



St. Cuthbert's Newsletter October 2020

As the first term draws to a close, can I take the time to thank all of the children, parents, carers and staff for endeavoring to keep our school safe and clean so that we can return to delivering high quality teaching and learning. There have been challenges and I thank everyone for the patience and understanding that has been shown at this time. We are living in unprecedented circumstances and I am delighted with the position we are now in as a school. Can I also take this opportunity to formally welcome Addison, Isla and Evangeline as our new Primary 1 children and Mr. Sisi, our newest teacher this session. Have a great October Break and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Primary 1 - 3

As the first term ends here at St. Cuthbert's, we thought you would like to hear that the Primary 1-3s have been busy learning and having lots of fun. The Primary 1s have settled in very well to their class and to the school. This term in numeracy and maths, the pupils have focused on symmetry and pattern whilst continuing their number work and mental maths. In literacy, the Primary 1-3s have enjoyed learning new sounds and words and they are always keen to get their new reading books. They have thoroughly enjoyed their Talk for Writing story which was based on the book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. The children created some wonderful stories of their own. This term's topic was all about nature, exploring animals, plants and habitats within the local area. R.E. plays an important part in our school day; the children have been drawing wonderful pictures, and reflecting on all the gifts God gives us each day.

We hope you have a wonderful break,
Mr. Sisi and Ms. Melody



Honesty

Equality



Ambition

Respect

Truth

Primary 4 - 7

We cannot quite believe that it is the October holidays already and we thought it would be a good time to tell you what your child / children have been up to. During this year P4-7 have been adapting to the new CV-19 procedures while continuing to learn and have fun together. During our numeracy sessions, we have focused on recapping lots of mental maths strategies and number work. We are really enjoying learning listening and talking skills, which are helping us to research, write and deliver our own talks. Our topic has been centered around the classic book *Carrie's War*, which has allowed the pupils to engage in a range of curricular areas, included art and social studies. We continue to enjoy French and lots of outdoor learning, incorporating drama walks! R.E. continues to play a huge part of our school life and Primary 6-7 will continue to focus on their Pope Francis award. Your children have taken this term in their stride and it has been a pleasure to continue to teach them during these times.



Happy and safe holidays,

Mr. Moan and Mrs. Harper-Titchener

Upcoming Events

Hallowe'en Festivities Friday 30th October

- Children are encouraged to come to school in their Fancy Dress (comfortable for the day)
- Halloween Parade 0915 - 1015 - sorry, unfortunately no parents this year
Weather dependent - DRY- Whole School outside. WET- Classes Only in Gym Hall
- Teacher Led Halloween Activities in Class / Outdoors and themed lessons throughout the day

Remembrance Fundraiser in November – details to follow

Christmas Show and Parties –

It will be no surprise that these will take a different format this year, we hope to get information to you about these in November.

In Other News

Parents' Evenings 19th – 30th October

This year Parents' Evening will take place over the phone, lasting approximately 8 minutes. Parents will receive a phone call after 6pm, weekdays, between the 19th and 30th October. Please contact the school if you are unavailable on any particular evenings.

Carrick Centre

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to the Carrick Centre for providing each child with an activity pack for the holidays. This pack includes crafts materials, colouring, things to make, slime and more. Also included is an activity booklet with links to our online videos.

Christmas Cards

The children have been creating Christmas cards and this year the order forms will be online. We hope to have the order details to you by early November.

Foreign Holidays

Quarantine arrangements for those returning from destinations not listed in the Scottish Government Exemption List remain in force. Can we remind you of the need to adhere to this public health guidance. Children should not return to school until the 14 day quarantine period has ended. SEEMiS absence codes exist to record such absences. Further advice on quarantine restrictions and procedures can be found in the South Ayrshire School Guidance.

Honesty

Equality

Ambition

Respect

Truth