

November 2023 Newsletter



St Cuthbert's Primary School and Nursery Class

'Learn, grow and achieve in faith'

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KEEPING IN TOUCH—regular updates will be posted via

School app—ScotEd

School X—[@stcuthbertsps](https://twitter.com/stcuthbertsps)

Nursery X—[@StCuthNursery](https://twitter.com/StCuthNursery)

Your child's email—access using GLOW log in

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November newsletter. Included in this are important school updates and festive dates for your diary. We have been busy embracing learning opportunities across the school in a variety of ways.

As always, if there any questions relating to any items in the newsletter or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As previously communicated, Mr Chris Wedlock, currently Acting Depute Head Teacher at St Columbkille's, has been appointed Head Teacher of St Cuthbert's Primary School and Nursery Class. We are delighted to welcome Mr Wedlock to the team and look forward to working with him to take our school and nursery forward. Further information of when Mr Wedlock is starting will be communicated when we have it.

Miss McKendry

Acting Head Teacher

School News

Parentsportal

Parentsportal is a method for you to access school services and information online. Parents can keep up-to-date with developments at their child's school, arrange parents' evening appointments, check attendance, and even read reports online – all at a time that suits you. Over half of our parents/carers have signed up, but our aim is for all parents/carers to have registered and use this regularly to keep up to date. The app subscription runs out this week and is NOT being renewed and so it is important that everyone is signed up to Parentsportal so they are up to date with school news.

How to register with parentsportal.scot:

To register with parentsportal.scot please go to parentsportal.scot where you either log in using your MyGovScot account, or if you don't have an account you can register for your MyGovScot account.

Alternatively you can download the app at Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Once registered you will be prompted to "Link Your Child". In order to link to your child, the data you provide during the sign-up process must match the data that your child's school holds.

You can find answers to frequently asked questions on the parentsportal.scot website. Our school office staff will also be happy to help you.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations Flu vaccinations will take place in our school on Wednesday 15th November. The flu vaccine is usually given as a painless nasal spray and is a safe way to help protect your child against flu. It should start to protect most children against flu about 10-14 days after being vaccinated and will reduce the risk of your child getting flu or spreading it to family and friends who are at greater risk from flu. Consent forms and information about this year's flu vaccine have been sent home to parents and carers of school children on their return to school. For more information about the child flu vaccine, visit NHS Inform: www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/vaccines/child-fluvaccine

Halloween Disco

Many thanks to our fantastic Parent Council, parent helpers and staff who enabled our pupils to have a fabulous celebration at their Halloween disco. The photographs tell the story...



Christmas Fayre

Following feedback from parents, we have made the decision to change the date and time of the Christmas Fayre. It has been changed from Friday 17th November 3-5pm to *Thursday 23rd November 2023 4-6pm*.

This will hopefully stagger the time of everyone entering the Fayre and prevent the long queue at 3pm, as well as ensure the safe dismissal of pupils.

We will evaluate this following the Christmas Fayre and use this to inform future planning.

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November and kindly ask that, if you are in a position to do so, you hand in any donations for the Christmas Fayre – bottles, chocolates, and new toiletry sets, games, toys etc.

Christmas Cards/Crafts

The school will not be taking part in the Christmas Card Project this year. One of the reasons for this is 'Cost of the School Day' considerations. We are conscious of the many pressures already on families, particularly at this time of year, and do not wish to add to this unnecessarily. There will still be the option for you to buy a Christmas Craft made by your child at the Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 14th December 2023 for all pupils. A leaflet will be issued – please return orders to your child's class teacher.

St Andrew's Hospice Reindeer Rave

Our St. Andrews Hospice Ambassadors are organising a Reindeer Rave on Friday 1st December to support the hospice Christmas Appeal. Further details and sponsor forms will be sent home over the next few weeks.



Parents' evening

Turnout at our recent parents' evening was very good. Some parents who were unable to make their appointment at parents' evening have spoken to their child's class teacher at another time. If you have still not had the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher to get an update on their progress, please contact the school to arrange a telephone call or an appointment.

P7 Numeracy Workshop

Primary 7 parents/carers in Mrs Boyd's class have been invited to a Numeracy Workshop to help equip parents/carers to better support their child in homework tasks. Information was given out on how to sign up at parents' evening. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Boyd. Further workshops will be offered by other classes over the coming session.

