

## St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No 3

"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"

## 22nd September 2023

Dear All

It was great to see so many parents join us for curriculum sessions. This is a valuable opportunity to visit the environment that your child will be learning in over the course of the next year and what they will be learning. Thank you for taking the time to attend.

I am so proud of our reception children who are all coming into school independently, joining collective worship and picking up all the new St Cuthbert's routines so brilliantly. The buddies have all been arranged and the older children are doing an amazing job of guiding our youngest pupils.

We marked National Teddy Bear day today and linked it with reading across the school. The teachers all provided a story session and the children were able to pick which book they wanted to hear. I really enjoyed sharing one of my absolute favourite Dr Suess stories with my group! The buddies in Y5 and 6 then had the opportunity to meet with Reception and Y1 to share stories.

Thank you to those of you who have brought in donations for the after-school Club and Reception - we are so grateful. There is now a timetable for the activities the after-school club will run in the newsletter and as we add in/revise these, there will be new information published. The children have many suggestions for activities and we are happy to try them out.

We have our MacMillan coffee morning next Friday - it is a great opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause as well as catch up at the beginning of the year. It would be great to see any parents that can join us after dropping off.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

## Important dates for next week

Tuesday 26th September - Years 2, 3 & 4 Class Mass at 9am in the school hall. Parents welcome.

Wednesday, 27th September @ 7pm PTA AGM

**Friday 29th September** - Macmillan Coffee Morning in The Studio after morning drop off (8:50am).

Please join us to help support this amazing charity, there will be lots of yummy bakes to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee.

## Mr Taylor's Notices

## Sports Clubs & Sports Fixtures 23/24

I am in the process of arranging many fixtures for the term. These will be added to our website, once confirmed. These fixtures will be played either during school time (year 5 boys, year 6 boys & year 5/6 girls 7 a side football competition at Royal Holloway University) or after school (league & cup games) There will be many occasions where sports clubs will need to be postponed for all the sporting events to take part. As I always do, I try to get in as many fixtures as I can on a Friday after school, as we have no clubs on this day, therefore not causing any disruptions, that said, I obviously have to be flexible with other schools too.

While currently my sports clubs are offered free of charge, if you need childcare on any of the cancelled dates, you are welcome to book them into After School Club, however, the usual tiered charging system applies.

Our year 5 football team have their first league game of the season on Monday October 2nd, at home to Stepgates School. I will be selecting all 10 children who attend training for this game. Details to those parents of boys in year 5, will be sent our in the next few days.

Thank you

## Open Mornings / Afternoons

We will be holding open events for prospective parents for the next academic year on the following dates; please do share them with anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2024

19th OctoberOpen Morning starting at 10am8th NovemberOpen Afternoon starting at 1.30pm15th NovemberOpen Evening starting at 6.30pm

## Flu Immunisation

Please remember to complete your consent for the flu immunisations. The booking portal will close at 4pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## The Week That Was

## Year R:

This week, Reception were very lucky to have a visit from Canon Chris, thank you for coming to see us! We learnt all about the creation story and explored what happened on each of the days that God created the Earth. We have been getting to know our friends with the help of our Chatter Boxes, thank you for all of the work that went into making them at home. The chil-

dren really enjoyed taking turns to stand up and share what was inside their Chatter Boxes and ask each other questions about their items. We have been reading the story "The Colour Monster" and talking about how we felt when we started school. We started to think about all of the things that make us unique and used the class iPad to take pictures of ourselves, then created self portraits using the pictures to help us.



#### Year 1:

In RE this Week, Year 1 are continuing to work on Creation and Covenant. The children have been learning the opening lines of The Nicene Creed. We have been singing and drawing pictures to develop our understanding of this. In English, we have begun our class text "Beegu". We have worked on developing our understanding of a characters feelings based off illustrations. It's been a brilliant week for all!

## Year 2:.

We have had another great week in year 2! In English we have been thinking about 'Instructions' and focusing on the features of them. We have focused on imperative verbs (bossy words) and identified them in our model text. In maths we are continuing to focus on numbers to 100 within 'place value'. We have been portioning, using the expanded form, locating numbers on a number line and comparing numbers. Place value is a concept that we will apply many times during our year 2 maths lessons. We have been investigating materials in our Science lessons this week. We have been thinking about materials and their purposes. We investigated the properties of materials and how they are suited to different jobs; for example, coat hangers are mainly made out of wood, metal or plastic because they are strong and lightweight materials. If a coat hanger was made out of rock or glass this would not be suitable because glass could break if it was dropped and rock would be too heavy.

