



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No 11

*"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"*

24th November 2023

Dear All

Firstly, thank you for all your responses to our parents' survey, your views are really important to continue to move St Cuthbert's forward and make improvements. I am so grateful for your kind words of support and appreciate your ideas and suggestions.

We have enjoyed so much singing around the school this week as the preparations for Advent performances begin. It is such a joy to hear the children's voices throughout the building!

Some pupils in St Cecilia house led our liturgy on Wednesday morning to share information and prayers. It was delivered beautifully and a lovely way to mark this saint's day. St Cecilia was the patron saint of music and celebrations which enabled some of our children to share their talents on musical instruments!

Many thanks to so many of you that have already sent your child in with a glue stick this term. We would be really grateful of any further donations as they are running out rapidly!

We have received a few complaints from local residents about some of our parents parking over drive-ways and on double yellow lines outside the school and further down the road. Can I ask that everyone shows consideration at drop off and pick up times to make sure we keep everyone safe.

Can I draw your attention to the office notices on page 3 informing parents of the new email system that will be used from December.

This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the great King of the universe. How through His Kingship, He unifies nations, heals His people, defeats the enemy and leads His people to join Him in glory.

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES: 'WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES IN HIS GLORY, ESCORTED BY ALL THE ANGELS, THEN HE WILL TAKE HIS SEAT ON HIS THRONE OF GLORY.'

MATTHEW 25: 31

Have a lovely weekend

Alison Rainbow

Important Dates For Next Week

Thursday 30th November	Final mile walk around the school field to finish off our Trek to Pakistan. Families welcome to join at 8:55am via the school field gate.
Friday 1st December	Christmas Jumper Day (in exchange for bottle donation towards Christmas Fayre)



Mr Taylor's Notices

Well done to our year 6 boys football team who have played 2 league games this term and won them both, against St Jude's & Thorpe C of E.

Our year 5 boys team have also played 2 games & drawn them both, against St Charles & Stepgates.

Well done to our year 5/6 girls' footballers who represented the school at Royal Holloway this week. The team played 3 group games, winning 2 and narrowly losing the other 1-0 to Cleves, who were the eventual winners of the tournament. This meant we came 2nd in the group, so had qualified for the next stage. A quarter final game was up next against Bell Farm. Sadly the girls lost 1-0, but didn't go down without a fight, heads were held high as they continued to push for an equaliser, but it wasn't to be.

I am really proud of the girls for their effort and determination throughout the afternoon.

Paul Taylor



Coming up in December

Sunday 3rd	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4th	Years 4/5 reconciliation
Monday 4th	Core Judo Taster Day in school (years 1 - 6) PE Kit required
Thursday 7th	Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Wednesday 6th	Yr 5 Viking Workshop
Friday 8th	Year 6 Reconciliation
Wed 13th	KS1 Nativity— 2pm—doors open at 1.55pm
Thurs 14th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th	EYFS Nativity— 9am—doors open at 8.55am
Monday 18th	KS2 Advent Liturgy Rehearsal (in church)
Tuesday 19th	7pm KS2 Advent Liturgy (in church)



Office Notice

New email system

From December, we will be using a new email system for main communications to parents and carers. Currently, you receive emails from 'notifications@primarysite.net', this will change to 'no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com' - however, in your email inbox it should come up as St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary.

It is very likely that to start with the email will end up in your 'spam/junk folder' and we therefore ask that you set '**no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com**' as a trusted email address.

We will be sending you a 'Welcome to Arbor' email beginning of next week so you can all make sure the emails are received; to alert you to this, we will send an email via the current Primarysite email as well.

For the first few weeks we suggest you do keep checking your 'spam/junk folder' so you don't miss any communication from us. If you are having problems with receiving emails, please contact Mrs Missen in the office and she will look into it.

Attendance

To remind parents / carers, **morning registration** takes place between 8.40 and 8.50am. The registers will remain open until 9.15am. Any child who arrives after 8.50am but before 9.15am will be marked as present but late. Any child arriving after 9.15am will be marked as having an unauthorised absence.

We are noticing an increased number of children needing time out for **medical appointments**. Whenever possible, parents should try to arrange medical and other appointments outside of School time. If this cannot be arranged, parents need to contact the school office in advance in writing, providing an appointment confirmation.

If your child is **absent** from school, please notify the office before 9am by either calling 01784 434128 and leaving a message or by emailing info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk. (please do not use any other email address).

Please note, that if you take your child(ren) out of school without approval from the Head of School for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive) , you will be liable to receive a penalty notice in line with the guidance from the DfE. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carers per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carers per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.



Fundraising

Trekking To Pakistan for CAFOD

We are almost there families! We are on the final push and some fundraising will really encourage the children to walk their last few miles.

Where do I donate?

On Scopay, under 'Trips and Events' we have allocated 'Trekking to Pakistan for CAFOD' to all children. The amount is currently set as '0' and you are able to chose a custom amount for your donation. Please give as generously as you can for each mile your child has walked. As a school community, we will have walked almost 4000 miles and this deserves some recognition!

When do I donate?

The Scopay link is open from today, Friday 24th November to Friday 1st December.

What else can I do?

For the final mile, we will be walking as a whole school on Thursday 30th November. Parents are welcome to join in the fun and walk a mile around the field with your family. This will start straight after registration at 8.55am. Please meet by the field gate if you wish to join in the fun.

Many thanks for the miles walked at home, lots of children have had so much joy from adding their weekend miles to our running total.

Well done Team St. Cuthbert's.