After-school and Lunchtime Clubs

Monday	Choir P5-7 Mrs Boyd
Tuesday	Judo P1-7 Andy Malone
Wednesday	Multisports P4 Active Schools (lunchtime) Football P6&7 Active Schools
Thursday	Chess P5-7 Mr Cassidy Netball P6&7 Mrs Robertson and Mrs Egan

Masterclasses

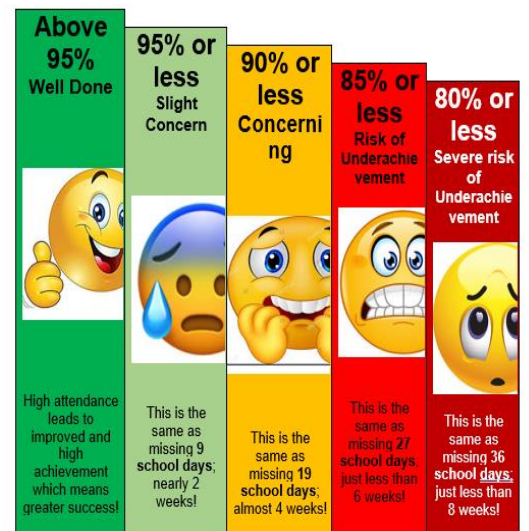
Our masterclass programme started last week. This gives the children an opportunity to develop a range of skills and work with other members of staff. There are lots of pictures on X for you to see. This term we have:

Miss Lamont- Life Skills	Mrs McLaren- CPR
Miss Hale- Cartoon Drawing	Mrs Macmillan- Photography
Miss Ducie- Art	Mrs Cassidy- Chess
Miss Noga- STEM	Mrs Robertson- Massage
Mrs Cran - Multisports	Mrs Boyd- Lego
Mrs Keddie- Board games	Miss Frame- Storytime

Attendance

We understand that at times pupils are required to be absent from school through illness and we support parents in ensuring pupils do not return to school too early – we ask that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, that you wait until they are clear of any symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school to help prevent infecting others.

However, we would encourage parents not to keep their child off school for other reasons. 17% of our school roll have attendance less than 90%. The graphic below shows the impact this can have. We are keen to work with parents and carers to encourage regular attendance at school – please contact the school if we can help or support you in any way.



Sacraments

A reminder to please click the relevant link below to register your child for a Sacrament. Thank you to those families who have already done so. Please remember to also email or hand in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate - the school do not keep copies of these from enrolment or previous sacraments.

P3 - Sacrament of Reconciliation

<https://forms.gle/HBTTnMvZRZptWeqeZ>

P4 - Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Communion)

<https://forms.gle/ttpQ4Gzhw4EHokT96>

P7 - Confirmation

<https://forms.gle/xtrRRpc1r8H9ii1bA>

If you were unable to attend the Sacrament meetings, please speak to Father Dornan after any mass in St Ninian's Church.

There is also an enrolment mass for candidates for Confirmation on Sunday 26th November 2023 in St Ninian's Church at 11am (jointly with St Ninian's School), and for Reconciliation and Communion on Sunday 21st January 2024 in St Ninian's Church at 9.30am.

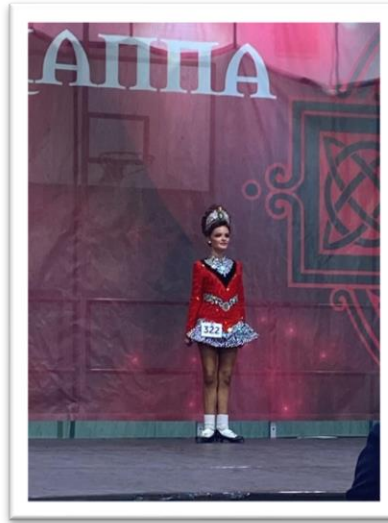
P7-S1 Transition

As our associated secondary school, St John Ogilvie High School are liaising with Miss McKendry and have already begun their programme of transition activities for our P7 pupils. They will host a pupil and parent/carer information evening on Thursday 9th November at 6.30pm.

Your local secondary school is decided by where you live and your chosen denomination. Letters will be issued to all P7s in January 2024. If you want your child to go to another secondary school, you should complete a placing request - further information on this will also be in the letter.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Caoimhe in P7, who recently took part in an Irish dancing competition. She danced for the first time in her new dress and on the big stage in prelim. She showed great resilience at carrying on after a fall and came 5th out of 18. Fantastic Caoimhe!



