday 16 th March	Y4 Bikeability L1 (Road Safety Team)
Friday 25 th March	Wear a Hat to School Day – Fundraiser (More information to follow)
Monday 28 th March	Y5 Bikeability L2 (Road Safety Team)
Friday 1 st April	St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School converts to academy status and joins Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Disco (PTFA Fundraiser) (More information to follow)
Friday 8 th April	School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th April	School reopens for the Summer Term

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.