



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 20th September 2024



Dear All

It has been another busy week but the children are well into the swing of things!

The Year 5 children took part in a Anglo Saxon workshop on Monday and play a very active part in their learning for this History topic. The children loved dressing up and really absorbing themselves in the experience.

Our reception children have been trying to gain more independence when coming into school and walk on their own to the classroom. If we could ask the reception parents from Monday to stop at the red gate to say goodbye and encourage the children to make their way from there that would be great.

Thank you so much all the parents who attended our curriculum sessions this week to meet your child's new teacher. I had so much positive feedback about how useful these meetings are and the information provided. We will be sending out the PowerPoints for those who were unable to attend.

It has come to my attention that there may be concerns about our capacity with regards to SEND children and a school SENCO. Mrs Humphries is spending one day a week onsite to share her expertise with myself and the staff, however, she is still very much part of the school during the week. I am dedicating time to the role on-site to ensure that the day-to-day support and interventions are running smoothly.

We have our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for cancer support. This is a great opportunity to chat with other parents as well as support a worthy cause, so if you can drop in after drop off please do!

I am aware that parents use WhatsApp as a communication tool to support one another in keeping up with all our school events and, as a parent, I know how valuable it can be. However, I would ask that parents commit to sharing messages that are school related to ensure that it's purpose remains functional and supportive for our school community. Thank you for your understanding.

Please read on to the next pages for important notices, what else has happened in the classrooms as well as upcoming dates.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples argue about who is the 'greatest'. The children will discover that the most important things in life are not winning, being the best or most beautiful. Instead, Jesus taught His disciples that to be the greatest in God's sight, we must put others first.

*'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'*

*Mark 9:35*

**Have a lovely weekend**

**Mrs Rainbow**

*"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"*

## Notices

### **Drop off and Pick up times**

The school day starts at 8.50am and children should be dropped off at 8.40am. The outer gates open at 8.30am (if these are not open at the exact time, this is usually due to staff being called away and we will open the gates as soon as we can).

The school day finishes at 3.20pm and children should be picked up outside their classrooms (in KS2 on the playground) by 3.25pm. After this they will be taken to the office and any children not picked up by 3.30pm will be sent to the After School Club and may incur a charge if it happens regularly.

### **Snacks**

If you send your child in with a snack for the morning break, we ask you to only send in **fresh** fruit or vegetables. Friday's PTA tuck shop will remain the treat day for those who sign up for it.

### **Contact details**

It is important that we have up-to-date details for all parents / carers. If you have moved or changed your phone number and/or email address, please email the office with an update on [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Earrings**

As per the School's uniform policy and for Health and Safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear earrings in school (not even taped up).

### **Email messages to school**

Please could we ask that any messages about your children or for their teachers are emailed to the school office on our [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) email address. This is the only email account that is guaranteed to be monitored during office hours and therefore we can ensure nothing slips through the net and timely action is taken by the right person.

Any requests for After School Club and Breakfast Clubs should be emailed to [wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) . For any last minute on-the day bookings, please call or email ([info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)) the school office.

### **Attendance / Absences**

All absences need to be reported to the school office either by phone 01784 434128 or email [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) providing details of the reason for the absence. It is also important that you have a look at the new attendance policy on our [website](#).

### **Newsletter & Instagram**

The newsletter is our main channel to inform parents and carers of what has been happening and what we are planning. All important dates are also on the calendar on the school website.

Please do also follow our [school](#) and [PTA](#) pages on Instagram as these provide some great

# The Week That Was

## **Year R:**

This week, Reception have been learning about the story of creation and learning how to make the sign of the cross with the help of a song. If you would like to join in with the song at home, it can be found by scanning this QR code.



We have been continuing to read our class story "The Colour Monster" and thinking about times that we may have felt happy, sad, angry or worried and how we can help each other when we are feeling sad. In maths we have been reading the story of "Simon Sock" who is looking for his friend to make a matching pair. We then had a go at designing our own pairs of matching socks!

## **Year 1:**

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1! In RE, we have been learning about how much God loves us. And the world he has provided us to show it. The children have experienced God's love by using all their senses. In History this week the children were looking at everyday items from the past. We examined an old telephone and a typewriter, adding them to our chronological timelines. In English, we have started learning about adjectives. The children have been developing 2A sentences, which have 2 adjectives. A very productive week, well done Year 1!

## **Year 2:**

In RE this week we have continued to focus on the story of Noah and specifically God's covenant with Noah and discussing other promises God has made linking to how God promises to look after us and the world linked to psalm 139. In maths we have looked at using number lines to support estimations. We learnt how to figure out the intervals of a number line based on what the number line starts with and what it ends with. In music we have been looking at different folk songs from around the British Isles and sung the songs with confidence and beginning to play instruments to accompany our singing. In computing this week we looked at what information technology (IT) is and in what ways we can use it to help us.

