

## St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School



Newsletter 17 Friday 27th January 2023

Chief Vitalstatistix of Asterix and Obelix fame was known for his rallying cry that "We have nothing to fear but the sky falling on our heads!" It seemed like these fears were being realised when water began pouring through the ceiling in one of our meeting rooms on Monday evening. In such situations we really reap the benefits of being part of the Xavier CET; on Tuesday morning we were swamped with plumbers and cleaners to rectify the problem and restore order swiftly. We are grateful to the parent body for your patience and understanding as we worked hard to get the school open as quickly as possible.



This week I am delighted to report on the arrival of our new tables and chairs. These were paid for by funds raised by the Friends. These may seem like trivial pieces of furniture, but the ramifications are that we are now able to assemble and dissemble the Hall for lunch in a flash which means that the Hall is now available for a greater proportion of the day for PE and other activities. The other massive boon is that we were able to recruit a new cook (see last week's edition) - this had previously not been possible because the setting up of tables and chairs had always been a stumbling block for would be applicants. Huge thanks therefore must go to the Friends for releasing funds for this

project and of course for all the fundraising that happens throughout the year.

This week we also reluctantly say goodbye to Mrs McAlpine who joined us almost two years ago. Mrs McAlpine has been a highly valued member of the team and we wish her all the best for the future.

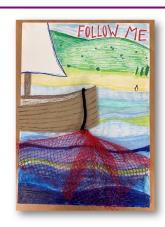
God bless Thomas Hall Head of School

Amen.



#### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week we considered how Jesus recruited His first disciples. They showed great faith as they left their lives behind them in order to join Jesus on His ministry. The children were encouraged to consider how they might lead by example and become 'fishers of women and men' themselves. Lord Jesus Christ, alive and at large in the world, help me to follow and find you there today, in the places where I learn and play. Take me as a disciple of your kingdom, to see through your eyes, and here the questions you are asking, to welcome all others with your trust and truth,.



#### St David's Class—Chinese New Year

St David's class have been learning about Chinese New Year this week. We have been painting rabbits, decorating lanterns, writing the names of the different animals of the zodiac and adding up money in our lucky red money envelopes. We also sampled some different Chinese food. We tried crunchy prawn crackers which the children all loved and vegetable spring rolls which had mixed reviews. The children had a go at using chopsticks to eat noodles and rice which was great fun and allowed them to apply their fine motor skills in a different context!

In our whole school assembly this Friday' Anya delighted us all by wearing her fabulous Chinese Dragon costume and explaining the traditions and importance of celebrating the Chinese New Year.











#### **YEAR 2 SCIENCE**

In Science this week, Year 2 have been testing kitchen roll to find out which brand is the most absorbent. Children took turns to perform a variety of tests to investigate which paper was best at mopping up spillages. The children got to use lots of scientific equipment including stop watches, pipettes, syringes and blue water! The data varied between groups, but taking all results into account, our conclusion was that the most expensive kitchen roll was the most absorbent. We also concluded that St Patrick's classroom had seen quite enough water for one week!













#### THE FRIENDS—INFORMATION

#### Second-hand Uniform Sale

Friday, February 3rd, from 2:30 - 3:10pm in the parish room next to the school. Cash and card accepted.

Thank you for your uniform donations to date. If you have uniform you would like to donate to the sale, please leave at the school gate at drop-off on Monday 30/1 under the uniform sign, next to the parish office. Many thanks.

#### Sponsored cycle/walk/run

The Friends and Y6 class reps invite all pupils to cycle, run or walk 1, 5, 10 or more miles for St.Cuthbert Mayne during the month of February. Our aim is to combine all participants' miles to make it (virtually!) to Paris - 226 miles!

Our fantastic sports captains, head and deputy head girls and boys will lead us on our challenge - starting the event on stationary bikes at the school gates at 8:30am on Monday, February 6th, and leading us to the finish line at 3:15pm on Friday, March 3rd.

Your child sets a goal, and decides when they can complete the challenge. Maybe your child is in Reception and you'll do a lap of Snoxhall playing fields, or maybe your child is in Y6 and ready to cycle 10 miles with you on the Downs Link during half term. It's up to you and your child/children. Parent/carer participation is also most welcome.

#### To participate:

- Please collect a sponsorship form from the school gates during the week of February 6th or download one (link will be provided next week), and start collecting sponsorship money.
- Supervise your child to safely complete the challenge, tracking their miles, using appropriate safety equipment and exercising only where it's safe to do so.

Return the sponsorship form (including details of the miles completed!) and funds to the Friends at the school gates at drop-off on Friday, March 3rd. Details for bank transfers to follow.

