

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No 8



*"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"*

3rd November 2023

Dear All

Well, it has been a windy week but the children have quite enjoyed it!

The All Saints Day mass was such a lovely way to start our half term and the children felt really involved with their houses named after saints. I had some visitors that attended the mass comment on how well behaved and respectful the children were, which was something I had talked about in collective worship at the beginning of the week. I really am so proud of them.

We are lucky enough to have some hymn practice sessions and lessons from a singing specialist for the next two terms. Mr Elson works with the Diocese and will be helping us develop our voices! The first sessions were a great success and we are very lucky to have him.

We will be marking Remembrance Day next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and the children will have a liturgy during the day and observe the silence. On this occasion we will not be asking parents to join us for this but welcome you to show your support through the poppies on sale this Monday after school.

The disco is after school today - I hope the children have fun! Thank you in advance to the PTA and those volunteering to help during these events, as I am aware how much work goes into them for our children.

I would like to begin sharing scripture with you that we will be discussing with the children during the upcoming weekly collective prayer and liturgies. It would be great if you could discuss these themes with them and enhance their experience of the Gospel throughout the week. Next week we will be talking about how true greatness is putting God before ourselves or other things and explaining that being humble is also about focusing on others more than ourselves.

**'The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'**

**Matthew 23: 12**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Rainbow**



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

### CAFOD Fundraiser

Have you heard the news? We are walking to Pakistan!

To support families in Pakistan who have been affected by flooding, the children at St. Cuthbert's have decided to walk to Pakistan and to be sponsored for doing so.

There is certainly an excited buzz at Celebration Liturgy when we talk about how many miles have been walked during the week.

Please talk with your child about this, ask how they are getting on at achieving the class target of around 540 miles, and please start discussions of how many pennies per mile you would be willing to sponsor them.

The school aim is to have walked a total of 3766 miles by the end of November, so grab your best walking shoes and get going.

Many thanks,

Mrs Gray and the Spiritual Council





## Important Dates For Next Week

- **Tuesday 7th November** - Years 1 & 6 class mass (9am parents welcome)
- **Wednesday 8th November** - PGL Information via Zoom for Year 5 parents
- **Thursday 9th November** - Year 6 Junior Citizen at Thorpe Park (1-3pm)
- **Friday 10th November** - Schools Remembrance Service
- **Friday 10th November** - Year 5/6 Girls Cup Game at Home to Walton Oak (3:20pm)

## Mr Taylor's Notices

Just a reminder there will be no year 5/6 boys & girls football clubs week commencing Monday November 13th as I am away with year 4 on their residential. Dodge ball club is on Thursday 16th.

## 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

8th November	Open Afternoon starting at 1.30pm
15th November	Open Evening starting at 6.30pm

Canon Chris will be available for SIF signing at the Jurgen Centre on below dates and times. Please do keep an eye on the weekly parish newsletter in case any of these change:

Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	3.45-4.30pm
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	6.30-7.00pm
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	11.00-11.30pm

## Coming up in December

<b>Friday 1st</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 4th</b>	Years 4/5 reconciliation
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	Year 5 Viking Workshop
<b>Friday 8th</b>	Year 6 Reconciliation
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	KS1 Nativity (afternoon, exact time to be confirmed)
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 15th</b>	EYFS Nativity (morning, exact time to be confirmed)



# The Week That Was

## Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning about the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary. We learnt about why Jesus would be such a special baby and why the Angel Gabriel's job was so important. We know that because we are all so loved that God has given us all our own guardian angel to watch over us. With this in mind, we decorated handprints with different colours and pictures. We then used our handprints to make a set of angel wings and turned ourselves all into angels. In English we have been reading the story "Sparks Fly" and learning about bonfire night. We shared stories of when we have seen fireworks and watched videos of fireworks to spot the different sounds they make. Then we used our Fred Talk to write the words for the sounds we could hear "Whizz, pop, bang, boom and crackle!"



## Year 1:

We have had a lovely start back to this half term in Year 1. The children learned about the Annunciation in RE and how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary with a very special message. We acted this out and retold the story using cut outs. In maths, we have moved onto subtraction. This can be tricky but the children are all working really hard. We have started traditional tales in English and have been immersing ourselves in the story of Little Red Riding Hood through drama. A very successful week.