A message from our Sports Crew:

The Sports Crew is here to help the children grow and develop whilst playing awesome games, and having fun! At lunch times we play with children who are lonely or don't know what game to play.

The Sports Crew say: *"We enjoy playing with KS1 and making them smile and laugh".*

Recently we completed a bronze award by taking part in Sports Crew training at Royal Holloway.

Some of the tasks were teamwork activities such as Human Shapes, Hole Lot of Trouble, Human Knot, Don't Wake The Dragon, Quick Sand, Loop de Loop, Balance Ball and Pipeline. We looked NEDD which stands for Name and aim, Explain, Demonstrate and Deliver.

The members of the Sports Crew are Kitty, Lilly N, May, Lilian, Gaia, Neha, Eesha, Jamie, Leo, Billy, Noah and Josh.

At the end of our sessions we lead games such as triangle tag, splat, hoop, hop hooray and heads, shoulders, knees and cone.

We really hope your children enjoy spending time and playing with us.

From,

St Cuthbert's Sports Crew



The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been preparing for our class birthday party. We read the story 'Kipper's Birthday' about a birthday party that goes a bit wrong and worked together to make a list of the things that we would need for our birthday party. We used our Fred talk to write invitations and cards for our friends. We used our maths skills to add the correct number of candles to our cakes to match the numeral on our placemat and we practised our cutting skills by making paper chain decorations and decorating cakes with different toppings on the art table. Reception had a fantastic party on Friday, celebrating all of their hard work during the week.

Year 1:

Year 1 have had a lovely week. In RE, we have been learning about how the shepherds were visited by angels after Jesus was born, the children have been studying beautiful artwork depicting this scene. We had a very fun Geography lesson where the children used a map of the school playground to orienteer and find clues. We have also begun learning about informal letters in English. We have received an invitation to a bear's birthday party and will be shared writing a response next week!

Year 2:

It has been a week of new starts; beginning with a new unit in RE about Advent. The children focused on the importance of preparing for special events. We also started a new unit of writing; diary writing. The children have looked at the model text, organised it and also write their own sentences using I, me, our or my. In Maths we are continuing to look at 3D shapes and their properties. In History the learning moved to learning about the Great Fire of London. This linked nicely with our diary writing and Samuel Pepys.

Year 3:

In year 3 we have been learning about the Nativity and the visit of the shepherds in RE. It is also anti-bullying week and we have been exploring the difference between banter and bullying, making posters explaining the difference. In science, to continue our learning of forces and magnets we have been investigating how things move on different surfaces.

Year 4:

Year Four have started their new RE topic this week, it began by learning all about the gift of friendship. They thought of some great qualities that make a good and kind friend - which linked well to our conversations about anti-bullying week and how they can be kind friends themselves. They were very interested learning about the pyramids in History this week and they've started writing some brilliant myths/legends in English!

Year 5:

This week in RE we have looked at how Mary visited Elizabeth and how she had courage when waiting for the Lord. We then compared this to the words of Luke and looked at why we say the 'Hail Mary'. Our task was to see how Christians wait in hope and what advent means to Christian people, and how they prepare for the arrival of the Messiah

Year 6:

What an exciting week. We started learning about Mary, the Mother of Jesus and how special she is. We looked at the Annunciation and carefully studied the accounts by Luke and Matthew of this very special event.

We have been working hard on Fractions in Maths; focusing on how to add and subtract not only equivalent fractions but mixed numbers and improper fractions as well. We are continuing our work on the Maya; this week we are focusing on their religion – learning more about their many gods and the role they played in the everyday life of the Maya people.

Monday Day 1 Light the Advent candle	Tuesday Day 2 Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Wednesday Day 3 Put up a Christmas tree and put out the lights	Thursday Day 4 Put up a nativity scene
Day 5 THURSDAY Come Christmas carols	Day 6 FRIDAY Go shopping for advent candles	Day 7 SATURDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 8 SUNDAY Hide the presents and pray for peace in the world
Day 9 MONDAY Go to the Christmas tree and pray for peace in the world	Day 10 TUESDAY Help your family to put up the lights and candle	Day 11 WEDNESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 12 THURSDAY Put up the presents and pray for peace in the world
Day 13 FRIDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 14 SATURDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 15 SUNDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 16 MONDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world
Day 17 TUESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 18 WEDNESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 19 THURSDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 20 FRIDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world
Day 21 SATURDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 22 SUNDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 23 MONDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 24 TUESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world
Day 25 WEDNESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 26 THURSDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 27 FRIDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 28 SATURDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world
Day 29 SUNDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 30 MONDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 31 TUESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world	Day 32 WEDNESDAY Sing carols and pray for peace in the world

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

In year R, **Maxi** has been showing great independence in his writing and working really hard with his Fred talk. Well done Maxi!

Year 1's **Matilda** always ensures that she is respectful and kind. Matilda has been so resilient when writing sentences and as a result, has been making excellent progress. Well done, Matilda!

In year 2, **AJ** has been showing respect to his learning with beautiful presentation. Well done!

In year 3, **Sarah Ann** is always demonstrating all the fair values consistently. Well done for her RESPECTFUL attitude to learning

In year 4, **Lauren** has been articulating herself clearly, with some excellent responses to questions in class and for asking lots of her own questions, showing curiosity towards what she is learning about. Well done, Lauren

Vilte in year 5 is always so respectful in class and has shown great resilience in her work this week. Well done Vilte

Liv in year 6 has been showing our Fair values of initiative and respect by always offering to help not only the adults around the school but also the children. We can always count on her to lend a helping hand. Thank you!

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 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.

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