

Message From Mrs Coldham (Head of School)

It is unbelievable that we have already had two weeks back at school! All of the children have been absolutely amazing and are really enjoying being in school. We have relaunched our house teams and all children have received a badge to help them remember which team they are in. Our children can win house points in a variety of ways and we are amazed at how many have been won already. Over the year, we are planning to have many different types of competitions with prizes for the winning teams.

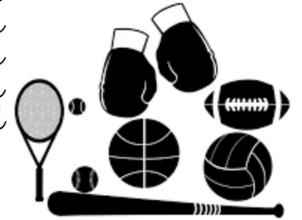
Recent or Upcoming Events/News

From Monday 20th September, we are intending to run a play time tuck shop for children in Key Stage 2 (initially). Children will be able to purchase a cereal bar for 40p. All children will need to bring cash to purchase a cereal bar and until the tuck shop is established, items will be limited to one per child. Once established, we aim for the tuck shop to offer more items and be available to more pupils. We hope that this will help raise some vital school funds to subsidise school trips!



After School Clubs

We are excited to be offering a range of after school clubs again this year. Look out for communication regarding the launch of some new and exciting clubs over the coming weeks! Many of our clubs are aimed at specific age groups and have capacities so be sure to sign up quickly to avoid disappointment!



Catholic Life

We have spent the first few days back in school learning about St Cuthbert and St Mary. We have also dedicated our RE books to someone special in our lives. Ask your child who they dedicated their RE book to.

Our RE Chaplains have been busy preparing their first liturgy to share with the school next week. The chaplains have requested that we remember the refugees and are looking at different ways in which we can support refugees.

School Safety

- Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the school site.
- For safeguarding reasons, please do not use mobile phones whilst on the school site.
- Whilst children may now wear a single, small stud earring to school, children must be able to remove these for PE lessons. Plasters cannot be used to cover them up.

Dates For Your Diary

ATTENDANCE

This week's
class winners:
5NH-C (99%)



11th October	Harvest Festival Liturgy	3rd December	FS1 Christmas Play
15th October	Flu Vaccination	7th December	FS2 Christmas Play
18th October	Black History Week	8th December	KS1 Christmas Play
22nd October	Break up for Half-term	9th December	Christmas Dinner
1st November	Return to school	10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
5th November	Bonfire Night	14th December	Christmas Craft Day
11th November	Remembrance Day	17th December	Break up for Christmas
12th November	Children in Need (TBC)	4th January	Children return to school



AROUND THE PHASES

Friday 17th September 2021

EYFS

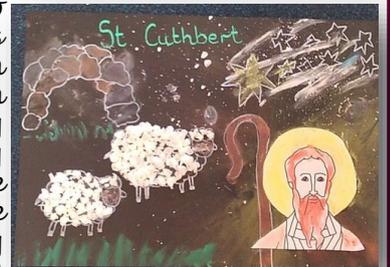
It has been great seeing the children come in to school, settle in and start to enjoy their learning journey in our school. We have had so much fun in Foundation Stage already! All of the children have been impressing their teachers. The children have been learning all about the number 1, learning about what it is but also about what it is not. We had a visit from the 'Mean Peas' from the 'Supertato' books this week too. The peas had tied up all of the other fruits and vegetables so they couldn't get back to the supermarket. The children were very excited about this and were giving us lots of ideas of how we can rescue the fruits and vegetables. We have also been learning about 'real-life superheroes' such as the police, fire brigade and the NHS to name but a few. We have started to understand that these are very important people who help us and look after people. The children are beginning to describe their experiences of going to visit the doctor and the dentist. The children want to turn our home corner into a doctor's surgery to make sure that we are all fit and well!



Just a quick reminder: please bring all welcome pack forms to us ASAP please. Also, FS2 children will now do PE on Mondays and Fridays.

Phase 1

We have really enjoyed our time back in school. The children have been so keen to share their enthusiasm for learning and they are settling into their new classes very well. We are really proud of them and have been giving out lots of team points! The children are enjoying their Phonics lessons and are impressing us with how much they have remembered. They are learning new sounds and applying them in their reading. Please remember to send your child with their reading record every day. In English, the children are reading the text 'Conker the Chameleon'. It is a wonderful book about his feelings when he can't change colour! We are learning how to write character descriptions using interesting adjectives and are beginning to write in sentences. In RE, we started our year by learning more about St Mary and St Cuthbert. Take a look at some of the fantastic art work that we have created! We have now moved onto our topics of Families (Year 1) and Beginnings (Y2). The children have talked about their own experiences and asked lots of interesting questions.



Phase 2

What a wonderful start to the year for Phase 2! The staff have been singing the praises of all of our lovely children and how well they have all settled back in to school. Praise must be given for our Year 3 children's move up to KS2. For some this has been a huge leap but they are, after only eight days back, happy and confident with the change and know the routine better than Miss Read (who has also just moved up to KS2)! In Topic we have begun to learn about mountains. The children have great knowledge already and are very keen to learn about the mountain ranges of the world. Ask your child if they can remember the name of the tallest mountain on earth - you may be surprised! In our RE lessons we first, as we do every September, studied St Mary and St Cuthbert. Our first RE topic is about families and being the best we can be as part of a loving family. In our PSHCE lesson we learnt that we are part of a perfect jigsaw and we are *all* needed for the puzzle to be complete so we decorated our own puzzle pieces with all the things we like.



Phase 3

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school and working hard. The new Year 5 children have settled into the phase well and are already impressing their teachers. We have been so busy already. In English, we are creating setting descriptions for the next couple of weeks. The children have been learning about the conditions in the WW1 trenches as they explore our model text. In history, the children have been finding out about the events that led to the start of WW1. In computing, the children have been learning how to keep themselves safe when using the internet and social media. It is great to see Year 6 wearing their new leavers hoodies which they received this week. Your child should now have received their reading book. Please encourage your child to read for 5-10 mins daily and record this in their reading record.

