## Loving one another. Learning for our future.

'Our school community is inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan from the Bible (Luke 10:25-37), where we are encouraged to love one another with courage and compassion. Through friendship, kindness and thoughtfulness, we will nurture each other to learn and flourish as individuals.'





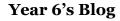








- Christmas holiday School closed 20th December – 6th January
- INSET Day 6th January -No school for children
- New term starts on 7th January



This week in PE we were lucky enough to have a joined session with year 5! It sounds amazing right? Just wait until you hear what had happened. We started off with a quick game off Kick Rounder's, but (we still can't believe it), lost to year 5. It was SO upsetting as we were really hoping to win. Although we lost, we still had great fun as we then ended the session with a game of French and English. It was year 6 vs year 5 and if I do say so myself, we both did pretty well.

This week in English, we finished our amazing diary entries, from the point of view of Sir Francis Drake. Lots of us had keep our heads down and make great headway with our work, however a few of us had already completed a great amount of our learning, therefore meaning we didn't have to keep as attentively focussed. After we had finished our diary entries, we got our peer to read over our work and give us a star and a wish. Beforehand, we proof-read our work and redrafted a paragraph, trying to improve it in some way. Miss Putterill said that they were highly credible and that she was almost sent back to the 1500s!

#### Christingle

Our Christingle Service took place last week Friday and it was spectacular. We were singing our hearts out — I even thought I saw the ceiling lift slightly! We sung a bunch of Christmas Carols and made the school proud by singing gracefully. We each received a Christingle which was amazingly decorated by some of the teachers; it was extremely hard not to eat anything from it during the service as a result of them being so nicely decorated, but we just about managed not to eat anything.

As you all probably know, this week is the last week of term! All parents must be extremely unhappy, however us kids can't wait for the week to end. We have had to go through a week of tricky and challenging assessments. I assume that you know what type of assessments we have had to face, but in case you don't, here they are: Reasoning papers, Arithmetic papers, a Grammar test and a Spelling test. These have been extremely hard, however we completed them to the highest of our ability and that is all the teachers require from us. Have a good half term! *By Inaya and Romaissa* 



Mimi YN "We showed Christmas nativity play 'Star Light so Bright'. Mums and dads came to see us."



**Husna YR** "We made Christmas cards. Mrs Nawaz helped me with mine"



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#### **PTA Announcement**

PTA would like wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support and look forward to continue the good work in the new year.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

### Year 5's Blog

This is the last week of school before the Christmas break and we had a mixed PE lesson with year 6; we played a game called 'French and English' as well as kick rounders. The Year 5 team beat the Year 6 team in

both games; well done Year Five!

In Spanish we designed our own book covers and wrote various vocabulary in Spanish. We also designed and made Christmas cards – we wrote 'Feliz Navidad' (meaning Merry Christmas) inside.

We have also been busy completing our termly assessments in writing, reading, maths, spelling, and punctuation and grammar. As a reward, we have been playing Mathletics on the iPads!

On Wednesday we were treated to a visit from our favourite donkey, Alice, and a Christmas lunch - we would like to say thank you the wonderful St Cuthbert's kitchen team for nourishing us with delicious food every day! *By Ramy and Reece* 

Giya Y2 "In English we wrote letters to Santa. We started with Dear Santa...and finished with from... I wanted an OMG doll which is the size of a Barbie doll."









Dear St Cuthbert children and parents,

Well we have arrived at another year-end and I think it's time for pictures to tell our story! So this week, our photographs will do the talking, sharing Y5 and Y6 Scroogical homework programme designs, our Christingle Service, Christmas breakfast in Breakfast Club, our Christmas dinner, our Nativity play, and of course our very special guest, Alice!















And after all the festivities, we are certainly ready for a holiday! So I would like to wish you a much-deserved break, a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th January 2020, for our spring term of learning! With best wishes.

Gill Putterill and the St Cuthbert Teaching Team



@SCwSMPrimary





Christelle Y3 "We walked around the square with Alice donkey and we sang 'Little Donkey' and 'Ding Dong Merrily on High'."





