



St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 4 Week ending 28th September 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been busier than usual with school photographs, Reception Parents' Three Weeks In meeting, curriculum meetings and also the first of our Open Mornings for our September 2019 intake.

Once again I have been struck by the enormous generosity and talent within our parent body as a great many of you have offered your time to work on school improvement projects or to help in classes, as well as making other donations which are much appreciated.

A huge thank you to Colorart <https://www.colart.com/en/> who have made a very generous donation of art equipment to the school courtesy of Mr and Mrs Kersey. Thank you to Mrs Holden for generously giving up her time to take our Staff and Governor photographs and for making us all smile. Goodbye to our outgoing Friends committee and welcome to our new Friends committee who have exciting plans for the coming year, please give them your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie McCarthy (Headteacher)

Working in Partnership with Parents.

Open Classrooms Each half term we hold an 'Open Classroom'. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom with them and talk to them about their learning. Our next Open Classroom is **4th October from 3.15-3.45pm**. We hope that many of you will attend, entry via the school playground.

Parent and Carer volunteers We are always on the look out for volunteers to help with administration tasks, listening to readers and helping in class, accompanying children on school visits. We are blessed with a group of parents and grandparents who support us in classrooms. This is a great way for you to find out more about how our school works and also to contribute even more fully to the life of the school. If you are interested and would be able to make a regular commitment then please contact me via the school office or speak to me on the school gate. No previous experience required. All volunteers will be expected to attend safeguarding training.

Parent Forum Each half term we hold a parent forum. This is an opportunity for me to meet with parents and carers and share ideas to improve our school even further. All are welcome. Thank you to those who attended today's meeting, it was very productive. Minutes from this will be posted on the school website and more information will follow in next week's newsletter.

Parents' Evening Appointments.

Please remember to log on and book your appointments.

Open Morning

Barely a month in to this academic year and we are now beginning the process of admissions for September 2019 Reception entry.

Well done to our Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team; Ella, Callum, Elliot and Victoria who spoke so eloquently, confidently and passionately about our school at our first Open Morning event on Thursday.

Thank you to our Year Six tour guides who showed our visitors around the school on Thursday morning at the first of our school open Mornings. It was wonderful to hear the children talk proudly about their school.

All visitors commented on how impressed they were with the school and how fantastic the children had been.

Well done to all our children who greeted our visitors.



St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School in Cranleigh is delighted to unveil their fantastic new playground following a £62,000 investment.

We have spaces available for 2018/9 academic year. Please contact us for more information or come to our open mornings:

Thursday, 27th September 2018 at 10-11.30am
Thursday, 18th October 2018 at 10-11.30am
Thursday, 22nd November 2018 at 10-11.30am
Thursday, 10th January 2019 at 10-11.30am

'Recognising the value and worth of each individual'

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Year 7 admissions

A reminder to all parents that they need to begin the process of admission for secondary school entry 2019. I would recommend parents of both Year 6 and Year 5 attend the Open Evenings for all the schools that they are considering. Information for all of them can be found on each school's website. Please follow the link for information about open evening and tour dates for St Peter's Catholic Secondary School in Merrow, where many of our past pupils attend, <http://www.st-petersschool.co.uk/page/?title=Open+Evening%2FTours+of+the+School&pid=10>

House Teams

The children are wearing their badges with pride. Thank you to our Year 6 House Captains who led House Collective worship on Wednesday. Children from all classes across the school joined together in their house teams for assemblies led by their house captains. The house captains were responsible for planning and delivering these liturgies and did a fantastic job. Well done!

Please remember that lost or broken badges can be replaced for a cost of 20p and are available for purchase from the School Office.

Further improvements to our school site

This week I met with the contractors who developed our playground to finalise the plans for the improvements to the Reception outdoor classroom. Building works are scheduled to take place over half term.

In addition there will be some building works taking place in our Year One classroom as their new fire door is fitted to allow more efficient exit from the building. This will also provide Year One with a much needed space for outdoor learning.

