

St Cuthbert's Newsletter

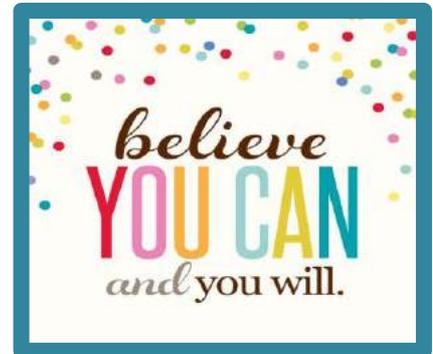
*Thought for the week:
"Believe, and you will"*

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Believe, and you will.

If you believe you can, you can.
If you believe you can't, you can't.
So what do you want to believe?



Dear Everyone

What a fantastic response we had to our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. 200 Christmas shoeboxes were filled, collected and sent abroad. Thank you so much to every member of our School family who filled one of those shoeboxes. What a difference you have made to the lives of 200 children this Christmas.

Another thank you to all our wonderful parents from the PTA (Emily and her team) who opened up for a second time a "Pop up shop". Our children had the opportunity to buy some amazing Christmas gifts for members of their families. The gifts purchased were hand wrapped and then given back to the children to take home and place under their Christmas trees.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Lucy and Oliver, House Captain and Vice Captain of St Andrew's House, for their wonderful presentation to our children. We learned about St Andrew's qualities of Teamwork and Humility and the significance of the white cross on the Scottish flag, and its relevance to St Andrew's death. Well done to you both, we are very proud of your efforts.

See you out and about on the Playground next week.

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St. Andrew's Day

Happy St Andrew's Day! St Cuthbert's began this special day with an assembly led by the House Captain (Lucy Reuby) & Vice Captain (Oliver Nash) of St Andrew House. Members of this house wore blue shirts to honour Scotland & their Patron Saint. Lucy & Oliver explained the history of Saint Andrew...how he was a disciple of Jesus who helped feed the 5000. In honouring of how Jesus died on the cross, Saint Andrew chose to die on the cross on its side. This helps to explain why the Scottish cross is on its side. Lucy & Oliver told us about St Andrew's qualities of humility, loyalty & teamwork. They united St Andrew's house with a team building activity in assembly, handing out bookmarks & offering free biscuits to St Andrew's house during playtime. Though it is a time of celebration, it is also a time of reflection...of the role of Patron Saints in our lives. We all need someone to look up to and model ourselves after.

Happy St Andrew's Day to all of you! #stunningScotland #PraisebetoGod



PTA Present Wrapping

The PTA held another successful Christmas wrapping session, this time with Years 4, 5 & 6. Children were very keen on buying mystery gifts for their families & friends. Many exciting toys, stationary, winter items & food were on offer to choose from. Our lovely children are getting into the festive season, while also truly pondering what their chosen recipient of their gift would like. Responses from our children were very reflective; 'You can't buy happiness here. You can buy chocolate which is the same thing'. 'Shoppingtastic!' another student replied. 'Incredibly reasonable priced' cried another. Such a smashing event where teachers, children & the PTA work together. Merry Christmas everyone!
#tistheseason #workingtogether



Year 6 Burger Making

Year 6 had a festive, fabulous food experience this week. During our study of food, we discussed how eating processed food is not good for our health. Many people think cooking everything we eat from scratch takes too much time. Year 6 can prove them wrong! They made homemade chicken or beef burgers from scratch in about 20 minutes. Yes, cooking the burgers takes time...but it is definitely worth the wait! Year 6 declared 'the beef burgers were really delicious'; 'food tastes better when you make it yourself'; 'I really enjoyed cooking my chicken burger'; 'no processed means tasty city' & finally 'it's burgertastic!' These all natural foodies can help you make quality food at home! Perhaps they can assist you more in the kitchen! Such a success in Year 6! #yummy #tastesrealgood



Events this Week

Monday 4th December	9:00am: Collective Worship 9.00am: Flu Immunisations for Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Bags2School Charity Bag Collection
Tuesday 5th December	
Wednesday 6th December	Last Futsal and Active Soccer sessions for this term
Thursday 7th December	
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumpers and Mufti Day! Bring a bottle for the Tombola Judging - Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

Sports Clubs

Just to advise parents of children in this terms sports clubs, please note that all clubs end week commencing Monday December 4th. There will be no sports clubs week commencing Monday December 11th and Monday December 18th.

