



## **Weekly Newsletter**

# **St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**

Week ending 1st December 2023



*"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"*

Dear All

It was Year 5's turn to learn more about Fire Safety this week with a visit on Monday afternoon. It is so important to ensure the children know the steps to take in an emergency and we are grateful to the visitors who provide this knowledge.

Year 1 ventured on a walk on Tuesday afternoon and learnt more about local area. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children and kept them safe.

This week has been assessment week for our children, with Y2-6 completing standardised tests. These scores are so useful in enabling teachers to measure the progress the children have made and where they need to improve. We will be sending these scores home at the end of term to keep parents better informed of where their children are academically, in response to requests made in the parent survey last year (and some this year).

The highlight of the week for me was walking the final mile of our walk to Pakistan! The children, staff and some parents joined us, on what felt like the coldest morning of the year, on a journey of 7 laps around the field. It was truly joyous to see all the children together, helping the little ones along and finishing with a congratulatory certificate!

Christmas Jumper Day today has put us all into the spirit for the Christmas Fayre on Sunday from 12-3pm. I hope to see many families there to support our hard-working PTA who have some amazing activities planned! It was lovely to see the ladies in the kitchen join in with our festive start to December (see pictures below).

We have Judo taster sessions throughout the day on Monday, which the children all enjoy taking part in. If Years 1-6 could come to school in their PE kits please.

Finally, we are pleased to announce joining the Xavier Catholic Education Trust today! We have been lucky to have benefitted from their support for the past 4 terms, but now it is official. A letter from Mr Kibble the CEO of Xavier, has been sent out today.

Every year we know that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on 25th December, but we don't know when He will come again so, like Mary, we must always have ready hearts for Jesus! As we move into advent during our collective prayer and liturgy, we explore Mary's witness to the Light and encourage children to follow her example.

*'So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.'*  
**Mark 13:33**

**Have a lovely weekend**

**Mrs Rainbow**



## Important Dates For December

Sunday 3rd	Christmas Fayre—Students who are singing in the Choir, please arrive at the fire pit at 1:15pm
Monday 4th	Years 4/5 reconciliation
Monday 4th	Core Judo Taster Day in school ( <b>years 1 - 6</b> ) <b>Children to come to school in PE kit for the day</b>
Wednesday 6th	Yr 5 Viking Workshop
Thursday 7th	Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
<b>Friday 8th</b>	<b>Diocesan Day of Fundraising for Lourdes—Mufti day (wear something blue) - see more info on page 4</b> Year 6 Reconciliation
Wednesday 13th	KS1 Nativity— <b>2pm—doors open at 1.55pm</b>
Thursday 14th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th	EYFS Nativity— <b>9am—doors open at 8.55am</b>
Monday 18th	KS2 Advent Liturgy Rehearsal (in church)
Tuesday 19th	7pm KS2 Advent Liturgy (in church)

### Contacting the school

To contact the school by email, please use our [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) email address.

This is the **only** email address that is monitored every school day during office hours.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Spaces to Hire

Here at St Cuthbert's we have a range of different spaces available to hire outside of school hours, such as a large hall, dance studio & field. If you or anyone you know is looking for a space to hire for a weekly class or event please do get in contact with the school office.



## Catholic Life

### Trek To Pakistan for CAFOD!

We have had some of October and the whole of November to walk to Pakistan and on Thursday we finished our final mile - together with the school community. The children have done such an amazing job of walking nearly 4000 miles. Any donations of sponsorship on Scopay would be greatly received by CAFOD.

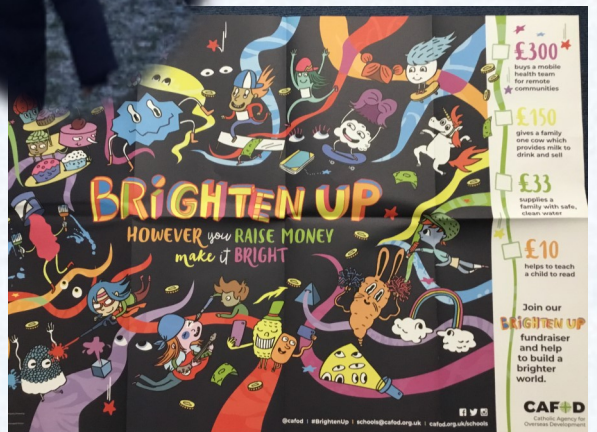
On Wednesday next week, we will have a rep from CAFOD share an assembly with our children to show how important every penny is that they have raised. Thank you so much for all of your donations. Scopay will close on Monday morning so please send any final pennies in over the weekend - every little helps!

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development **CAFOD**

### Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan floods

O Lord,  
in the goodness of your constant love,  
be with the people of Pakistan  
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –  
loss of lives, homes and crops –  
may we be filled with your compassion  
and moved to reach out in love.



**BRIGHTEN UP**  
HOWEVER you RAISE MONEY  
make it BRIGHT

£300\* keeps a mobile health team for remote communities

£150 gives a family one cow which provides milk to drink and sell

£33 supplies a family with safe, clean water

£10 helps to teach a child to read

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Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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## Catholic Life

### Diocesan Day of Fundraising for Lourdes

The Bishop has called for an annual day of fundraising in schools, across the Diocese, to support those wishing to go to Lourdes.

