



Weekly Newsletter **St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**

Week ending 12 January 2024



*"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 such a delight to see all the children's faces on Monday morning as they came back into school with enthusiasm (and the parents!!) Thank you so much for all your kind words in cards and generous gifts - I was truly overwhelmed! It seems like we have never been away now and I know this has been a tough week for the children adapting back into a school routine.

I hope the data we shared at the end of the Autumn term was useful. We use this as a basis for discussion about children who may need a little extra support to keep on track and so we have adapted our interventions accordingly going into the Spring term.

The new clubs have started well and we are still looking into providing non-sport-related clubs as well - I will keep you posted! The children had an assembly from a Martial Arts company who are starting a club next week for any children in Years 2-6 who would like to join. The children tried some mediation and mindfulness all together in the hall to get a taste of what the club will offer. They brought home flyers but the details are also on our website.

Mass this morning was a lovely way to start the year and the children did an amazing job of reading, prayers and serving. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Monday 15th January is becoming known as 'blue Monday' with studies showing that this can be a day when some people need a lift in spirits. Therefore, the children have been writing letters to a range of different people to bring a positive slant with their words. We have some parishioners, neighbours, parents, teachers and friends who will be receiving a lovely boost shortly!

Can I remind any parents that bring dogs to drop off or pick up that they are not allowed to bring them onto any part of the school site. We had an incident last week where a dog was left in the KS2 area outside the studio and as a result a child was left with dog poo over their bare legs - obviously very distressing for anyone.

The collective prayer and liturgy for the coming week is from John 1: 35-42. It talks about Jesus, the Lamb of God, inviting us to 'Come and see'.

When we see Him for who He is, we receive peace, joy and life to the full.

Have a restful weekend

Mrs Rainbow
Head of School

Important Dates For January

Week of 15th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 16th	NO Netball club (Wednesday 17th instead)
Wednesday 17th	Netball club
Wednesday 24th	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Friday 26th	Year 6 Class Liturgy
Sunday 28th	Mrs Rainbow's Induction Mass

PE

PE:

All children will have had their first PE lessons with our new coach Dan Bacchi from PS Sports Coaching and KS2 have started their Dance lessons with Keeley. Please remember that our PE uniform consists of navy shorts/skorts and white Polo Shirt (school badge not compulsory) as well as the maroon track suit bottoms and top. It is important that children do have the full kit, especially during the winter months as PE will be outside when the weather allows, but also for break and lunch time. Please note, thermals under polo or shorts are not part of our uniform.

Dodgeball Competition:

We had a team of year 6 children representing St Cuthbert's at the annual ERPSSA Dodgeball Competition this afternoon. And we are so excited that once again, St Cuthbert's are bringing home the trophy....

Congratulations to the winning team and thank you to the parents who offered their help getting the children to and from the competition and to Mr John for joining them.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Abdul in EYFS, has been independent in his learning and trying hard with his sharing. Well done Abdul for remembering our class rules!

Arthur in year 1 is always a very respectful boy and is kind to all his friends in Year 1. He has been developing his independence lately and has done really well. Good job Arthur!

Kelly in year 2 is showing respect for her learning by always being on time.

In year 3, **Quinn** has been awarded the Dojo certificate for showing his FAITH in always helping and looking out for others and helping Mrs Mundell in the classroom.

Year 4's Dojo winner is **Rhys** for being consistently fantastically mannered and working really hard in all areas of his learning and articulating responses clearly in class. Well done, Rhys!

Our dojo winner in Year 5 is someone who has made a great start to the new term. They have put excellent effort into their work and are participating very well in lessons. Keep up the good work **Leo**.

Our year 6 Dojo winner is **Sam**, for demonstrating all our Fair values so beautifully. He is a hard worker and his kindness and lovely manners are always lovely to see.

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.**

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.

