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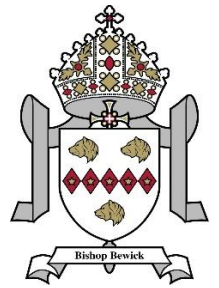
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Iona Star – 17th November 2023

St Columba's Families,

Today, we have all been 'wearing our spots' and raising money for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who has donated or bought any merchandise to support the charity - our final total raised is still being counted but we will share this with you next week!

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is:

- information for parents, shared from the NHS – this gives parents advice if they are worried about the health of their child.
- a poster advertising St Columba's Church 'Outdoor Christmas Market' which is this Saturday (18th November) from 5.30pm

If you have any queries about anything in the Iona Star this week, or anything else that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Take care,

Miss Quinn

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **95.7%**. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are unfortunately not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

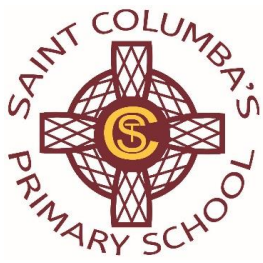
We are delighted to announce that Year 4 are the winners of our attendance trophy with an amazing overall attendance of **100%**. Congratulations!



Parents Evening – School Cloud

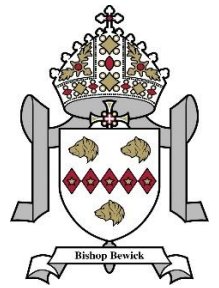
Parents evenings can be booked on school cloud using the following link:

<https://stcolumbasprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> This link will be live from Friday 17th November (today) at 4pm and will remain open until Friday 24th November at 12noon.



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Christmas Pantomime



Please see below for a list of Christmas dates for your diary! This year, the Christmas pantomime will take place in our school hall – a travelling theatre company (M&M Productions) are bringing the magic of 'Beauty and Beast' to us. We are asking parents for a voluntary donation of £6.50 per child towards this. This cost has been subsidised by the PTA, it includes the cost of the 70minute performance, a snack and a drink.

PTA – Christmas Chocolate Plea!

The PTA are collecting donations of chocolate to use at our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 20th December. If you are able to, please send any chocolate bars – big or small – into school and Mrs Rowan will collect these! Thank you!



Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 20th November until Friday 24th November

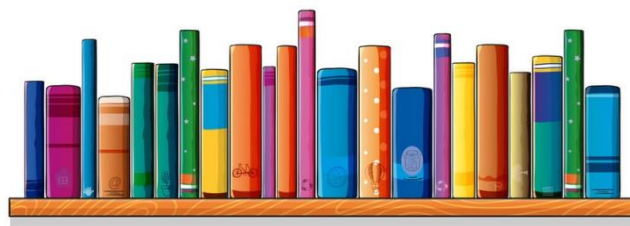
From Monday 20th November, the Scholastic Book Fayre will be visiting school. Each evening, at 3.30pm, the book fair will be set up in the school hall so that children and parents can visit. It will also be open on **Monday 27th November** for parents' evening.

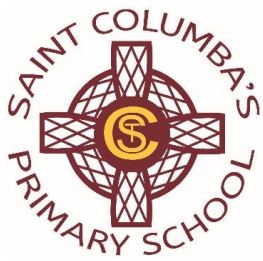
"A Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up celebration of reading that puts the very best books directly into your pupils' hands, all while raising Rewards to spend on free books and essential resources for your school."

Books are priced from as little as £2.99. Parents can pay using a debit or credit card and QR codes will be available at the book fair and on pupils' wishlists.

Parents can also pay for vouchers in advance if they do not wish for their children to handle cash. This can be done by clicking the link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, they will receive a free book token of £5 to spend at the school book fair.





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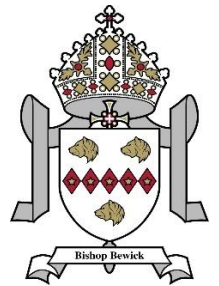
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Pupil Premium



If you feel that your child may qualify for free school meals and pupil premium funding, please contact the school office and we can help you to make an application. Applications can also be made on the North Tyneside website: https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/?p_ID=531227&p_subjectCategory=4

Families may be eligible for free school meals and free breakfast club. Registering for pupil premium also gives school extra funding to spend on resources, activities and experiences for pupils.

Safe Parking

Please may we remind families to park safely in the surrounding area of school during morning drop off and after school pick up. Cars parked on the double yellow lines on the corner of Prince Road and Station Road are causing safety issues when children are trying to cross the road. Parking enforcement officers will continue to patrol the area. Thank you

St Columba's Wildlife Plea

We are always accepting donations of food for the squirrels and the birds in our school grounds. The Nursery children always love watching the wildlife out of their classroom window! Any donations can be given to Miss O'Connor. Thank you.



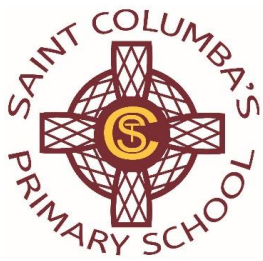
St Columba's School Website

Our School Website is currently undergoing maintenance. If you need any information in the meantime, or are finding anything difficult to find, please contact us and we will be more than happy to help.

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Resources

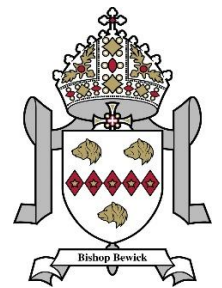
Ten Ten Parent Newsletter

You can access the latest parental newsletter from Ten Ten which shares the key messages, prayers and opportunities for worship at home by clicking this link <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



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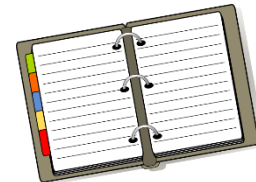
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Diary Dates

Monday 20th until Friday 24th November – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 24th November at 9.10am – Year 3 Class Assembly



Parents' Evenings:

Monday 27th November and Wednesday 29th November (3.45 – 6.00pm), with the exception of Year 3 – Wednesday 22nd and Wednesday 29th November (3.45 – 6.00pm)

Christmas Performances

Please see the list of dates for class performances for Christmas. All will be held in the school hall and will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes.



Friday 8th December at 2pm – Year 2 Performance
Monday 11th December at 2pm – Reception Performance
Tuesday 12th December at 10am – Nursery Performance
Tuesday 12th December at 2pm – Year 4 Performance
Wednesday 13th December at 2pm – Year 3 Performance
Thursday 14th December at 2pm – Year 5 Performance
Friday 15th December at 2pm – Year 1 Performance
Monday 18th December at 2pm – Year 6 Performance

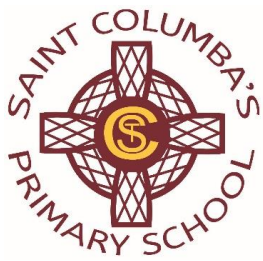
Other Christmas dates for your diary:

Thursday 7th December – National Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers also welcome!)

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Pantomime (am) – M&M Productions are bringing the magic of 'Beauty and the Beast' to our school hall

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Fayre (pm) – from 2pm for the children and from 3.30pm for families, join us for our annual Christmas fayre in the school hall



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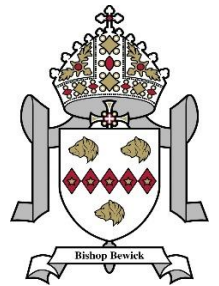
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Thursday 21st December –_Whole School Christmas Mass with Father David

Friday 22nd December –_'Break the Rules' Day with a Christmas theme!

