

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at St. Cuthbert's CE Primary School. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. I am looking forward to hearing the children's holiday news.

Children enjoy sharing their holiday and weekend news in their 'Special Books' and so it is always helpful if you could support this by writing in their books or sending in photos. Please feel free to send a photo to the school Early Years email address earlyyears@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk Special books will now only be going home on a Friday and if you would like to add anything mid-week, please catch me in the morning or send me an email to the above address.

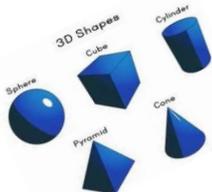
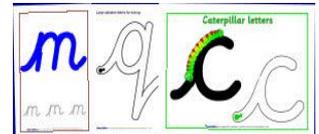
P.E. is on a Monday afternoon, followed by tuck shop (20p for a drink and 20p for a biscuit). Our second P.E. lesson will usually be on a Thursday morning when, weather permitting, we shall be outside using bikes, scooters etc. Please ensure your child (including nursery) has P.E. kit (white T-shirt and navy or black shorts) in school on a Monday. As with all uniform, these must be clearly named.

Curriculum

This term we are learning about 'ourselves' through our topic 'Proud to be me'. We shall be looking at different aspects of our own lives and the lives of other people around the world: our families, our homes, our traditions, our pets, our bodies etc. Later in the term we shall be thinking about different occupations and people on whom we rely to help us. We would love you to get in touch if you work in service areas and are able to come in and talk to the children about your work.

Reading

Children in Reception have phonic 'flashcards' in their 'To and Fro pack'. Please read the 'flashcards' every night with your child and remind them to bring their pack to school every day. The cards reflect letters that your child needs to practise in order to make progress with their letter/sound correspondence. If your child has word cards, please support them in sounding out each letter and blending them together to say the whole word. Any 'tricky' word cards need to be recognised as one word and children need to just know what the word says, e.g. 'the'. We go to the school library every Wednesday and ask that you remind your child to bring their library books in on this day so we can check them in and they can borrow a different book. We shall also be having regular visits to the local library at Nidderdale Plus.



Maths

This term we shall be learning the importance of numerals in representing the number of objects in a set. We shall be exploring, naming and describing flat two-dimensional and solid three-dimensional shapes.

Reminder

Celebration assemblies are on Fridays at 2.45pm in the school hall and provide an opportunity to share highlights from the week. Children are proud of what they have achieved and we look forward to seeing you there.



Yours sincerely,
Helen Dutton