#### Year 3:

In year 3, we had a lovely visit from Canon Chris who taught us how we have been chosen by God to be a holy people. We have been exploring place value in Maths, through dienes, counters, part-part whole models and a very impressive human number line. Finally, what an amasing end to the week with National Teddy Bear day and reading all the children's favourite books.

## Year 4:

Year Four have worked really hard this week and have come up with some beautiful descriptive language in English. They have also had some really thoughtful ideas in RE about how to live our lives and treat others, based on some interesting people that they have learned about it Jesus's family tree. What a fantastic week we've had! Well done, Year Four.

## Year 5:

This week in RE we have been learning about Max Kolbe and how he had an impact on the people around him. We have been discussing how he never gave up in his faith and never stopped helping people. We then thought of different ways that we could be like Max Kolbe today. Maxillianton Came from a Catholic family. he became a preise later on. he started a radio Shalu and talked about 6nd. In War he Sheltered 3000 palish people and Ison Teuish Apple. Got arrested buice one man escaped and they decided and to people Louds Starre and de he took anothers place and Sacrificed himsele in Stead of the other man who had a family. I prison he conforted others by doing Masses and praying with them. He was born ing 1891 and died in 1941. It His Ceal name was ray mont.

## Year 6:

This week we continued our work on Creation and Covenant. We discussed John 1 and made links between the scripture and the creation story.

In English we are starting to work on non-chronological reports, using mythical creatures as our inspiration. This week we are 'hugging' the model text, using the structure of the model text to help us create our own information texts. We are reading Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo and improving our comprehension skills through focused questioning.

## After school club time table

Autumn term (from week commencing 18.09.2023)

Every day we will begin by taking the register at 3.25pm following which the children will have the opportunity to enjoy a snack provided by ASC. After that, we have a planned activity, please see time table below, which is usually followed by free play and time for reading and colouring:

Week 1 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16.00 – Arts and crafts 16.30 – Free play 17.00 – Reading and colouring.	16.00 – Food activity 16.30 – Free play. 17.00 – Reading and colouring.	16.00 – Fun worksheets 16.30 – Free play 17.00 – Reading and Colouring	1600 – Free play 16.30 – Dance / Yoga exercise 17.00- Reading and colouring.	16.00 – Puzzles/ Board Games. 16.30 – Free Play 17.00 – Reading and colouring.
Week 2 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16.00 – Team Games (Splat etc) 16.30 – Free play 17.00 – Reading and colouring	16.00 – Colouring Competition 16.30 – Free play 17.00 – Reading and colouring	16.00 – Food activity 16.30 – Free play 17.00 – Reading and colouring	16.00 – Puzzle / Board games 16.30 – Free play 17.00 – Reading and colouring	16.00 – Movie 17.30 – Reading and colouring

## 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 <u>office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk</u> for an application form or call Mrs Turner for further details.

St. Cuthbert's is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS is essential for this position, which can be organised through the School.





#### Discover ACS International School Egham at our upcoming Open Day

We're excited to invite you to visit to our unique school for our upcoming whole school Open Day and enjoy an insightful and engaging morning with us. Please find more details below.

#### ACS Egham Open Day

Date: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Time: 9:30 – 12:30 Where: Egham, Surrey

Please register today to confirm your place.

We look forward to introducing you to our wonderful school, where you will have the opportunity to meet our Head of School, Principals and ACS students. You'll meet with teachers to learn about their teaching methods and discover our curriculum. See how it promotes critical thinking, collaboration skills, and helps students to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Come along and watch student performances, take part in interactive sessions, and enjoy an ice cream with us on our Mansion House lawn!

Join us to find out why more families are choosing an international education for their children, and the <u>Benefits of an International Education at ACS Egham.</u>

#### How to find us

Our location page will help you best plan your journey and find where we are.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

To help you prepare for the day you may wish to look at some of the <u>frequently asked questions</u> we receive.

#### Can't wait until the Open Day?

Book a personal visit now or check out our virtual tour prior to your visit.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you soon and showing you how we are inspiring the world's next global thinkers and doers.

Best wishes,

Suzanne Ingham

Dean of Admissions ACS International School Egham

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and apply.

# OCLOBER Holiday Activities

## Dancing Skeleton Puppets

Tuesday 24th Oct 11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm Ages 7-12, £4

Come along to the museum to put together a wooden skeleton marionette puppet. Then decorate it to be as scary or friendly as you want!

# Autumn Bunting

Thursday 26th Oct 10-11am or 11:30-12:30pm Ages 4-12, £3

Create a string of paper bunting. It can have a spooky Halloween theme or an autumn theme - your choice! (An adult must stay with 4 and 5 year olds.)

> Booking is essential Book online at https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk or by phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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