Update on Academisation

We are continuing to move towards our academisation date of November 1st 2018. We are excited about joining the Xavier C.E.T. and the opportunities for further growth and development of our school that this will bring.

We have already begun to work in partnership with other schools in the academy trust. On Friday 5th October (INSET day) staff will be taking part in joint training with teachers and teaching assistants from the other 10 schools in the trust.

I am not wishing the year away but if you wish to find out the term dates for academic year 2019/2020 then please follow this link: https://xaviercet.org.uk/term_dates.html

Update on Wrap Around Care provision

We are continuing to work towards an opening date of Monday 7th January for our before and after school child care. More information to follow on this after half term.

Staffing updates

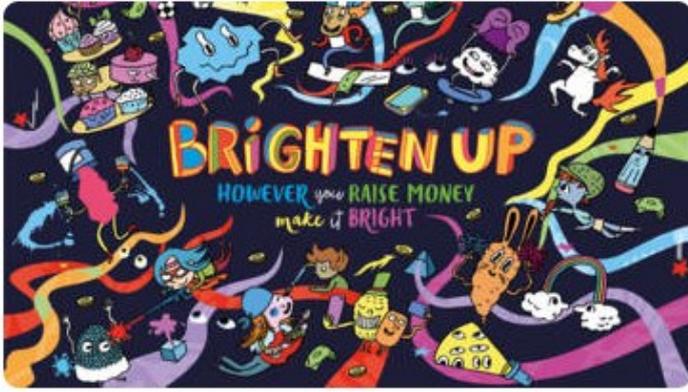
Mrs Clarke

Congratulations to our Business Manager Mrs Sabina Clarke who graduated last weekend from the Open University with a first class honours degree in Language Studies with Spanish and French. Mrs Clarke has made the decision to move onto pastures new in November and will be leaving our school team. On behalf of myself, Miss Loveder and all the staff and governors who have had the privilege to work with Mrs Clarke, I would like to say a huge thank you to her for her contribution to the school for the last 12 years as Business Manager. You will be missed.

Welcome

We will be welcoming our new Business Manager Claire Benbow to the team in November.

This week we also welcome Miss Bradford (Teaching Assistant) and Ms Taylor (Teacher) to our school family.



CAFOD Harvest Fundraising

On Monday 8th October we will be brightening up to raise money for CAFOD and celebrating the Harvest with a liturgy in school led by the school council. Children can come into school on this day wearing brightly coloured clothes in return for a donation towards CAFOD's harvest appeal. We have been focusing on our school value of responsibility and this is one of the ways that children can take responsibility for others around the world. I am hoping that we can raise enough money to buy a mobile health team for £300.

Make a difference!



£1 buys seeds for a family to grow beans



£7 buys a treated mosquito net that keeps children safe from malaria



£33 supplies one family with safe, clean water in their home



£300 buys a mobile health team for remote communities that don't have hospitals

FRIENDS Update

Thank you to all who attended last week's AGM. It is with sadness that we have finished our two years of Friends duties but of joy as we have elected a new committee to continue and grow the Friends over the next two years. The new Chairs are Abi Rothwell, Sarah Balsdon and Karolina McAlpine. Please help and support them as they move in their new roles.

We are pleased to say that all year groups now have reps and they will make their e mail addresses available to you soon. If you are on a current mailing list for your child's year group you will be able to make contact with them.

So it leaves us to say a massive thank you for letting us be your Friends committee for the last 2 years. We have raised just short of £22,000 through a massive team effort. Yes, we have organised the activities and fundraising events but without your support during these events we would not be in the great position we are in today to support the school.

With the money raised we have: helped fund the playground, funded school events, purchased classroom materials, paid for 2 children to attend the CYE trip in year 6, subsidised the year book for every year 6 pupil, given out ice lollies, chocolate eggs to name only a few. Half term will see the transformation of the reception outdoor learning area. All with YOUR help.