All participants will receive a certificate of completion. At a celebration assembly in March, there will be prizes for the class with the greatest number of participants.

Please note that participation is optional. All donations, small and large, are very gratefully received.

We hope you enjoy the challenge and want to thank you once again for your generous support.

#### Save the Dates:

School Discos: Friday, March 17th

SCM Parents/Carers/Grandparents & Alumni Quiz: Evening of Friday,
March 24th



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Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk





Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.





You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



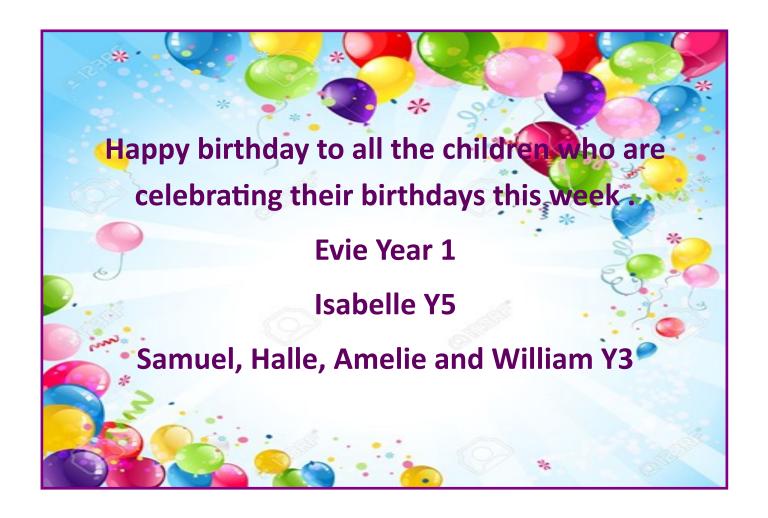


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#### **POSITIVE AND RESPECTFUL PARKING**

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: <a href="https://www.think.gov.uk/">https://www.think.gov.uk/</a>

#### **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 & 2018.pdf</u> (stcuthbertmayne.co.uk)

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

<u>PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM (RECEPTION & Samp; KS1) JULY 2018.pdf</u> (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)

#### **STRIKE ACTION**

Many of you will be aware that there are teachers' strikes taking place over the next two months. Two of these day are INSET Days for St Cuthbert Mayne (1 February and 15 March). We will endeavour to keep the school open on the other strike days if possible, we will monitor the situation and communicate as necessary if there are any changes that will affect you.



#### **SCHOOL TABLES AND CHAIRS**

We have various tables and chairs going surplus. If you would like to have any, please contact the school office. A small donation would be very much appreciated.

POLITE REMINDER: ALL CHILDREN WITH LONG HAIR MUST HAVE THEIR HAIR TIED BACK WITH YELLOW OR PURPLE SUPPORTS.

## Are you having a clear out?

The parish baby and toddler group that meets on a Friday is growing. If you are having a clear out after Christmas we would be really grateful to receive any good condition offerings. If you have a preschool child you would be very welcome to join us after drop off Friday mornings term time.



#### **SAFEGUARDING REMINDER**

It will come as no surprise to hear that the children's safety is paramount. As such we cannot allow parents or carers to enter the school building without having signed in at the school office first. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

**Reception**: please drop your children with the teacher at the gate to the EYFS playground.

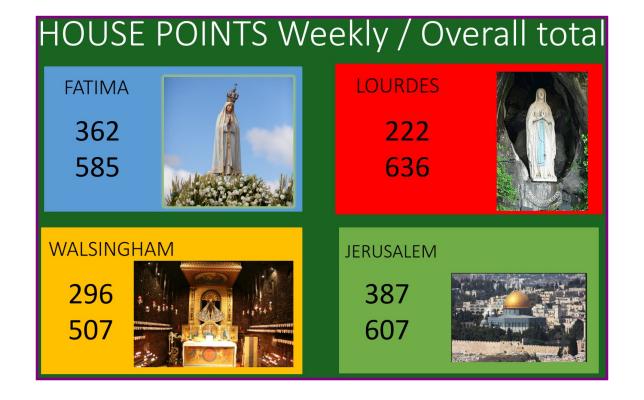
**Year 1:** either drop your children at the main school gate or accompany them to the start of the passageway by the bike shelter.

**Year 2 and above:** please drop your children at the main school gate.

Of course we understand that occasionally children might want to be accompanied a little further or might need some help putting their bike or scooter away - please try to remember to mention this to me or the member of SLT on the gate.

If you need to pass a message to your child's teacher in the morning then please mention this to me or the member of SLT on the gate or to the office staff. If you feel that you might need to have a longer conversation with the class teacher then please make an appointment by contacting the office. The end of the school day is probably an easier time to have a brief conversation with your child's teacher if necessary.