Hareen Y3 "In English we did reading comprehension and drew in our books from it."





Elyaa Y1 "We did our Nativity play this morning. I was an angel. We sang good news. Then we walked around the square with Alice the donkey."









Our Christingle service at St Cuthbert's church.









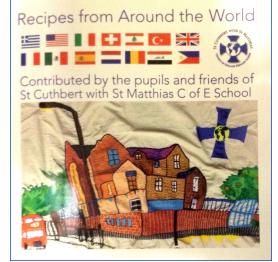
Our Nativity play in the school hall.

Congratulations to Avi Y5 and Amir Y4, our **Music Maestros** this week



Maxwell Y1 "In the nativity play I was a wise man. We sang lots of songs. The parents took our pictures."





Our recipe book packed with delicious recipes from around the world is now available to buy at our school office.



#### Year 4's Blog

Yesterday, it was Christmas jumper day where you have to pay one pound to wear your jumper and your own clothes for the whole day. We all had Christmas

lunch and Christmas pudding. In the Christmas lunch, we had sausage, turkey, carrots, green peas, brussel sprouts, stuffing and gravy. For pudding we had jelly ice cream or Christmas cake. We had a cracker and a silver box full of surprises. In the cracker, there was a paper crown, there was a joke and a question and a sticker. In the silver box, there was strips, a fake moustache, a lollipop stick, a balloon and a straw to blow it up with.

Yesterday, we saw a donkey called Alice. She came to our school to visit us. First, we petted her and then we went around the school and the choir sang songs such as: O Little Town of Bethlehem, Ding Dong Merrily on High and Little Donkey. The children followed the donkey back to school. By Catalina



# ST CUTHBERT WITH ST MATTHIAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Originally founded as a choir school for St Matthias Church, our school has a rich heritage of education within the context of a Christian framework.

Our school can look back at over a century providing excellent education for the children of our community. We have the highest expectations of each one of our children and we work to ensure that every child leaves our school having gained all the important skills and knowledge that will help them become successful in their future life.

## St Cuthbert's Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day so come and join us for breakfast at our school. The breakfast club has a variety of hot and cold breakfast. Children can play games, puzzles and read books afterwards.

Monday to Friday,

Time: 7:30-8:45, Cost: £2.00 per day

Time: 7:45-8:45, Cost: £1.75 per day

No need to book in advance. Just come in on the day and pay on line.

For more information speak to our receptionists.

After school Clubs start on the 13th January. Registration from 7th January and Play centre starts on 7th January.

#### NOTICE TO PARENTS

The pushchair/ buggy shelter is for parents with prams and buggies. Not or scooters. Thank you.

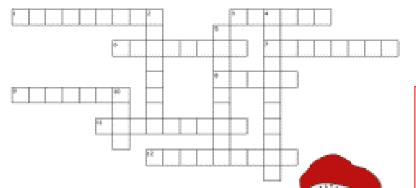
There will be exciting prizes, for the right answer to this week's puzzle handed in on Thursday. Please write your name and answer on a separate piece of paper.

Good luck!

## Puzzle Time Christmas Crossword



Our brand new website is up and running. Please visit for more news and information.



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#### Across

- 1. Pretty baubles to hang on the Christmas tree.
- 3. Guardians who announce the good news.
- 6. Wrapped with love.
- 7. Jolly old Saint
- Dasher, dancer, prancer, viven, \_\_\_ cupid, donner, blitzen
- cupia, donner, bitzen
- 9. Warm snacks for Santa.
- Sweet and red and white.
   We wish you a merry \_\_\_\_
- ......

#### Down

- Keeper of the flocks.
- 4. House made of sweet treats.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ were hung by the chimney with care.
- 10. Bright light marks the way



## POLITE REMINDER Parking

Please may we remind parents not to double park opposite our school gate.

Double parking here is causing a risk to the safety of our children.

#### **Notice**

All scooters must be padlocked at the scooter park. This will help them stay safe and will keep the entrance looking neat.