



It's a crisp Thursday morning, and I'm beginning to piece together this week's newsletter with a clear blue sky visible over my left shoulder. I'm grateful for this fine start to the day as I consider the prospect of leading the Rosary in the playground in an hour's time. October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and hence this month is set aside as a special month of devotion to Mary. The Rosary is a different lens through which to view some of the important moments of Jesus' life and its meditative nature is a peaceful way for our children to start the school day.

While a large group of children began their day with the Rosary on Tuesday, Year 5 children were piling onto a coach to head to the Winchester Science Museum. Although I wasn't able to join them for the trip, I visited them in their lesson the following day to hear them describe the Rocket ship Workshop which involved a rocket powered by methylated spirit flying across the room - more details in the newsletter. Thank you to Ms Halahan for organising the trip and to Mrs Huggon, Ms. Austin and Ms. Horobin for accompanying the children.

Read Write Inc continues to dominate our morning routine as the children hone their phonics skills. The scheme ensures a thorough understanding of the different combinations of letters which form the English language; not only does it teach children to read, but it provides them with strategies for decoding unfamiliar words and how to spell them! If you were unable to attend our recent Parents' Workshop, please take a look at the slides that are available [here](#). If you have any queries about the scheme or your child's reading please make contact with your child's teacher.

God bless
Thomas Hall
Head of School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The readings at Mass are organised in three-year cycles, which is how Mrs Woodhams knew that it was precisely three years since she had last used her pot of mustard seeds in class worship!

Jesus says that even if they had faith like a mustard seed they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it is in the ground and plant itself in the sea. Even if we only have a very small amount of faith, we can do amazing things. Even if we can't move trees we might be able to make big changes to the world around us.



God of life, give us the courage to try to make a change to our world, no matter how small, and the faith to know that with you all things are possible. Amen.

YEAR 5 ST CATHERINE'S CLASS ARE SCIENTISTS

On Tuesday 4th October, St Catherine's class visited the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. Linking their science learning with the English class reader 'Cosmic', we explored how rockets are designed and discovered more facts about our Solar System.



The children had fun watching their rockets blasting across the room, recognizing the importance of aerodynamic designs and the energy required to launch rockets into the air.

We were amazed by the night sky during the Planetarium show, which highlighted the amazing variety of constellations and the wondrous size of the Universe compared to our Solar System. During the afternoon, we gained an insight into what it would be like to train to become an astronaut.



We are Recruiting

Learning Support Assistant

Start Date – As soon as possible

Fixed Term (End date 31 March 2023) Potential to become permanent

Learning Support Assistant Monday – 8.40am – 3.15pm 38.6 weeks per annum

Actual salary £13,782 (XCET 3 £19,313 Full time equivalent)

We are looking for applicants who:

Are committed to developing the Catholic ethos of the school and ensuring that pupils achieve their potential.

We can offer you:

An exciting opportunity to work in a friendly and welcoming community with a strong Catholic ethos, where every child is known and loved.

For further information [click here](#):

Closing date for applications: 9am Friday 28 October 2022

Interview date: Week Commencing Monday 10 October 2022

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE FRIENDS

Thank you to all those who came to the Friends' AGM this week. It was great to hear about all the wonderful work that's gone into fundraising over the last year. They have raised in excess of £22,000 which all goes towards enhancing our children's school environment and experience - more details about how the money is being spent in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to Sarah, Claire, Mike and Lucy for co-chairing the Friends for the last two years. As we look to the future we are keen that the Friends continue this good work, but we are in need of a new team of leaders to coordinate events. One proposal is a larger team to share the load. Siobhan (Reception parent) and Paul (Year 1 parent) have pencilled in a meeting for Thursday, 20 October at 7.30pm. I do hope many of you will be able to lend your many skills and talents to organising events over the next year, as the school benefits not only financially, but by coming together as a community.

Help make a difference in your child's school

We're looking for parents who want to continue making a difference in the school community.

Start date: September 2022



Why join The Friends now?

- ✓ The new Classlist app saves time and will help you communicate to parents in one space
- ✓ Meetings can now take place on zoom, making it flexible for working parents and those with younger children
- ✓ Selling is easy with the new card payment machines.
- ✓ You'll receive a list of all the previous parent volunteers, sponsors and local businesses
- ✓ We can help you decide which role will suit you best and provide a supportive handover

Contact The Friends on Classlist or email thefriendsscm@gmail.com

PARENTS' FORUM

Mr Hall will be hosting the first Parents' Forum of the academic year. This will take place in the Parish room between 9am and 10am on Friday, 14 October. The meeting is an opportunity to discuss anything related to improving the school and further developing the partnership between the school and parents. Please do join us for this informal discussion. A reminder that this event is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff.

If you have any questions that you would like to have answered during the meeting, please email these to the school office by midday on Thursday info@stcuthbert-mayne.surrey.sch.uk

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline application for these is 31 October – find out more www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

It is Family Fast Day today. You are not too late to join together with your parish, friends and family so that families around the world survive today and have food for all their tomorrows. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry. There are envelopes for donations available in the Parish Church this Sunday.

More information here <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>



Celebrating Achievements

Each week we celebrate the achievements of all our children during our weekly celebration assembly. Please remember to bring in any out of school achievements to celebrate in our assembly on Friday. Well done to the following children who have been their best selves this week and kept our school

Reception

St David's Class Four certificates to be awarded next week.

