



### STARS OF THE WEEK

**Florence Roper**  
**Poppy Bould**  
**Annabelle Stephenson**  
**Ellis Paterson**  
**Niall Baxter**  
**Cali Patterson**  
**Kamil Sikora**

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%  
**LAST WEEK: 97.6%**

Nursery (Seahorses) -94.9%  
 Reception (Turtles) - 98.1%  
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 98.1%  
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 99.0%  
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 93.6%  
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 99.3%

**Well Done Penguins!**

### 2022 SCHOOL DIARY

<b>***NEW***</b> Monday 14th March	Turtles Visit to the Library
<b>***NEW***</b> Monday 21st March	Y2 & Y4 Visit to Church for Easter Experience
<b>***NEW***</b> Monday 28th March	Y3 Visit to Church for Easter Experience
Tuesday 29th March	PARENTS EVENINGS
Wednesday 30th March	PARENTS EVENINGS
Friday 8th April	2pm—School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 25th April	School reopens for Summer Term
Friday 1st July	SCHOOL CLOSED in lieu of additional Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

### COVID UPDATE

Although most Covid restrictions in the community have now been lifted, we continue to take a very cautious approach in school and are still trying to limit contacts where possible. We continue to follow government guidance and ensure that there is regular handwashing and sanitising in school, additional cleaning is in place and that classrooms are well ventilated. We continue to see a small number of cases amongst pupils and staff. Government guidance should still be followed with regard to Covid cases which include arranging a test if you have any Covid symptoms and isolate if you test positive. Lateral flow can be taken on days 5 and 6 of isolation and if these are negative then isolation can end. Although isolation is not now a legal requirement it is important to follow guidance to avoid spreading the virus in school. At present, we have no plans for offering large events in which parents are invited into school such as weekly assemblies as cases nationally remain high and we must do whatever we can to protect our pupils and staff.

### BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone who brought in bags of clothes for our Bag2School Collection. Although we didn't have quite as many bags as usual, we were still able to raise over £65 from what we sent off.

### BOOK CLUB RESTARTING

Our Book Club with Mrs Graham will be restarting on Tuesday 15th March. The club is open to children in Y2 to Y4 and will run each week until 4pm. The club runs in the library and the children enjoy reading books quietly and together as well as taking part in reading related activities. Please let Mrs Dellbridge know if you would like your child to join this club which is free of charge.

### ORDERING SCHOOL DINNERS

Thanks to all parents who have been ordering school dinners online at home through School Grid. Doing this saves us a huge amount of time each morning in school meaning the children can quickly get on with their learning.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We were really impressed with the effort that went into the costumes that the children came to school in today to celebrate World Book Day. The children have been very excited about this annual event which we hope will help inspire them to explore and enjoy books more. The children will also be given a £1 book voucher which they will be able to redeem for or towards a book at a range of participating retailers.

This week, we have also had a very good sort out of the 1000s of books that we have in school. Following this, we have been able to allow the children to take home some of these books to keep for themselves. Many of the books were ones that were given to us when St Cuthbert's First School closed whilst others are surplus to our current requirements. We hope that the children enjoy these. Please do not get these confused with your child's normal school reading book which should still be brought to school every day.

### READING DAILY AT HOME

Encouraging the children to read daily and enjoy books is one of the most valuable things a parent can do with a child and will really pay dividends in the future. Please try to help us with this! We'll continue to reward the children for regular reading with our weekly awards.

### OUR ONE WAY SYSTEM

We initially brought in our one way system to support the Covid restrictions we had in place. We very quickly realised that the system has huge benefits to how smoothly and safely we are able to run drop off and pick up times. These times have been far more settled allowing the children to come quickly into school and get on with their work. At the end of the school day we also find it much easier to safely pair children with the adults who are collecting them. Following the success of this we surveyed parents about continuing the system; the vast majority said they would prefer this to continue. In recent weeks we have noticed a number of adults not following this system. Please support us by helping keep the consistency that is necessary to make the one way system work. We appreciate that it adds a short walk and a couple minutes on to journey times but we believe this is a fair pay off for increased safety.



### DECORATED POTATOES

A big well done to everyone who entered decorated potatoes into our World Book Competition. Our favourites were: Henry Kendall (Pebbles), Florence R (Nursery), Eliza S (R), Mason M (Y1), Frankie R (Y2), Rhys B (Y3) and Lillie S (Y4). Well done to everyone who entered. Look out for photos on our Facebook Page.