Best wishes from the outgoing team,
Jo, Jane, Kate B, Tracy and Kate M

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- 3rd Flu vaccines Years R,1,2,3,4,5
4th 3.15-3.45pm Open Classrooms
5th INSET DAY 3 for Staff. School closed to children.
10th 1.30pm Grandparents' afternoon in school
16th 4.30pm—7pm Parents' Evening
18th 10.00am Open Morning for prospective parents.
18th 4pm—6.30pm Parents' Evening

Half Term 22nd - 26th October

- 29th Children return to school after Half Term

NOVEMBER

- 22nd 10am Open Morning for prospective parents
25th 12.15-2.15pm St Cuthbert Mayne Christmas Fayre
29th St Cuthbert Mayne Feast Day
29th am Mass for the Feast of St Cuthbert Mayne

DECEMBER

- 3rd School Closed
6th 3.15-3.45pm Open Classrooms
More dates to follow...

School Office Manager (including HR and Headteacher's PA)

Term time only (39 weeks),
10 hours per week (flexible working offered)

Salary S5 £4,557 Actual (£19,245 FTE)

If you are interested then please look at our school website <http://www.stcuthbertmayne.co.uk/> and also the Xavier Catholic Education Trust Website <https://www.xaviercet.org.uk/>.

For further information please contact the Headteacher via the school office.

Closing date for applications: 9 am Monday 8th October

Interview date: Monday 15th October.

ATTENDANCE

<u>Attendance</u>	Class	%
<u>figures for w.e.</u>	Reception	100%
<u>21st September</u>	Year 1	99.1%
<u>2018</u>	Year 2	99.0%
Congratulations	Year 3	98.0%
to Year 4 and	Year 4	100%
Reception for	Year 5	99.6%
100%	Year 6	99.6%
Attendance	Whole School	99.3%
School Target		
96.5%		



Welcome

The Friends is a parent group whose aim is to facilitate fundraising for our school. We also hope to encourage closer links between home and school and to develop a real sense of community by organising events that bring our parents, staff and children together.

New Committee

Last week the AGM established a new team to lead the committee for this academic year. We are 3 mums from Year 1 who will be jointly chairing the committee:-

Sarah Balsdon, Abi Rothwell, Karolina McAlpine

Whilst we are excited to be volunteering, sadly we cannot do it alone and we desperately need more support and helpers in order to make the fundraising as successful and fun as it was last year; and most importantly provide some of the much-needed equipment and learning tools the school is hoping for.

If you are interested in being a helper on the team this year please get in touch – you can do as little or as much as you like – perhaps you are great at organising, a star baker, have a creative flair, or are just keen to join in and get to know the school parent community. Whatever the reason we'd love to have you with us supporting the school this way.

Contact: thefriendsscm@gmail.com

THE GIVING MACHINE

Do you shop online with retailers such as Sainsbury's Amazon, Tesco, Next, M&S, Aviva, AXA or B&Q? These are just a small sample of 2000+ retailers who are signed up to The Giving Machine.

If you register with the online app or on their website, then shop online by accessing the websites via the app, then each time you do these retailers donate to your chosen charity. You could be supporting the school fundraising without doing anything more than your usual shopping!

It is so simple to register - we did it Saturday morning in 10 minutes!

This method of fundraising is currently very underutilised, just to put this in perspective, last year it raised around £600 from just 8 users, so can you imagine what we could be raising if we got the whole school using it?

Please spare 10mins to click on the link below to register or find the (free) app on your phone



<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-cuthbert-mayne-catholic-primary-school/>

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Please return to school or email ideas to thefriendsscm@gmail.com

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Events/Fundraising Activity (please add any suggestions at bottom)	Tick those of interest (as many as you wish)
Fairs, Christmas Summer	
Bake Sales	
Quiz Nights	
Race Nights	
School Discos	
Christmas Cards/Tea Towels (designed by children)	
Golf Day	
Lottery/Prize Draws	
Lolly Sales	
Movie Nights	
Treasure Hunt	
Recycling	