



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No 4

*"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"*

29th September 2023

Dear All

I hope you all received the (hopefully) pleasing news that I have been appointed permanently to the post of Head of School at St Cuthbert's with Mrs Gray as Deputy and Mrs Licence as our Executive Head (replacing Mrs Harper from last year). I am delighted to finally be able to confirm that I will be remaining with St Cuthbert's and hope that this provides you all with peace of mind that the school has secured leadership, as we finalise moving into the Xavier Trust. I have truly fallen in love with this amazing school and your wonderful children and will continue to do my very best for them every day. Thank you for your continued support and kind words of congratulation.

Can I also thank parents who have come to let me know that they will be sending their children to school after half term with school bags that are in line with our uniform policy. It seems that many children have commented to parents that their class mates are bringing in a variety of bags and they feel it is unfair.

Year 2,3 and 4 had their class mass on Tuesday, which unfortunately I was not onsite to be part of, however I heard that it was lovely - thank you to parents who were able to attend.

The Y6 girls received self-defense training on Wednesday which is a vital way to prepare our children as they grow and give them the knowledge and skills to keep safe. The boys will have their session soon.

We had the PTA AGM on Wednesday evening and it was so heart-warming to see how much support the parent body provides to the school. Last year was so successful in terms of events and fundraising and the children enjoyed so many enhancements to their school life. Thank you for all your efforts.

It was lovely to see so many people at the coffee morning today in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. It is such a worthy cause and an opportunity to come together after a busy start to the year.

A reminder that we have an INSET day next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October so the children will not be in school.

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend

**Alison Rainbow**

**Head of School**

## Important dates for next week

Monday 2nd October - Year 5 boys football match at home to Stepgates

Tuesday 3rd October - Salesian open morning for year 6 children only / Flu immunisations in school

Thursday 5th October - CAFOD Family Fast Mufti

Friday 6th October - INSET Day, school closed to all pupils

## Mr Taylor's Notices

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, have been sent out.

## 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 October	Open Morning starting at 10am
8th November	Open Afternoon starting at 1.30pm
15th November	Open Evening starting at 6.30pm

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

**Jessica** in EYFS has been articulate and a great talking partner during carpet time.

**Tino** in year was very articulate when talking to his teacher about a book he is reading

Year 2's **Eleanor** has been independent in her learning and had high standards in her presentation.

**Izzy** in year 3 has been showing faith and articulation in the RE lesson when responding to the learning

**Nico** in year 4 has been consistently on task and has been showing respect for the environment and others around him

In year 5, **Kitty** has been showing resilience and independence with her learning this week.

**Hattie** in year 6, has been showing our FAIR value of independence, resilience and respect in every lesson, every day.



## Spiritual Council Update

### **CAFOD is our Autumn Term chosen charity**



#### CAFOD Family Fast Day

We will be celebrating CAFOD Family Fast Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

On this day we are looking to raise money for CAFOD and we have allocated £2 on Scopay for all children and ask that children dress in colourful mufti clothes to raise awareness of the theme 'Brighten up for Harvest' at the same time.

#### CAFOD Big Advent Walk

More traditionally known as 'the Big LENT Walk' but as we have the season of Advent in the second half of this term, we have adapted the idea slightly. The children will be encouraged to walk laps of the field in their own time, with each lap equating to an amount of money (decided at home by the sponsor)  
More information to come on this one so please watch this space...



## The Week That Was

**Year R:**

This week, Reception have continued to think about how God made each of us unique and special. We read a story called "When God Made You" and then made lots of faces using different resources. Some were made out of buttons, gems and other craft materials, while others were made out of playdough or different shaped blocks. We also celebrated our names in lots of different ways by turning them into rainbow letters and using our favourite colours to decorate them and make them individual. In Maths we have been exploring sorting and matching. The children were given challenges to sort lots of different items into groups, we then had to guess the rule they had been grouped by, either colour or by shape, or another category. We have also been reading the story "Lost and Found" and discussed ways we could be a good friend and why it is important to have friends.

**Year 1:**

We have had a fabulous week in YEAR 1. Canon Chris paid us a lovely visit and taught us all about Our Father. We had a loan box from Chertsey museum of toys from the 50's and 60's, the children were delighted to see Granny Murtagh return. We did our first talk for writing lesson on our class text "Beegu" and will begin writing sentences from next week, a very successful week.

### Year 2:

In Year Two this week, we finished off our RE unit; 'beginnings'. The children reflected well on the scripture and psalms they have heard over the past few weeks. In English, the class worked together to write a set of instructions about God's creation. In Geography the children have been tracking the weather and they made a tally chart to see which weather was the most frequent.

### Year 3:

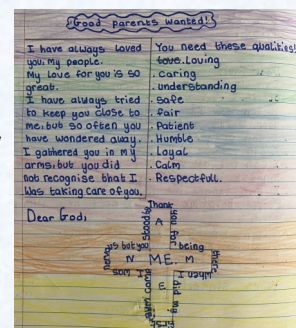
In year 3 we have finished our first RE unit by remembering, celebrating and responding to the joys and sorrows of being a family at home and God's vision for every family. In English we started our new learning on instructions by the class teaching Mrs Mundell how to make a jam sandwich.

**Year 4:**

Year Four have had a great week, we have seen some great artist amongst us. The children have been sculpting out of soap and have done a fantastic job! They have also started writing their adventure stories and there are some fantastic, creative stories in the making!

### Year 5:

This week in RE, we have been learning about God as a loving parent. We have discussed how God is with us during our lowest moments. We have looked at generous and unconditional love and why these are important. We have created different prayers of thanks to God for times when God has supported us.



**Year 6:**

This week we continue our journey through Genesis 2. We have made links between the Creation story and the Nicene Creed looking at what the words of the Creed mean to us as individuals. We used images, words and symbols to represent our feelings and thoughts about our faith. In English we are working on our non-chronological reports. This week the children will be writing their own non-chronological report on the Mythical creature they have been researching. The children enjoyed the NSPCC workshop and impressed me with their beautiful manners and thoughtful answers during the session. Well done Year 6!



## 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	16.00 – 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 [office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) 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.



# ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL **DISCOVERY DAY**

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Sat 30 Sept 2023 • 12.30pm-5pm

Activities are suitable for children aged 5+ and will include:  
a tour of the Cathedral - trail worksheets and quiz -  
making a prayer dove - exploring the mighty Hill Organ -  
being a chorister



Concludes with a short concert at 4pm in  
which all the attending children take part!

Use the QR code to book for the day:



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