The Bishop proposed that we mark the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th) with an annual school's charity day to focus on the message from Lourdes, the opportunities it can offer individuals and an opportunity to raise some funds to support helpers across the Diocese. Having this day across our schools would help in uniting us in prayer for the most vulnerable within our Diocesan Community.

We are having a **BLUE mufti day on Friday 8th December** to celebrate Our Lady. Please donate £1 online. Every child will have a chance to visit our prayer garden and give their intentions to Mary through praying the Rosary.



### Experience the Christmas story (13th—18th December)

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience.

Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. It's the perfect festive event for kids, parents and grandparents.

To book your tickets, follow this [link](#).



## The Week That Was

### Year R:

This week Reception have been hearing the story of the shepherd's and how they heard about the birth of baby Jesus. We have also been sequencing the story of the nativity and using our Fred talk to help match the characters in the story to their correct names. We have been working hard to learn the words and actions for our nativity songs. One of the children's favourite songs "Knock, Knock" you may have already been hearing at home, as the children have been singing it around the classroom and on their way to lunch as well!

### Year 1:

Year 1 have had a fun filled week! We have been practicing for the Nativity coming up soon, learning lines and songs. In RE, we have been learning about Mary and how she is celebrated throughout the world. We had a brilliant walk in Geography exploring our local area. The children noticed so many brilliant things about Englefield Green, even down to the holly and oak trees on the way to the green. In Science, we explored different packaging for hollow chocolate. We conducted an experiment to see whether the chocolate would break when protected by different materials. All very exciting!

### Year 2:

Year Two have been delving deep into Advent this week by learning about Isaiah, a prophet who told about the coming of Jesus. The writing unit about diaries is coming along nicely and this week we will be guided writing a diary together. In Maths we have been completing assessments, but have also managed to finish our unit about shape. In RHE, the children learnt the difference between good secrets and bad secrets. Good secrets are ones that we will share eventually, such as a birthday surprise; a bad secret is one that someone tells us not to tell anyone.

### Year 3:

In year 3 we have been remembering, celebrating and responding the joys and demands of visitors, while we are waiting for the coming of Jesus. In science we have been learning about magnetism and the force of attraction and repelling with different types of magnets. It was lovely seeing year 3 in their Christmas jumpers, to kickstart the festive season.

### Year 4:

Between assessments this week, Year Four created some beautiful pieces of artwork in RE this week to prepare for Advent. They have also been practicing their songs for the Advent service and they are singing them so beautifully! They all looked great in their Christmas jumpers and were so excited for the arrival of our elf.

### Year 5:

In RE, we have been discussing the importance of Jesus and compared him to light. We have looked at Isaiah describes the Messiah and compared a range of pictures depicting Jesus.

This week in year 5, we have had a fire safety workshop and learnt about the importance of regularly checking our smoke alarms. We had a guest visitor discuss different scenarios and how we just act in each circumstance.

**SURREY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE SMOKE ALARM CHALLENGE!**

Go home tonight and ask your parent / carer about your smoke alarms!

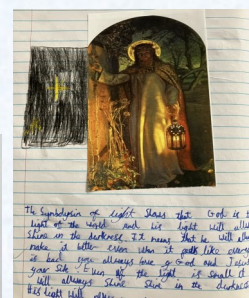
Do you have a smoke alarm? yes

Where is it / where are they located? upstairs and downstairs

Remember, every home should have at least one smoke alarm, ideally one per floor.

Test the smoke alarms with an adult - does it / do they work? yes

Set a weekly time to test your smoke alarm - perhaps after your favourite programme or before bed one evening. When will you test your smoke alarm? 7th November



### Year 6:

What a lovely week we've had! The children have started work on their Christmas stockings – working on developing and improving their sewing skills and then we finished the week off doing our last mile together on Thursday morning. It is hard to believe that with all that excitement we have also managed to do a whole set of practice SATS!

The children have worked really hard this week, showing off everything they have learnt this term. I am very proud of all of them. We also continued our work on the Annunciation; learning about Typology -linking the New Testament reading to references in the Old Testament.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

**Austin** in EYFS for being so enthusiastic when joining in with our nativity songs and being very articulate when practising his lines.

In year 1, **Darcy** is always very kind and respectful of adults and peers. She is really great friend and very responsible. Well done, Darcy!

**Okatakyie** in year 2 has been learning his nativity lines really well and is articulate when he says them.

**Armando** in year 3 has been very respectful towards his learning and others. Well done!

**Mia W** in year 4 is always showing respect by offering a helping hand, showing kindness to others and being a polite member of the class.

In year 5, **Gaia** has been acting like a role model to the class and was very articulate in the class mass.

In year 6, **Imogen** has brought in an exceptional piece of RE homework.

## **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.



### TRAIN TO TEACH WITH OUTSTANDING ITT PROVIDER XAVIER TEACH SOUTHEAST

Take a moment to flick through XTSE's prospectus [here](#) or watch some of our 'success stories' [here](#). Want to find out more before applying? Attend one of the following up-coming events:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.30-11am** : SCITT Open morning event @ Salesian school, Guildford Road, KT16 9LU. Register here

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 11.00-11.30am**: Online information event. Join using this [link](#)

Follow XTSE on social media to find out about more events, or just pick up the phone today to the Xavier Teach SouthEast team on 01932 578 682 or email [j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk](mailto:j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk)

[www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)

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