

St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School

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Anybody who visits St Cuthbert Mayne won't fail to notice that we are surrounded by the colour purple. Entering the season of Advent means that there is even more purple on display. This week members of the Spiritual Council received purple cloths for their prayer tables in Collective Worship. Children also learnt about the meaning of Advent, the Advent Wreath and how to set up a crib in their classrooms and perhaps at home.

Of course Advent is a period of waiting and preparation which culminates in the celebration of Jesus' birth. Inevitably there are various events to look forward to as we prepare for Christmas. A tree has magically appeared and been decorated already this week - with many thanks to Harrier Gates for kindly providing our tree this year. I know that a lot of work has been going on from the Friends to get things ready for the Christmas Fair, which will be in full flow as this newsletter gets published. Not only do the Friends do a super job in terms of raising money for the school, they also provided an option to donate items for the Cranleigh Food Bank as well as for the Hampers.

Our slightly shorter week began with Mass (more below) to celebrate our school Feast Day on Tuesday morning. The day ended with a visit from local music teachers Cheryl and Jeff who had

arranged for a number of their students to perform for the whole school. Public performances can be very nerve-racking, but it was lovely to see so many children overcome any butterflies that they might have had so that we could enjoy the fruits of all those hours of practice.



God bless Thomas Hall Head of School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Father Alistair talked about the adventure of Advent in his Homily during Mass to celebrate the feast of St Cuthbert Mayne. This is an important day in the school year, and we enjoyed Year 5's dramatic re-enactment of the life of our patron saint during Mass.

As a martyr St Cuthbert Mayne was prepared to die for faith. Here in Cranleigh in 2022, this may seem like an unimaginable prospect, but we can learn from his example of determination to stand

up for what he believed in and also to continue to appreciate that Fundamental British Value of tolerance and respect for the values, ideas and beliefs of others.

Christ, come into our world of darkness Light up our lives with your coming. Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings. Amen.



RECEPTION CLASS—VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION

On Tuesday morning St. David's class visited Cranleigh Fire Station. We learned about what is involved in the job of a firefighter and the different ways they help us. We also talked lots about fire safety and what we should do if we ever encountered a fire. The children were then allowed to explore the inside of the fire engine before going outside and having a chance to squirt water from the hose. It was a brilliant trip and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to our parent volunteers and the staff at Cranleigh Fire Station.













PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Many of you currently use the Zebra Crossing on the B2127 Ewhurst Road when making the journey to school. There is a proposal in place to change this to a Pedex Pedestrian Crossing - or traffic lights to you and me. We feel that this would make crossing the road significantly safer.

The legislation that must be followed before introducing this scheme means that objections and comments from the public must be considered before a final decision is reached about whether or not to go ahead. We hope that

parents will want to support this plan—in order to comment please complete the <u>Online Survey</u> by 2 December.

MINI TRAMPOLINE

We would be very grateful to anyone who has a spare mini trampoline that we can have in school. Please contact the school if you are able to help us.

POSITIVE AND RESPECTFUL PARKING

We continue to be very grateful to all our parents that park and stride/cycle/walk to school, and to those that park safely and respectfully around the neighbouring roads.

We are aware that some people continue to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school and the church car park. Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that road users must not park near a school entrance; for the safety of all the children at St Cuthbert Mayne, we would ask that all members of our community adhere to this rule and do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines.

We must also ensure that we are polite and respectful to local residents at all times.

Please show your children, by your actions, that positive and respectful parking is a way to show that you care about other pedestrians, neighbours and road users. Be a good role model!

For helpful information about road safety please visit: <u>https://www.think.gov.uk/</u>







ATTENDANCE

A reminder that the school day begins at 8.50am. The register is completed by 9am - if your child is unwell and is unable to attend school, **please ensure that you have contacted us before 9am on each day of absence** in order to let us know.

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to an absence, please complete a Request for Absence Form, available from the office.

PUPIL PREMIUM (PP)

Pupil Premium is additional funding to raise the attainment of particular pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

At St. Cuthbert Mayne, we believe that the highest possible standards can only be achieved by having the highest expectations of all learners. Some pupils from particular backgrounds require additional support; therefore, we will use all the resources available to help them reach their full potential.

When your child starts at our school, we ask you to complete a form in order for us to assess eligibility, however, we are fully aware that family circumstances may have changed since then. We would therefore encourage all families to review the form again and thus enable us to identify any further children who may be eligible to PP funding. The forms themselves also contain information about eligibility criteria.