Tyler in P6 competed in the Tae Kwon Do Open European Championships in Madrid and was awarded a gold and a bronze medal. Amazing, Tyler!

Please remember....

- Full school uniform to be worn every day.
- Indoor shoes to be kept in school to change into every day.
- Still water only in water bottles
- P.E. kit brought to school on P.E. days.
- No earrings on P.E. days or earrings taped up.

Important Dates for your diary ...

Friday 3 rd November 2023	St Andrew's House Reward – Non-uniform day for St Andrew's pupils only
Mon 6 th November 2023	'Listening to and Supporting My Child' parent/carer workshop 1.15-1.45pm
Wednesday 8 th November	<i>Potential industrial action – school and nursery closed</i>
Thu 9 th November 2023	P7 Information Evening St John Ogilvie High School
Fri 10 th November 2023	P7 Educational Excursion to Sky Studio
Mon 13 th November 2023	Staff Development Day 3 – School and Nursery closed to all children
Wed 15 th November 2023	Flu vaccinations
Fri 17 th November 2023	Non-uniform day and bring donations for Christmas Fayre
Thu 23 rd November 2023	Christmas Fayre 4-6pm <i>*please note change of date and time</i>
Sun 26 th November 2023	Confirmation Enrolment Mass 11am St Ninian's Church
Wed 29 th November 2023	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm <i>*please note change of date</i>
Thu 30 th November 2023	Swimming starts P5
Fri 1 st December 2023	St Andrew's Hospice Reindeer Rave
Mon 11 th December 2023	P1-3 Nativity (grandparents performance) 1.30pm
Tue 12 th December 2023	P1-3 Nativity 1.30pm
Wed 13 th December 2023	P4-7 Carol Concert 1.30pm P4-7 Carol Concert 7pm
Thu 14 th December 2023	Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 18 th December 2023	P1 and P2 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Tue 19 th December 2023	P3, P4 and P5 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Wed 20 th December 2023	P6 and P7 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Fri 22 nd December 2023	Christmas Holiday School and Nursery close at 2.30pm

Nursery News

Woodwork

The children are going to have the opportunity to participate in Woodwork under the close supervision of Mrs Bryce. They will learn how to use real tools safely. They will have the chance to make models and be creative. Being involved with woodwork will help the children with their fine motor skills and allow them to have a "can do" attitude by developing their problem solving and creative skills whilst evaluating risks at the same time. We look forward to seeing all the creations.

Annual Data

Can you please return this important form so we can update details on our system.

Policy of the Month

Care of Children

Our policy of the month is displayed on the front door, please take time to read it.. A parent policy folder will available shortly in the cloakroom.

Learning Journals

All children now have their Learning Journal set up and activities are now being shared. Mrs Colins is available every day for any family who requires support in accessing their child's learning journal. Please remember that if you have no access, you can access using a nursery device at the end of session. Speak to Mrs Collins!

Learning through play caught on camera



Stay, play and share

We had a wonderful turn out for our first play, stay and share week and hope that all the parents/carers enjoyed it as much as the children did.



IMPORTANT—Key dates

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Thu 14 th December 2023	Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 th December 2023	Christmas Concert 1.30pm in main school hall
Wed 20 th December 2023	Christmas Party
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SLC Attachment Strategy

South Lanarkshire Council Attachment Strategy Pledge

We will.....

See the 'whole person'

Hear their voice

Recognise behaviour as communication

Respond with compassion

Act to make a difference

Believe in change

ACT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

What does this look like in St Cuthbert's School and Nursery?

- We have a nominated attachment lead (Miss McKendry) and attachment ambassadors (Mrs Macmillan and Mrs Collins)
- Attachment lead and ambassadors attend locality networking events to access additional information and share learning and practice
- Staff members (teaching staff, support staff, facilities staff) have completed SLC's Attachment Strategy training
- Staff are encouraged to engage in further professional learning
- A range of attachment-informed, trauma-sensitive approaches are used throughout the school and nursery
- Staff use the Attachment Strategy materials (pledge cards, Attachment A-Z)
- Information on the Attachment Strategy is shared with parents (Parent Council AGM, P1 Parent Workshop, Newsletters)