## Year 2:

In Year Two we have continued the theme of Baptism in RE with learning about the importance of the candle and white garment. The children wrote letters to Bishop Richard to explain how the children at St. Cuthbert's are 'lights of the world.' We started lots of new units this week too including 'The Gunpowder Plot' in History and 'Traditional Tales' in English

## Year 3:

Year 3 have been exploring the importance of the white garment and the light at Baptism. Understanding that Jesus in the light and his light is for everyone. We have been very lucky to have a new music instructor this week. In science we have been investigating the function of the roots and the stem in a flowering plant.

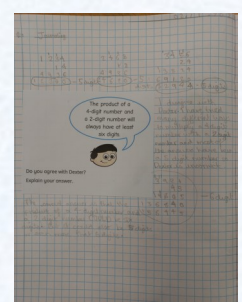
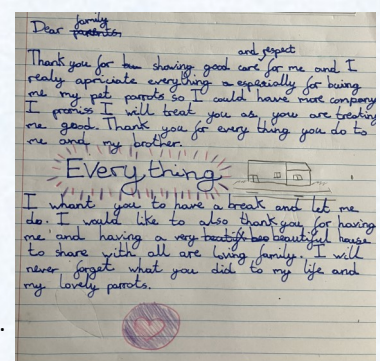
## Year 4:

Year Four loved starting our Ancient Egyptians topic this week, they already know some fantastic facts and have started to understand some reasons why they were such a successful civilisation! In RE they have been learning about confirmation and about various extraordinary people that have been called to God's service. The children were able to connect what they know about Baptism to their learning about Confirmations!

**Year 5:** This week in RE we have been learning about marriage, volunteering and different ways to show love and service. We have reflected on the different ways our family has cared for us and also looked at how love and service can bring happiness to your life. We discussed different ways we can help support people and volunteer our times to different causes.

## Year 6:

This week we were lucky enough to have Canon Chris come in to teach one of our RE lessons. He talked to us about the Creation story and the children were able to ask him questions about the links between our Catholic faith, Science and evolution.



## **Parish Information**

### **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parish Led Programme**

When: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 7pm prompt start

Where: Jurgen Centre in Englefield Green,

What: An *information evening* for families of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion. Children must be of Year Three age or above and be baptised in the Catholic Church. Ideally, this is an adult only event so information can be relayed effectively.

The team look forward to sharing the upcoming programme with you.

Many thanks,

FHC Catechist Team

### **Altar Servers**

The school are looking for some more altar servers, particularly in Year 4 so that they can help to support Mass as they move up through the years at school. If your child has; received their First Holy Communion, attends Mass regularly and is willing to be trained through the Parish they attend then this could be the job for your child! Please contact Canon Chris through the Parish Office as training does need to be given through the Church rather than the school.



## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

**Rachel** has been independent with her learning and creating some brilliant pictures in the art area

**Sebastian** has been articulating himself very well and has always been respectful to teachers and peers, saying please and thank you.

**Theo** is consistently showing all of the school's FAIR values in every lesson every day.

**Amiyah** has settled really well into year 3, impressing us with how respectful she is towards her learning.

**Indiana** is consistently on task independently, putting lots of effort into all areas of her learning.

**Oonagh** shows great faith and respect to the classroom, producing great RE work.

**James** has shown the fair value of Faith by taking part in all the responses during mass and singing beautifully also in our Worship through song session.

## **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 sible – initially mornings only but with possibility of more hours. soon as pos-

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.

[www.teachsoutheast.com](http://www.teachsoutheast.com)

# SCITT Open Morning

Wednesday 8th Nov  
9.30am - 11am

Salesian School,  
Guildford Road  
Chertsey  
KT16 9LU



Curious about training to teach? Come along!

**Speak to trainees and ECTs about what it's like!**

# Glowfit

## class



St Cuthbert's Primary School, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's

First class is free ☺

£7.00 per class if you buy 4 upfront & loyalty card where  
you get 1 free class as well!

PAYG is £8 on door cash / BACs taken

[mcdaltd@gmail.com](mailto:mcdaltd@gmail.com)

#Christine Dawson



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respond

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