If your child is in EYFS (Reception Class) please click here:

<u>PUPIL_PREMIUM_APPLICATION_FORM (RECEPTION_& KS1)_JULY_2018.pdf</u> (stcuthbertmayne.co.uk)

If your child is in KS1 (Year 1 or Year 2) please click here:

PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM (RECEPTION & amp; KS1) JULY 2018.pdf (stcuthbertmayne.co.uk)

If your child is in KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6) please click here

FREE SCHOOL MEAL PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM (NURSERY KS 2-4) JULY 2018.pdf (stcuthbertmayne.co.uk)

Ukrainian Appeal

The children preparing to make their First Holy Communion were invited to physically contribute to this appeal but it was suggested that the whole parish might like to be involved . We are very aware that we all have many demands on our income at the moment so please remember that prayers are also very important and make a vital contribution if that is how you choose to support this request.

The Diocese has a wonderful Ukrainian priest serving the parish of Walton on Thames and he has been transporting goods to Ukraine since the beginning of the war. They have been supporting an orphanage in the Western part of the country which has taken children from the fighting in the East. Aside from the displacement and loss they have suffered, the winter is coming and without electricity they are struggling with the cold. We can help by providing **NEW** hats/gloves/scarves/ thick socks for any age child up to 20. We encouraged the FHC children to think of a present they might like someone to buy for them this Christmas and to consider if they could instead buy that for a Ukrainian child. Please leave everything unwrapped as it may need to be examined.

office@cpcb.org.uk

A further way to support is by helping to finance the trip. Each time Fr Ruslan sends out the lorry it costs £2500. Those that may want to contribute towards this could send a donation to Parish Account: Sort code 40 05 20 Account No 01126393, payable to **RCD A&B St Erconwalds Walton on Thames but reference it clearly C&B UKRAINIAN DONATION.**







Christmas Fair Thanks

Many thanks for all you have done to make the fair today a fun event for our school community, and an important fundraiser for our school. We are so grateful for the fantastic community spirit you have demonstrated today and throughout the preparations, all to raise funds for our children: the time you have invested, the talents you have shared, the treats you have donated, the help you have given, as well as your financial support and kind words of encouragement. What a great example to our children of what we can achieve when we come together as a community. Over the coming weeks, we will share details of the funds raised and how they will be used to benefit our children.

Christmas Baubles

Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas Bauble project. The children have created wonderful designs, and the tree - kindly donated by Harrier Gates - looks magical. This initiative has so far raised £105.62 for our school, and winners will be announced at the end of term.

Christmas Disco

Thanks to the kindness of the parents/carers who have volunteered, our school disco can go ahead on Friday 9/12! You can buy tickets on Classlist until 9pm on Wednesday 7/12.

Tree from Hans Christmas Andersen

Many thanks to the family who won another beautiful Christmas tree for St.Cuthbert Mayne in Hans Christmas Andersen's draw, and to the children who decorated the free baubles at the fair's craft table today. We will hang them on the tree when it arrives.

Hamper Donations Reminder:

Please return completed hampers to the Friends at drop-off on Monday 20/12.





Reception St David's Class

Year One St Andrew's Class

Year Two St Patrick's Class

Year Three St George's Class

Year Four St Bernadette's Class

Year Five St Catherine's Class

Year Six St Teresa's Class There was no Celebration Assembly this week because of the Christmas Fair. We will be giving out 2 sets of celebration certificates next week.

<u>Celebrating Achievements</u>

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

Happy bit hday to all the children who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Phoebe Y4 Ollie Y6 Ava YR



BUDDY SAYS HI!

Childline

0800 1111



Remember to tell Mr Hall / 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: <u>www.thinkuknow.co.uk</u> 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: <u>www.net-aware.org.uk</u> and <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</u> 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: <u>www.childline.org.uk</u> 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 foot-print and mobile phone safety. The ChildLine helpline is 0800 1111

Zipit App: <u>https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipit-app/</u> 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: <u>www.saferinternet.org.uk</u> 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: <u>www.childnet.com</u> 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: <u>www.internetmatters.org</u> Internet Matters provides advice by age group. Advice incudes setting up appropriate controls and filters on a range of devices, cyberbullying, online grooming and self-harm.

<u>Parent Info</u>: 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 ww.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. <u>www.childnet.com/resources/step</u>

Dates for the diary Autumn 2022

December 2022

5th Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip
5th Year 4 & 5 Dodgeball Tournament at Glebelands (teams to be selected)
6th Open Morning for prospective parents and carers
9th Friends' Christmas Discos - Reception: 3.15pm / KS1: 4.15pm / KS2: 5.15pm
13th Year 1 to Milestone Museum
15th Y6 parents presentation CYE—2.45pm
14th Christmas lunch for children (book by 1st December on Scopay)
14th EYFS & Key Stage One Nativity for parents 2pm
15th Y6 parents presentation CYE—2.45pm
15th Y6 parents presentation CYE—2.45pm
20th Key Stage Two Nativity for parents 2pm & 6pm

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

Tuesday, 6 December 10.00am

PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK A PLACE.







The children at St Cuthbert Mayne



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 2rd 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