

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No 1



*"We are a Catholic community, living and learning in faith.  
Through the Gospel values of faith, hope, trust and love,  
we aim to recognise individuality and enable each other to fulfil our potential"*

8th September 2023

Dear All

It was such a delight to see all the children's smiling faces on Wednesday! I hope you all had a restful summer and spent some quality time as a family. The new Reception children joined us for part of the day and it was great to see how well they have already settled in. The rest of the children have been so kind in directing them around the school.

We have made a few changes over the holidays. Our caretaker Barry has been an absolute star and freshened up many parts of the building with a lick of paint. He has refurbished the Y5/6 locker room to create a valuable space for children to receive intervention and group sessions. Outside, the EYFS area and other areas of the school have new grass and the vegetable patch has been carefully tended to and produced a feast! This is just a few of the many jobs he has worked on throughout the holiday and we are so grateful for his dedication to St Cuthbert's!

The children in Y3 to 6 have been provided with clear pencil cases and the stationery they need for their lessons which has been labelled with their name. We want to ensure every minute of learning time is optimised and this will reduce any time spent organising equipment to start the lesson. We would like to ask for your support with one item - could every child in from Y1-6 bring a glue stick to school, we seem to go through them at ridiculous rate and this would enable us to spend funds on more worthwhile resources for the children. Thank you in advance for your support!

The breakfast club and after-school club would like to ask if any families have had sort out over the holidays and have any puzzles, games, crafts etc that they would be kind enough to donate them - these would be very well received.

Can I stress the need to be vigilant with regards to St Cuthbert's being a nut free school. If you could ensure that lunch boxes are checked carefully for any nut content and also sesame as we have children with allergies to these ingredients.

It was lovely to close our week with a mass - thank you to parents who joined us. We are looking forward to another happy and successful year!

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

**Acting Headteacher**

## Notice Board

### **Pick up time**

Please remember, the school day finishes at 3.20pm and children should to be picked up outside their classrooms (in KS2 on the playground) by 3.25pm. After this they will be taken to the office and any children not picked up by 3.30pm will be sent to the After School Club and may incur a charge if it happens regularly.

### **Snacks**

If you send your child in with a snack for the morning break, we ask you to only send in **fresh** fruit or vegetables. Friday's PTA tuck shop will remain the treat day for those who sign up for it.

### **Contact details**

It is important that we have up-to-date details for all parents / carers. If you have moved or changed your phone number and/or email address, please email the office with an update on [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Earrings**

As per the School's uniform policy and for Health and Safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear earrings in school (not even taped up). Clear spacers are allowed until they are no longer needed.

### **Backpacks**

St Cuthbert's branded rucksacks are available at School Uniform Direct. If you chose to buy a different backpack, this needs to be non-branded and of a dark colour (eg black or navy blue) as per the school's uniform policy.

### **Email messages to school**

Please could we ask that any messages about your children or for their teachers are emailed to the school office on our [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) email address. This is the only email account that is guaranteed to be monitored during office hours and therefore we can ensure nothing slips through the net and timely action is taken by the right person.

Any requests for After School Club and Breakfast Clubs should be emailed to [wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) . For any last minute on-the day bookings, please call the school office.

### **Absences**

All absences need to be reported to the school office either by phone 01784 434128 or email [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Newsletter**

The newsletter is our main channel to inform parents and carers of what has been happening and what we are planning. All important dates are also on the calendar on the school website [Calendar | St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School \(stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk\)](#) and we will update this regularly.



## Meet the Teacher

Our various Curriculum Mornings/Afternoons for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be held during the week of 18th September and will last approx. 30 minutes. We hope many of you will be able to attend. You will be meeting your child's class teacher who will talk to you about the curriculum and expectations for this year, including home learning. It will also be the perfect opportunity to ask any questions or share concerns.

<b><i>Monday 18th September</i></b>	<b><i>@ 9am</i></b>	<b><i>Year 1</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 18th September</i></b>	<b><i>@ 2.45pm</i></b>	<b><i>Year 3 and Year 4</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 19th September</i></b>	<b><i>@ 9am</i></b>	<b><i>Year 5</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 19th September</i></b>	<b><i>@ 2.45pm</i></b>	<b><i>Year 2</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday 20th September</i></b>	<b><i>@ 9am</i></b>	<b><i>Year 6</i></b>

## Mr Taylor's Notices

### **PE Kits**

Children will be coming to school in their PE kit on their PE days and will stay in these for the day. As always, and especially with younger children, it is recommended that spare clothes are sent in, in case your child spills something on themselves and/or has a fall or nosebleed and needs a change of clothes.

