

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No 5



*"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"*

5th October 2023

Dear All

We began our week by launching Black History month in an assembly. This will be a focus through the month of October and the children will be learning more as this theme runs through the coming weeks.

Thank you for all your donations for our mufti day for CAFOD - the children seemed quite disturbed to see me wearing jeans on Wednesday!! The Spiritual Council lead a very informative assembly and launched our 'Walk to Pakistan' where children across the school will be gathering miles walking around the field - wish us luck!

Next week is 'Feeling Good Week' and on Wednesday the children are invited to raise awareness of Mental Health Day by wearing a yellow accessory. As Mental Health Lead, I am very passionate about ensuring that our children develop strategies to manage their own thoughts and feelings as they mature. Our pupils need to be comfortable as possible during their time at school in order to learn best and it is a top priority for everyone at St Cuthbert's to support them and each other.

The Y6 children are off on their PGL residential next week. This is a great opportunity for the children to develop a range of skills and, for some, enjoy their first experience of staying away from home overnight.

I have noticed a few children with earrings taped over. We ask that parents give their children spacer type earrings if they cannot take them out at this time, due to medical issues, as it is a health and safety risk. Any children going on the Y6 residential with need to ensure earrings are taken out before they leave for PGL - thank you for your cooperation!

I hope you enjoy the INSET day this week and we will see you on Monday!

Have a lovely weekend

***Mrs Rainbow***

***Head of School***

## Important dates for next week

**Monday to Friday** - Year 6 PGL

**Wednesday 11th**—NO Spanish Club

**Wednesday 11th October** - To raise awareness of Mental Health Day the children can wear yellow accessories (hair bands, scarves, wrist bands, etc.)

## Mr Taylor's Notices

Just a reminder there will be **no sports clubs** of mine week commencing Monday October 9th, as I am away with year 6 on their residential.

Well done to our year 5 boys football team who played out a very entertaining 1-1 draw with Stepgates this week, in their first league game of the season. Jamie scored a wonderful free kick from 20 yards out. Man of the match goes to our fantastic keeper Joshua, who made some quite amazing saves to keep them out. A good start to the season boys.

## 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:

This weeks winner in EYFS is **Jack**, for being articulate and joining in with his class phonics sessions. Well done Jack.

**Matthew** in year 1 has been showing excellent initiative, he is always enthusiastic to learn and starts his work without needing prompts or reminders. Good job Matthew.

Year 2's winner this week is **Caleb**; for such beautiful cursive handwriting. Caleb has been trying hard at home and this really shows in class. Well done for having respect for your learning.

Well done **Eloise** in Year 3; you have been so RESPECTFUL towards your learning and others.

Barney in year 4 has consistently been an excellent talk partner, taking the time to articulate the learning and patiently supporting, whilst also making sure he puts all his effort into his own learning. Well done, Barney!

Our dojo winner in year 5 is someone who shows great respect in the class and always offers to help others with their work. Well done **Billy**.

**Vansh** in year 6 has shown incredible resilience and independence by settling into year 6 so quickly.



## The Week That Was

**Year R:**

This week Reception have been learning about different families. To celebrate being part of the St Cuthbert's family, we painted our hands and used them to make leaves to create a family tree in our classroom. We talked about the different people that live in our house and drew pictures of them. We also created pictures of them using natural resources, such as pine cones, acorns, sticks and shells, the children were so creative with these! We read a series of stories about "The Large Family" by Jill Murphy and talked about why we love our family and what we love to do with them. In Maths, we have been learning how to describe objects by size and how to order them from smallest to biggest. We helped the three bears to have a picnic and sorted their food by size into the three bears' different bowls.

**Year 1:**

This week in RE we are continuing our work on the Our Father, the children have been adding illustrations to the lines of the prayer to show what it means to them. We have also moved onto a new maths topic and will be doing part-whole model! In English, we are at the beginning of our journey writing beautiful sentences and all children have been doing well.

### Year 2:


We have been very busy yet again in year 2 this week. In maths, we have finished our unit on numbers to 100 and we are now moving onto addition and subtraction. We have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's so lots of practice of this at home would be very beneficial! We have been continuing to use the features of instructions in our writing, concentrating on vocabulary choices. In Science, we have been investigating nappies! We tested different materials for their absorbency and looked at the materials used in a nappy. We thought about the purpose of each material and why they had been used. This week we saw the start of October therefore our attention turns to Mary and the rosary. We will be saying a small section of the rosary every day in class and it would be lovely if you could join us by doing the same at home where possible!

### Year 3:

In Year 3 we have been exploring why the Synagogue is a special place in our Judaism topic. We have worked collaboratively to use our prehistoric painting skills to paint our shadow puppet theatre which we used when we hosted our shadow puppet plays to reception.