I hope the children have enjoyed the clubs this term and I look forward to working with them after the Christmas break.

Letters for sports clubs will be emailed out to parents on Monday morning (December 4th). For next term, I will be offering children in years 3-6, a Speed, Agility & Quickness club, this will replace Ultimate Frisbee on a Tuesday morning. All other year 3-6 sports clubs will remain the same for the duration of the spring term.

For children in EYFS-Year 2, I will be offering a Team Building games club as well as a Multi Sports club. Both of these will replace the current clubs of Dodge ball and Multi Skills.

Paul Taylor



Our “Dojo Winners for this Week”



Certificates and **Golden badges** were awarded to the following children:

Reception: **Hattie Mould:** for her perseverance with her buttons and great listening skills.

Year 1: **Perrie Miller:** for her super listening and contributions during carpet time.

Year 2: **Tilly Whooley:** for always getting starting with her learning nice and quickly!

Year 3: **Tilly Phillips:** for her fantastic learning this week

Year 4: **Raphael McGuinness:** for always thinking of others and showing great resilience on our residential! Well done!

Year 5: **Leo Drummond-Jefferson:** for his amazing Maths learning!

Year 6: **Cristina Barbarello-Bradshaw:** led the class in striving toward high expectations, being creative in completing her work and leading by example in volunteering for jobs others choose not to do. Fabulous Cristina! Keep up the amazing attitude! #bravo #brilliant

**Well done to you all.
We are very proud of you.**

Important dates for your diary 20th November – 21st December 2017		
Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4	Flu Immunisations	Monday 4 th December
	Bag2School Collection	Monday 4 th December
	Christmas Jumper and Mufti Day – Bring a bottle for the Tombola	Friday 8 th December
All Years	Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13 th December
	PTA Christmas Fayre at 3:30pm	Friday 15 th December
EYFS & Year 1	Christmas Nativity School Hall 2 performances am & pm	Tuesday 19 th December
Year 2 & Year 3	Christmas Nativity School Hall 2 performances am & pm	Wednesday 20 th December
	School Finishes at 1:40pm	Thursday 21 st December
	2018/2019 New Parents Open Morning 9:30am	Tuesday 9 th January 2018

School Fayre - Grotto

The school fair is only 2 weeks away! Come and visit Father Christmas at our festive grotto. Tickets on sale from Monday 4th December all week before and after school.

Tickets are £3.50 or 3 for £10.

Slots run out fast so remember to come and book.

Many Thanks
The school PTA

Our Children's Week Ahead

Phase 1



<p>Year 1</p> 	<p>Nativity practise is under way and it has been so lovely hearing your children's lovely singing voices! In preparation for the Nativity, all of your children will need a plain black top and plain black leggings/trousers. I will send out a message nearer the time to let you know when these need to be brought into school. If you have any questions, please do come and ask me. Thank you very much. This week in Maths, we will be revisiting all that we have learnt so far this half term. Your children will be writing their own story books with labels, lists and captions in, and in phonics we will continue to revisit all of our sounds. Our last Topic question for this half term is: What would my playground look like?</p> <p><u>Home Learning in Year 1:</u></p> <p>I have sent home a Maths activity, in paper form, focusing on number pairs and adding 3 small numbers together. This is something that the children have found a little bit tricky in our Maths lessons, so it would be fantastic if you could spend some time on this with your child. Please do also continue to practise your child's Nativity lines. Mrs Tapscott and I have been very impressed so far! Thank you very much for your support.</p>
<p>Year 2</p> 	<p>Well as usual, what another fab week in Year 2! We have been continuing with our nativity rehearsals, whilst doing some really fantastic learning! In Maths we will be recapping the different things we've been learning this half-term and seeing how much we know! In English, we will be finishing off creating and planning our non-chronological report about dragons, and beginning to write our own non-chronological reports! In Science, we will be continuing to look at the different materials, introducing 'squashing' materials. In our RE topic, we will be learning about the Annunciation and also about how Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. Our Topic question for this week is: What do I know now about the Gunpowder Plot?</p> <p><u>Home Learning in Year 2:</u></p> <p>I have allocated Maths Home-Learning for your child on Active Learn online. Please do this by Tuesday. Our final Topic question for this half-term is: What do I know now about the Gunpowder Plot? We will be summarising everything we have learnt throughout the topic.</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>This week in English the children will be writing their own instructions based on 'How to Trap a Stone Giant' but they will need to come up with a different mythological creature and design their own method for trapping. Last week we have revisited counting up and counting back in 10s, times tables as well as adding by portioning. For the coming week in Maths, we will be looking at some questions on the different things we have learned this term. In Science we are going to investigate what different animals eat. Animals including humans need the right type and amount of nutrition and they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. In RE, will be continuing to with our topic new 'Visitors' which is about Advent examining the joys and demands of visitors. In Topic we are continuing to design our own photo frames. The children must now consider what essential things they might need to make a successful photo frame.</p> <p><u>Home Learning in Year 3.</u></p> <p>This week the children will be given paper copies of Maths activities based on some of the learning which was covered last week. Eg Multiplication and division reminders, Times tables and multiples.</p>

