

Swimming Success

The swimming team won Gold at the small schools' Swimming Gala in March. All the children performed brilliantly and there were individual Gold Medals for Ethan Helme (50M freestyle) and Georgina Carlisle-Collett (50m freestyle), a silver medal for Maia Adamson (25m freestyle) and Bronze Medals for Josh Howard (25m freestyle), Finlay Henderson (25m backstroke) and Emma Wilson (25m backstroke). The boys' relay team (Ethan Helme, Luke Dunning, Finlay Henderson and Josh Howard) won Gold. The girls' relay team (Georgina Carlisle-Collett, Matilda Glazzard, Emma Wilson and Maia Adamson) won Silver. **Congratulations to them all.**

Thanks for the parents for taking them to the Nye Bevan pool in Skelmersdale and giving them all this fabulous opportunity. They'll never forget it!

RED NOSE DAY

TODAY WE RAISED A TOTAL OF
£146 THANKS

Halsall St Cuthbert's : Kidz Club

Here are some of the fabulous themes coming up.

WC 18th March : Cake and biscuit decorating (Mon and Thurs)

WC 25th March : Mothers' Day crafts (all week)

WC 1st April : Easter Crafts (all week) and Egg Hunt on Thursday

Please book early to avoid disappointment

We've also got a computer night, parachute night, film night, and an Easter Egg colouring competition with some great prizes. We've also got our amazing snacks, a wonderful activity trail, music, school hall, computer room and field.

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Frieze of God's World

One of our parents Mrs Lucy Edney is currently painting a beautiful, colourful and informative religious frieze in the school hall. The frieze will provide a wonderful centre point for our daily worship, Rev Paul's visits and the Eucharist services each term. It shows the birth of the world, depicts the stories of Adam and Eve, Jonah and the whale and Moses through to the birth of Jesus, his miracles, crucifixion and resurrection. Mrs Edney is a very talented and creative artist who has committed many hours to this project and deserves our unreserved thanks and appreciation. The frieze is something that will be in-place for many years and hopefully it'll help to teach the children about God's amazing world and the life of Jesus.

Impact of Children Missing School

When children are absent from school because they are ill, for family personal reasons or if there is a family emergency, this really cannot be helped.

When children are absent for holiday reasons this is not the case. It is avoidable. Whether it is for 1 or more, this absence impacts not only on the child, but on the rest of the class.

One day lost is one day's learning that your child will never get back. If your child has an attendance rate of 90%, it actually doesn't seem that bad but if this rate was the average over the child's primary school life, it would mean that he/she loses over 2 full terms of lessons and opportunities. Undoubtedly, this will have a damaging and detrimental affect upon the child's learning, progress, attainment and ultimately their academic confidence. When children are absent, they miss very important work sometimes at the start of a topic. They struggle to understand on their return and this can be distressing. Staff then have to devote extra time (sometimes during lessons and sometimes during their break times and lunch periods) to explain this work once again and ensure that the children understand. This can take hours. Both teachers and their teaching assistants, who should have been working with identified groups and individuals, then can't. These individuals and groups then miss out on important learning and support because other children have been away on holiday. This doesn't seem fair. Could we ask you to think carefully about the impact on your child's learning and that of others, when you are considering taking your child on holiday in term-time. Thanks for your understanding our concerns in this matter.

Popular Book Character Day

Thursday 21st March

(No football kits or popstars please)
We'll be awarding year group prizes to the most original character costumes.
It should be a lovely day to remember.



Eucharist Service



Thursday 28th March
with Rev Paul 9-15am

Everyone is welcome.

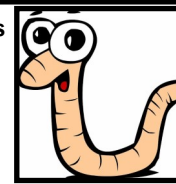
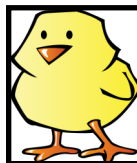
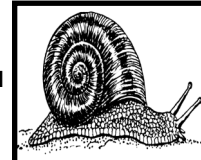
Refreshments served afterwards

Bench Ball Tournament

We sent two teams to compete in a district Bench Ball tournament the other day at Ormskirk High School. Team One finished 3rd and Team Two finished 6th. Mrs Crane was really pleased that so many children were keen to participate. She said, "They did great."

Looking After God's Creatures

As part of our project about caring for God's creatures, each class has now been designated living creatures to look after. Class L has an egg hatchery and is waiting to care for its little baby chicks to arrive, Class H has butterfly eggs and caterpillars, Class K has stick insects and their eggs (and a very secure lid to the tank!), Class C has a wormery and Class G are being mesmerised by the antics of the giant African snail.



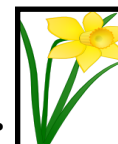
Support with Homework : Significant Impact

All the evidence suggests that parents who prepare their children well before they start school (they can dress themselves, hold a pencil correctly, they know their own name and age, numbers to 10 and the alphabet) then make time to listen to them read and talk about texts, ask them questions, encourage them to learn their spellings and times tables, support their child consistently with English and Mathematics homework through their primary school life whilst ensuring that they also have good attendance, are far more likely to see their children thrive, achieve well and be successful. This is certainly an investment worth making.
Many thanks for all your efforts. Your commitment is making a difference.

St Cuthbert's Mothering Sunday

31st March 9-30am with
Rev Paul.

at St Cuthbert's Church
Everyone is very welcome.



Speed in the Car Park

A big, big thanks to everyone who uses the school car park to park and/or drop-off their children and drives slowly and sensibly.

Our monitors are noticing fewer and fewer drivers going too fast and that is really appreciated. If you do see someone driving fast and recklessly however, please don't just ignore it. Let school know so that we can speak to the person.
Let's keep the area as safe as possible. Thanks.