

St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School Newsletter

05/11/24

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful half term holiday and you enjoyed a little time away from school.

The autumn term is always a busy one especially with the lead up to Christmas. Lots of different things will be happening so look out for dates for your diary.

Lost property

Our lost property mountain has grown and we have a lot of jumpers, fleeces, coats and t shirts. All of these clothes do not have any names in to identify who they belong to. Clothes that have names in are returned to the children. We will be putting all of the clothes outside the school office to see if any of them can be claimed.



Parking



We have had ongoing issues with parking outside of school, particularly in Keward Walk. A number of parents are reporting that the parking and driving is dangerous. I have also had a number of complaints from residents when drives and access has been blocked.

I have contacted the police who have been out a number of times to advise parents on what they should and should not be doing. Our own mini police have also been out with the community police officers to try to get some parents to understand that their parking and driving is dangerous.

In addition to this, I have also contacted the highways department at County Hall to get further advice about what else we can do to support the local residents and keep our children safe.

Harvest

I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your kind donations of food for our harvest festival. The children shared power point reports about what they had learned about harvest and sang songs about harvest. They did a great job! All of the donated food was given to Wells Vineyard Foodbank which serves the people of Wells. They were very grateful indeed for the food that had been donated.



Attendance & Punctuality

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We have significant problems with some children coming in very late. Missing the first part of the morning is very unsettling for children. The first lesson of the day is always reading and a number of children

miss this key lesson on a regular basis.

A letter will be going out to all parents next week to explain the new guidelines that schools are now required to follow which will significantly impact parents who have a lot of unauthorised absence.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to come to school, please come and speak to us so we can help.

Mill on the Brue

This week, our Year 6 children have left for a week of adventure at Mill on the Brue outdoor activity. There was a lot of nervous excitement on Monday morning! Thank goodness the weather looks good for their week away. We will have photographs in our next newsletter of their amazing adventures.

Mini Police

Mini Police have been very busy indeed! Before half term, our Mini Police worked with St John's Ambulance who trained them in using CPR and the defibrillator. They really listened well and practised on dummies that were brought in.

Mini police will also be visiting the fire station at Wells to talk to the fireman and see what their job entails.

The Secret Gardeners

Mrs Johnson and the Secret Gardeners Club organised a cake stall to raise money for St Margaret's Hospice. The children work so hard under the expert guidance of Mrs Johnson and together they raised £120.00 for a very worthy cause. A huge well done!

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November (next Friday) we will be having a non-uniform day to support Children in Need. If you would like to come in fancy dress or non -uniform, please bring in a donation to support this charity in order for them to help children across the country.



School Uniform

We have been given a 10% discount code from MyClothing for parents to save money on uniform.

Code = **UNIFORM10** Expires 20/12/2024



Here's a link to our schools ordering webpage;

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-cuthberts-cofe-junior-school-11075/>

Christmas Fair

We are going to have a Christmas Fair on Thursday 5th December. Each class will be in charge of a stall and we also have some very enterprising children who have made things specifically for the fair and they will have their own stall.

We will have many different stalls including teddy tombola, bottle tombola, games, crafts, a fantastic Christmas raffle with some amazing prizes and we will also have refreshments.

The children will be able to visit the stalls in the afternoon so they may need to bring some money that day and the fair will be open to parents to come and buy things at 3.20pm.



Christmas Lunch

Available to order now via ParentMail

Accounts - Hotmeals

Deadline is Friday 22nd November 2024



**Deadline for orders
Friday 22nd November
2024**

Christmas Menu Wednesday 18th December 2024

Mains
Roast Turkey (GDF); Quorn Sausage (v); Veg
Burger (VGDF)

Sides
Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Baby Carrots,
Roast Parsnips, Peas and Gravy

Desserts
Chocolate Brownie; Fruit

YOUR CHRISTMAS

INVITATION

Come and join our

WELLS
goodafternoon CHOR

with their special
CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Children from
St Cuthbert's Junior School

Tuesday 10th December 2:00pm-4:00pm
at St Thomas' Church

Join RUTH and the WELLS Good Afternoon Choir

FREE ADMISSION  EVERYONE WELCOME

www.goodafternoonchoir.org

Retiring collection supporting

I See You



RUTH JENKINS



Do you LOVE to SING?

Come and meet our friendly community choirs

Starting back
Tuesday 7th January 2025

The **Wells** Good Afternoon Choir
at St Thomas' Church
on **TUESDAY** Afternoons

from 2pm-4pm – Conductor is RUTH JENKINS

No Auditions ★ No Auditions ★ No Auditions

There is **NO CHARGE** to come along to your first rehearsal.
Come along and meet us.

Start your **2025** in Song!
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