For KS2, the children will require their shin pads and football boots for PE after the autumn half term; these can be sent in a separate bag and stay in school for the week; if mouth guards are needed at a later date, I will let you know.

### **After School Sports Clubs**

Those attending football club on Mondays or Tuesdays, need their boots and shin pads from next week. Please also note, if you are attending an after school sports club but do not have PE during the day, children must come to school in uniform and bring a change of clothes for the club (either school PE kit or any other appropriate sports wear).

**Good luck** to all the children who are up for a trial session at Wentworth Tennis Club tomorrow.

## Spanish After School Club

We can confirm that we will be offering Spanish After School Club on a **Tuesday for year 4** and on a **Wednesday for years 5 and 6**. These will start the week of 18th September and run from 3.20pm until 3.50pm. Sessions will be charged at £3.50 each, however, need to be booked for the term in advance. We will send booking form and further information on payment next week; this will also include information on how to book if you want your child to attend After School Club afterwards.

## The Week That Was

### **Year R:**

Hello Reception Parents! The children in Reception have had a fantastic few days settling into life at St Cuthbert's. Myself and Miss Constable have been so impressed with how well the children came into school for their sessions and how beautifully they have all played together as they explored their new classroom and playground. On Thursday, the children got to experience their first PE lesson with Mr Taylor and were given a tour of the whole school, then they joined the rest of the school in the hall for lunch and in the playground for playtime. Such a busy and enjoyable first few days, we are really looking forward to the rest of Autumn term!

### **Year 1:**

The new Year One class have settled in beautifully. The transition is going very well and our current main focus is ensuring that we stay in our chairs and put our hand up for help. Everyone has been working very hard and the first few days have been a delight.

### **Year 2:**

Year Two have had a great start to their week. The children have all settled in well to the Y2 routines. We were straight in with some RE, Maths and English to establish how to set out the books etc. The children wrote a class poem all about the rain...this will kick start the Geography unit based around Weather that we will start next week.

### **Year 3:**

We have transitioned brilliantly into year 3 and have started to explore our RE theme of what makes a home. We have delved into observational poetry, place value and through scientific enquiry, investigating what objects are light sources or light reflectors. I look forward to meeting you at our meet the teacher afternoon in a few weeks. A gentle reminder that we will have a Stone Age workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> September, where children can dress as a prehistoric man/woman.

### **Year 4:**

Year Four have settled in fantastically this week, what a delight it has been to start this new year with them! We have been getting back into school routines and getting started on some of our new topics for this year. I hope you all have a great and well-rested weekend after all your hard work this week!

### **Year 5:**

We have had a nice first week back in Year 5. We have done a range of activities from writing about our summer in English to being creative with our math's learning in the outdoors. In RE we have been discussing what makes us special and what different values and qualities we each have. I am really happy with how the whole class has started Year 5 and I am confident it will continue that way.

### **Year 6:**

What a super start to the year! The children have settled into the Year 6 routine and are now ready for their new responsibilities. This week we started our new RE topic, Creation and Covenant. This is part of the very exciting new RE curriculum which will have a stronger focus on scripture. We spent some time discussing the different versions of the Creation Story found in Genesis. Next week we will be voting for our new House Captains, I hope everyone has their speeches ready for voting day!



## PTA

The PTA has prepared a video showcasing achievements last year; please follow the links below.

There is a direct YouTube link to the video <https://youtu.be/XSddMYLDnME?feature=shared> and it is also on the PTA newsletter page <https://www.stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk/pta-newsletters/>

The AGM will be on **27th September at 7pm**

### **Wrap Around Care—Recruitment**

We are still actively recruiting to increase our staff numbers for our wrap around care.

Should you or anyone you know be interested in working at either our Breakfast or After School Club, please do get in contact.

**Mondays to Fridays,**

**7.30am to 8.40am for Breakfast Club**

**3pm onwards for After School Club**

**Term time only – 38 wks pa.**

**Salary: Surrey S3.1 - FTE £19,313 p.a., £2,623 pro rata, £10.29 per hour**

St. Cuthbert's is a happy and caring school with wonderful children and a great staff team. We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Extended Schools Assistant, able to start work with us as soon as possible – initially mornings only but with possibility of more hours.

We are looking for applicants who:

- Are supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Are patient and care for children
- Are team players who are flexible and personable
- Are positive and resilient in their approach with children



Previous experience of working with children and young people is desirable, but not essential.

Please email [office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) for an application form or call Mrs Turner for further details.

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