Reception St David's Class	Drake for using his sounds to write a word.	Florence Carroll for fantastic joining in during phonics and great word reading.
Year One St Andrew's Class	Reuben- for his fantastic writing of the middle section of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'.	Harleigh- for trying her best and working very hard in all of our lessons this week.
Year Two St Patrick's Class	Antonio - great independent noun phrase work Finley - wonderful choices of adjective in his character descriptions	Sebastian - super character description in English
Year Three St George's Class	Lottie for achievement in writing - excellent use of expanded noun phrases!	Maggie for achievement in writing - excellent use of expanded noun phrases!
Year Four St Bernadette's Class	Freya for working hard and improving her handwriting. I have been very impressed by your attitude to all of your learning. Keep up the good work.	Saffy for showing resilience in her maths, you have been a great role model to the rest of the class. Well done.
Year Five St Catherine's Class	Artie to celebrate showing respect and responsibility in all of his lessons this week and his achievement in his work	Anya was given a celebration certificate for taking responsibility for her learning and achievements in maths and showing great resilience in the lesson
Year Six St Teresa's Class	Eliska for your achievement in Maths when multiplying and dividing decimals.	Martha F for the responsibility you show for your learning and around the school - a great role model!





# 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: <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk">www.thinkuknow.co.uk</a> 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: <a href="www.net-aware.org.uk">www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</a> 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: <a href="www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a> 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: <a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipit-app/">https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipit-app/</a> 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: <a href="www.saferinternet.org.uk">www.saferinternet.org.uk</a> 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: <a href="www.childnet.com">www.childnet.com</a> 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: <a href="www.internetmatters.org">www.internetmatters.org</a> 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: <a href="www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app">www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app</a>

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. <a href="www.childnet.com/resources/step">www.childnet.com/resources/step</a>

#### **Dates for the diary SPRING 2023**

#### January 2023

31st Year 4 to Winchester Science Centre

#### February 2023

1st INSET DAY—school closed for staff training

**3rd** Year 1 Football Tournament at Glebelands (teams tbc)

**7th** Safer Internet day

9th Parent Forum

**10th** Year 2 Football Tournament at Glebelands (teams tbc)

20th Year 5 Tudor History Trip to RGS, Guildford

**22nd** Ash Wednesday

27th-3rd Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

#### March 2023

2nd World Book Day

15th INSET Day - school closed for staff training

17th SCHOOL DISCO (Times to be confirmed)

24th SCM Parents/Carers/Grandparents & Alumni Quiz (Time to be Confirmed)

28th Parent teacher consultations

30th Parent teacher consultations

31st End of term - midday

**April 2023** 

26th—28th Year 4 Bikeability Level 1



# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE



for Year 3's and older in Sept 2023

Thursday 2nd February 2023 - The Pre First Holy Communion Course will commence for those parents/carers who intend to ask for their baptised catholic child [commenting Year 3 in September 2023] to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion in June 2024. This course of 5 sessions plus Mass attendance is a requirement of being accepted onto the FHC course commencing October 2023. This course is intended to gather together the parents/carers on a Thursday evening 7.30-9pm at Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind to prepare them for the full First Holy Communion programme. Please register your interest to attend this course with office@cpcb.org.uk by 1st Feb and ensure you are registered on the Parish database by visiting the website and completing the "I'm New" section. Dates of sessions are 2/2 welcome evening, 16/2, 22/2 Mass, 2/3, 16/3, 30/3 Mass, 20/4, 4/5 and 28/5 Mass.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2023 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church Early Years SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family Year 1 Year 3 COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and Year 4 ministries in the parish
MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese

Year 6 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

#### **EUCHARIST - RELATING**

Early Years GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate

Year 1 MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal

THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God Year 2 LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion

MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial

of Christ's sacrifice

Year 6 UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

#### LENT/EASTER - GIVING (insert dates)

GROWING - Looking forward to Easter

Year 1 CHANGE - Lent: a time for change Year 2 OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew Year 3 GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving

Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life Year 5 SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice

made by Jesus

Early Year

Year 6 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and

resurrection

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME

ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

# MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 20 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2 April

> MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 April

> > GOOD FRIDAY 7 April

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April

# Xavier Term & Holiday dates 2022-23

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

**Half Term** 

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Term ends

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. 12pm finish.

Spring Term 2023

**Term starts** 

Monday 9th January 2023

**Half Term** 

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>rd</sup> June

Terms ends

Friday 21st July

**SCHOOL INSET DAYS.** 

MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022