Phase 2

<p>Year 4</p> 	<p>How has December come around so quickly?! The classroom is full of tinsel and baubles and very excitable children! In Maths, we will be using the grid method to multiply 3-digit by single-digit numbers. We will also divide numbers (up to 2 digits) by single-digit numbers with no remainder, then with a remainder. In English, we will be writing our stories set in Roman times! In RE, Year 4 will be looking at why Jesus came to Earth and how God has shown his love to us. In Science, we will continue to investigate tooth decay and see what evidence we can find.</p> <p><u>Home Learning in Year 4:</u></p> <p>This week's Topic Home Learning question is: 'Why do the Romans matter?' Here, we will explore what the Romans inventions and achievement were. The remaining questions for Topic are: 'What did the Romans believe in?', and 'What was daily life like in Roman Britain?' There will be a paper SPAG activity in your child's Home Learning Folder. As always, any spellings and times tables practise done at home (where possible) is always appreciated!</p>
<p>Year 5</p> 	<p>We have had a wonderful week and are very excited that our classroom has had a Christmas makeover! This week in English we will be writing our own stories based on the John Lewis advert. In Maths we will be revising all that we have learnt so far, this half term. In Science, we will be revising all we that we have learnt so far about materials and their properties. In RE, will be continuing our topic 'Hope' where will looking at why we celebrate Advent and what we are waiting for. Our Topic question for this week is: What does Mesopotamia artwork look like?</p> <p><u>Home Learning in Year 5:</u></p> <p>SPAG online learning has been assigned on Active Learn and paper Maths learning has been sent home. Please complete this by Wednesday. Please discuss and research the Topic question with your child over the week: What does Mesopotamia artwork look like? Please have Topic research in for Tuesday. Please continue to practice spellings from the year 5 and 6 spelling list and practice times tables. Please ensure all children have a handwriting pen in school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask me. Thank you.</p>
<p>Year 6</p> 	<p>Thank you to all of you for donating £2 for our <i>Marvelous Middle!</i> Year 6 truly enjoyed cooking their own chicken or beef burgers with the help from Mrs Harrington. The food was tasty, nutritious and non-processed! #brilliant #bravo This week is Assessment Week, where your lovely son or daughter will be sitting tests in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling and Science. Once marked, results will be shared with your son or daughter then with you. Tests will allow the teaching team to see where your child still needs more support. Should you have any questions, please ask Miss Libby, Miss Gardner or Mrs Harrington. In RE, we'll finish our study on Judaism and begin our study on Advent. The question for Topic is: <i>Can I design my Christmas stocking?</i></p> <p><u>Home Learning in Year 6: Home Learning:</u></p> <p>The next Topic question for your son or daughter to research is <i>Can I design my Christmas stocking?</i> Materials will be supplied for your son or daughter to make the stocking in school next week. Should you find any materials at home which your son or daughter would like to use when making their Christmas stocking, please have them bring it into school (i.e. buttons, bows). Please have your child complete <i>Grammar: Set C, Test 23 and Maths: Set C, Test 1</i> both due in on Tuesday, 5th December 2017. We will mark and discuss the answers as a class on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your continued support. #leadinglearners #awesomeweekahead</p>

*"We are a Catholic community, living and learning in faith.
Through the Gospel values of faith, hope, trust and love, we aim to recognise individuality and enable each other to fulfil our potential"*