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have started their new topic 'Traditional Tales' and we have been focusing on the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. Throughout the week, we read the story lots of times in many different ways. We listened to the story without the pictures to help us, we used the Makaton signs for key words in the story to help us remember what happens next, we sequenced the story using pictures and key words, we acted out the story with puppets and then we had a go at making up our own ending for the story once the wolf runs away. We even told the story through song, which the children really enjoyed. You can find the little pig's song on seesaw this week, the children wanted to teach you the actions too!

Year 1:

Year 1 are off to a flying start this term. In RE, we have begun our new topic, Galilee to Jerusalem. This covers everything that happened between Jesus' birth and when he began his mission. The children have drawn pictures showing Jesus being presented to Simeon in the temple. We have been doing instructional writing in English. The children have learned two new terms: bossy verbs and time words. They have all done really well and are settling back in beautifully.

Year 2:

This week has been the start of new units beginning with 'Books' in RE where the children learn about the Bible and the different parts including the Old and New Testament. In English, the class have been looking at an adventure story, including examining the text to find the features of a story. On Wednesday, we had a fun start to the Geography unit based on the journey of food. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped the children on their trip. They discovered what Englefield Green high street has on offer and if they sell frozen, fresh or fast food.

Year 3:

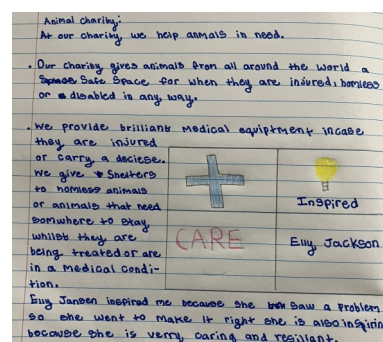
In year 3 we have been learning about how Jesus would have gone to the synagogue, every week on the Sabbath, as well as journeying to the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate the feasts that highlight the Jewish Year. We have thought about the psalms he would have sung or listened to as well as of the psalms we listen to. In art we have started to see like an artist in observing the shapes in everything around us. In computing we have started to learn how to code using scratch and exploring the interface.

Year 4:

Year Four have settled back into school fantastically after the Christmas break. We have started our new RE topic about community and the children wrote some beautiful letters to people in our local community. Our English learning is about non-chronological reports, the children have been spending this week getting to know the model text. I've been super impressed with how their times-table practice has been paying off and supporting them throughout their Maths learning! Well done for a fab first week back!

Year 5:

This week in RE, we have been learning about inspirational characters and how can help other people. We have discussed the work of Elly Jansen and how she helped to inspire people to be better. We then linked this to the teaching and preaching of Jesus and how we are all on our own mission.



Year 6:

This week we started our new RE topic called from Galilee to Jerusalem. We are studying the Gospel of John looking at how he reveals who Jesus is through 7 miracles that Jesus performed. We started by looking at the Wedding at Cana; Jesus' first miracle.

We also started work on our new Geography topic, examining our impact on the environment and climate change. This week we focused on the impact of climate change on the different continents.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2024—2025

Please see below term dates for the next academic year. These are in line with schools from Xavier CET. We will confirm all further INSET Days in due course.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Inset Day	Monday 2nd September 2024
Term starts	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
Term ends	Friday 20th December 2024
Schools closed	Monday 2nd December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Term starts	Monday 6th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025
Term ends	Friday 4th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Terms starts	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025
Term ends	Friday 18th July 2025

SCITT OPEN MORNING

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XTSE DIRECTOR,
AMY HARPER

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MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Drop Off 8.30am - 9.30am

Collection 3:30 - 4:30pm

Courses open for girls and boys in Reception to Year 7.
The children will take part in a variety of sports throughout the day.
The children will need a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day.

DAILY PRICE £28 PER DAY

Activities included throughout the week; Dodgeball, Basket Ball, Tennis, Nerf, Acro, Capture The Flag, Secret Saver, Athletics, Fun & Fitness Sessions, Handball, Football, Hockey & Parachute Games



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