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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Happy February! Again, I want to say a huge thank you to you all for the tremendous effort you are making to work and learn from home. As a parent, I do know how stressful and challenging it is to work from home and home-school your children at the same time....almost impossible! But you keep going and are doing your best and little and often is the key. I can't thank you enough, well done everyone ☺

Remote learning feedback and next steps.

Thank you to the 22 parents who responded to our questions. The feedback was very positive on the whole but varied depending on family circumstances. Some found Seesaw very good and appreciated that they could work it around their own days, some found it binding and hard to use. Lots of people felt the children were still quite isolated and missed seeing their friends and teachers. Feedback to Teams which is now happening in Y6 and Y5 was also very positive however it doesn't suit all learners. Some children find the screen too busy and too much going on. Governors have listened to your views and agree that a blended approach is best and you have to make it fit your home conditions but all agreed routine is best and there is a need for a chance to see friends and get together as a learning community. (Class)

Therefore, from the week beginning **March 1st** all classes will start 'class meets' on Teams. They will have a morning and an afternoon time to meet their class and see their friends and discuss their learning for the day or just enjoy some social time together. You will receive details on how this will work the week before and although the children may well return to school by the end of March this approach can be used when bubbles have to isolate or individuals have to isolate. We hope that it will bring a sense of community and develop the learning from Seesaw further. Paper packs are also available as needed.

Children's mental health and wellbeing month

We understand that mental health is especially important right now and that children need to find ways to look for positives in every situation and ways to relax and express themselves. We are setting a weekly 'mental wellbeing suggestion' on Seesaw announcements and encouraging children to try music, dance, exercise, art, baking mindfulness and a screen free day once in a while. We will be trying all these things in school. Please look out for the weekly announcements on Seesaw.

This week's task is Art - your teacher will set a task or you can do colouring, drawing or just take a pencil for a walk and doodle. Have a go! Send your photos to headteacher@stcuthbertsschool.org.uk

World Book Day - 4th March 2021 (Express yourself through clothes)

We will be celebrating world book day as usual but will be adding a twist. Express yourself on world book day by wearing clothes that say who you are! A favourite colour, sparkles, hats, camouflage! What clothes do you love to wear and why?

If you want to dress up as a character from a book that is fine too and teachers will be dressing up or expressing themselves through a favourite outfit. We challenge you all to have a go too. You do not need to go out and buy costumes but think what clothes say who you are? Again, we would love to see your photos so please email to school or post on to Seesaw.

Holiday school meal vouchers

Those children who access income based free school meals will receive vouchers over half term which are being issued by the Local authority to home addresses.

Academy status of school.

St Cuthbert's will become an academy and part of the Bishop Hogarth Trust on Monday 1st March - all email addresses will change on this day and there will be a few changes to governance and finance systems. There is **no change** to school uniform or the school day for children.

Ash Wednesday and start of Lent.

The holy season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday - 17th February**. This is a holy day and we ask the children to reflect on what they can do extra in Lent to bring them closer to God. Masses are restricted under Covid19 but can be accessed as below:

On Ash Wednesday, Mass will be celebrated at 12.05 pm and 6.30 pm at St Joseph's
Call the sacramental bookings telephone number: **07783326407**

To receive this newsletter by email each week: email hartlepoolnewsletter@gmail.com
Pre-recorded Telephone Liturgies Call: 01429 450388 - recorded rosary and devotional prayers each Wednesday and Sunday (calls charged at local rate)

Contacting the parish:

Parish Office- for general Parish enquiries: Call: 01429 866288

Email: holyfamilyhartlepool@gmail.com Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 10.00 am -2.00 pm

Finally, the winner of the Amazon voucher was the parent of Martha in Nursery. Thank you very much all of you who took the time to respond and provide feedback to school. We do appreciate all the kind comments and also the comments to help us improve, we don't always get it right! I am glad the weekly wellbeing calls are being welcomed and staff enjoy speaking to the children during those also.

Kind regards and keep safe everyone,

Mrs Joanne Wilson

Head teacher