Year One Ruben for being very enthusiastic in all his work. Arabella for following all our school rules.

Year Two Imogen for her enthusiasm and engagement in all her learning. George B for settling into our class routine so well.

Year Three St George's Class Four certificates to be awarded next week.

Year Four St Bernadette's Class Saffy - for showing happiness and responsibility in her learning. Keep up the good work. Jack - for showing great enthusiasm in his learning and class discussions.

Year Five St Catherine's Class Haydn for his responsible and respectful attitude to learning. He is always ready to learn and supports others with his contributions to the class discussions. Taylor for his achievements in his reading. He has become more independent in making choices about reading.

Year Six St Teresa's Class Alex M for asking for help and persevering when trying to solve a tricky challenge in Maths. Poppy D for going the extra mile in your learning and sharing a fantastic poem you wrote about WW2.





BUDDY SAYS HI!

Childline

0800 1111



Remember to tell Miss Wilkin / Mrs Chalstrey / Mrs Harper if you are concerned about a child at St Cuthbert Mayne.

Helping children to stay safe online: Parents may wish to access any of the following websites for online safety information to support their children with safe internet use:

Think U know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk Thinkuknow is the education programme from The National Crimes Agency's Child Exploitation and online Protection Centre (CEOP). The website is suitable for children aged 5-16 and has a section for parents/carers.

NSPCC: www.net-aware.org.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety Resources produced by the NSPCC for parents, including Net Aware, a tool which reviews the most popular apps. They also provide advice on 'sexting', online gaming and parental controls. The NSPCC helpline number is 0808 8005002

ChildLine: www.childline.org.uk The ChildLine website provides information and advice on a wide range of issues including online and offline safety. Advice includes using social media, cyberbullying, online grooming, taking care of your digital footprint and mobile phone safety. The ChildLine helpline is 0800 1111

Zipit App: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipit-app/> Zipit is an app designed in conjunction with Childline to help young people decline requests for nudes and inappropriate content.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/report-nude-image-online/> Another app supported by Childline to assist young people in removing nudes from the internet.

UK Safer Internet Centre: www.saferinternet.org.uk UK Safer Internet Centre provides online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online. Advice also includes setting up parental controls and what to consider before buying mobile devices.

Childnet: www.childnet.com Childnet has resources, including videos and storybooks, to help you discuss online safety with your children. It includes advice on setting up parental controls, cyberbullying and setting up a family agreement for safer internet use. It has a parent and carer toolkit. Childnet have produced smart rules for online safety, using Widget symbols; these can be displayed near computers as a visual reminder. They have also produced the STAR SEN Toolkit to explore online safety with young people who have special educational needs.

Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org Internet Matters provides advice by age group. Advice includes setting up appropriate controls and filters on a range of devices, cyberbullying, online grooming and self-harm.

Parent Info: Parent Info provides information to parents and carers about a wide range of topics including games, apps and tech, health and wellbeing.

BBC "Own It" Website and App: www.bbc.com/ownit and www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app

The BBC Own It Website provide advice for parents and carers and aims to help children aged 8-13 "be the boss" of their online lives. The website has videos and activities to explore with children and includes an app which can be downloaded (for children aged 8+) on children's devices to help them use technology safely and responsibly. www.childnet.com/resources/step

Dates for the diary Autumn 2022

October 2022

12th Nurse visiting—Flu Jabs All classes
13th Y4 Egyptian Day
14th Parents' Forum
17th Dance Days: Indian Dance Workshhop
18th District Sport Y4 Y5 Y6
20th Open Morning for prospective parents Reception 2023

24th—28th October HALF TERM

November 2022

1st Parents' consultation with teachers
3rd Parents' consultation with teachers
3rd Open Morning for prospective parents Reception 2023
7th Tempest school photos
7th Y5 & Y6 Basketball at Glebelands (teams to be selected)
17th Nurse visiting Year 6 - Measurements

OPEN MORNINGS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION CLASS IN 2023

Thursday October 20th 10.00am
Thursday November 3rd 10.00am

**PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK A PLACE ON ONE OF
THESE TOURS.**

HOUSE POINTS

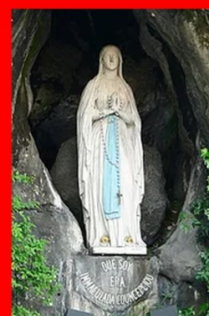
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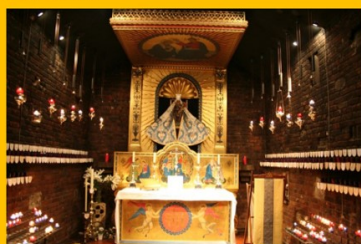
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October Half Term Soccer Camp

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
8:30am-4:30pm

Boxgrove Primary School
Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD

Tillingbourne Junior School
New Rd, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB

Park Mead Primary School
Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HB

£25 per day or £110 for 5 days!!

for more information or to book



<https://bookwhen.com/planetsocccamps>

Xavier Term & Holiday dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Half Term

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

Term ends

Wednesday 21st December.

Spring Term 2023

Term starts

Monday 9th January 2023

Half Term

Monday 13th to 17th February

Term ends

Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

Term starts

Monday 17th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Terms ends

Friday 21st July

SCHOOL INSET DAYS.

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2022

WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023

WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2023

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2022