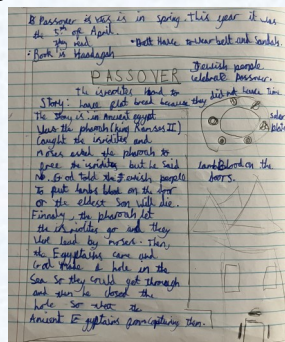
### Year 4:

Year Four have worked hard this week and have been starting to get to grips with rounding 4-digit numbers. They enjoyed reflecting on their last RE topic and creating their own collective worships. They have been starting to learn about the Jewish faith this week, which they've found interesting. Well done for all of your hard work this week, Year Four!



### Year 5:

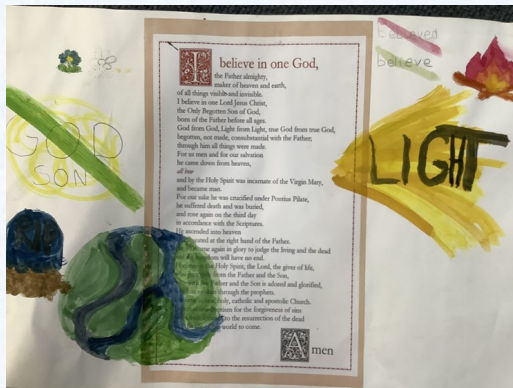
This week in RE we have been learning all about Judaism. We have discussed the Jewish festival of Passover and why it is called that. We described the story of Moses freeing the Jewish people from being slaves in Ancient Egypt. We have also been looking at the Shema and why it is so important to the Jewish people.



### Year 6:

This week Year 6 spent time reading and thinking about the Nicene Creed. The children thought about what the words mean to them and then created a spiritual journal page to highlight the parts of the Creed that are important to them. We have also spent time every day this week praying the rosary.

In Art we looked at the artist Fiona Rae. We discussed how the art was created and then the children worked on creating a similar piece, focusing on different textures and creating a specific mood using different materials and colours.





# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A very big thank you to everyone who donated and helped make our Macmillan coffee morning a huge success. The bakes all looked amazing and tasted great!

**\*\*\* By pulling together we have managed to raise a grand total of £572.70 \*\*\***

An amazing result for such a great cause, thank you!

## CAFOD Updates

Thank you for making such a huge effort with the mufti day on Wednesday. The school really did 'Brighten up for Harvest!' Please do find your donation on Scopay so we can tally up how much money has been raised so far...

### Trek to Pakistan

The Spiritual Council have decided to rebrand the CAFOD 'Big LENT Walk' and they have chosen to do a sponsored walk to raise money for the communities in Pakistan who have been affected by flooding.

During the months of October and November, the children have been challenged to walk 3798miles (the distance from Englefield Green to Pakistan) and this equates to approximately 18 miles per child. This is a HUGE ask of the little legs in our school so some of the older children might like to do a few extra miles.

The children will be walking this in a similar format as we used to do the 'Daily Mile' each day.

Please do sponsor your child an amount per mile that they can put towards the CAFOD Harvest fund.



We would love to be able to buy as many of the above items as possible.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Gray and the Spiritual Council

## 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.



The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please click on the link to find out more information - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=29155>



# Honey Bee Café

@ The Hub Englefield Green, 57 Larchwood Drive, TW20 0SL

- £1 unlimited hot drinks and biscuits
- Board games
- Free IT support
- Free benefits advice
- Free Wi-Fi
- Play area for under 5s



Thursdays in term time, 10am -12pm

Contact:  
✉ [gulnar@thejourney.org.uk](mailto:gulnar@thejourney.org.uk)  
☎ 07721621878



## Fun Palace at Egham Library

Saturday 7 October, from 10am to 4pm

Join us at the library for some family friendly fun.

Suitable for all ages. This is a free event. No booking required.

Activities scheduled so far:

- Learn to play chess at 10am.
- Egham Museum 'The Museum of Me' activity from 10am - 4pm.
  - Board games 10am-4pm.
- Rivermede Court: Owl Craft from 10am until 12 noon.
- Kid Wise: AI and VR reading from 10am until 12 noon.
  - Rhymetime and parachute game at 11am.
  - Storytime at 3.30pm.
- Making a tote bag using a sewing machine.
- Suitable for ages +7. From 10am until 2pm.
- Junk modeling and crafts throughout the day.
- Make a Paper Collage with Artist Camila Aguais 3pm until 4pm.

Fun Palaces: sharing skills, connecting communities, creating tiny revolutions. See the Fun Palaces website for more information about Fun Palaces.