"Please could the children bring in a soft toy in a named bag by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September for our art lesson where children will make an observational drawing of their toy."

## **Year 3:**

Year 3 discussed the importance of people showing love and care for one another, in RE, linking it to the scriptures read in the class. The children were keen to investigate how digital devices function, particularly understanding which devices use input and produce output. In Maths, we have introduced problem-solving challenges using our place value and addition skills. Reading Esio Trot by Roald Dahl, it's been nice to recall the book read in year 2 to use our comprehension skills to answer questions.

## **Year 4:**

Year Four have been busy finishing their soap sculptures this week. They will be trying out different materials to sculpt with and they've made a great start. In RE, they have been interested in learning about Jesus's family tree and the story of Ruth. They have started to write an adventure story in English and have been comparing South and North American cities in Geography. Well done for some great learning this week, Year Four!

## **Year 5:**

This week the children have been looking at The Burning Bush story in Exodus a little more in detail. The children have really been enjoying the story of Moses and have shown really good understanding. English moved onto learning about formal letters. They have learnt about the features of the model text and also about modal verbs. In Maths, the place value unit continues with partitioning numbers up to 100,000. History was excellent this week, the children had the best time learning with Portals to the Past. They embraced all of the activities and looked fantastic whilst doing so. Well done to families for getting their costumes together - there really was such an amazing effort put into this, there was even a hand sewn outfit! Well done.

## **Year 6:**

In RE this week, Year 6 have been looking at God's redemption plan. We read a book called The Garden, The Cross and the Curtain and discussed what God's redemption plan means to us.

In Science we looked at how adding components to an electrical circuit changed the brightness of a lightbulb and in art we continued our exploration of different paintings, this week our focus was on Gassed by John Singer Sargent. We have moved on to our next maths topic and will now be working on the four operations.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

In EYFS our winner is **Max** , for showing respect for our classroom by helping to tidy up any mess that she see's, even without being asked.

This weeks Dojo winner in year 1 is **Albert**. He takes such care and respect with his work. Well done, Albert!

**Alice** for showing initiative and being a great helper within the classroom.

In year 3, **Eleanor** has been articulating her responses (recalling complex grammatical terminology) really well, completing tasks independently.

Our winner in year 4 this week is **Nyle** for trying his best in his learning and coming up with some fantastic ideas in English writing

**Charlie** won the dojo in year 5 for taking such care and consideration of his learning. Well done for showing the value of respect to your work

Year 6's winner this week is **Billy**, for showing our Fair values of independence and respect in every lesson, every day. Billy is a true role model. Thank you.



**Friday 27th September at 8.50am in the studio**

Donations from thousands of Coffee Mornings, big and small, help raise vital funds to support the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond.

Everyone is welcome to join us for cake, coffee, chat & most importantly, helping to raise as much money as we can for this worthy cause.



The PTA are very kindly hosting a second hand uniform sale during the coffee morning.

**2nd hand uniform sale!**  
**27/09/24**  
**@ 9 a.m.**

Pls bring cash to the Macmillan coffee morning!

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The PTA will be collecting uniform items during the school run in the mornings and after school next week in preparation for the 2nd hand uniform sale. If you don't see the reps, please leave your donation with the office and they will collect each day.

Please put school shirts and grey trousers/shorts/skirts, ties, school jumpers etc into one bag/box.

If you have already bought the new PE kit and are donating the old PE kit, please put this in a separate bag, as these items will be going to a charity: [Home - Kids Just Recycle | Recycled Clothing Banks For Schools](#). It will help the volunteers if the items are not mixed with the other uniform items.

Teresa Martinez Sancho will collect for Key Stage 1 Rep  
Emma Christine Dawson Arriandiaga for Key Stage 2 Rep

If you could spare some time on the day to help with the uniform sale and Coffee Morning, that would be greatly appreciated

Many thanks for your support

## October Diary Dates:

- Please remember, **Friday 4th October** is an INSET day and the school will be closed to children.
- **11th October** will be our 'photo day'
- Week of 14th      Year 6 PGL
- 24th October will be parents evening from 2pm till late—more details to follow.
- Week of 28th October—half term

## Diary Dates for remaining term:

- 4th November      All Souls Mass (parents welcome)
- 6th November      NSPCC workshops in house
- Week of 11th      Anti Bullying week
- 11th November      Remembrance Day
- 12th November      Flu Immunisations (nasal spray)
- 19th November      Year 6—Junior Citizen
- 21st November      Christmas Jumper Day
- 22nd November      St Cecilia
- 24th November      Christmas Fayre
- 2nd December      Xavier Feast Day—School Closed
- 3rd December      Exposition of the blessed sacrament (children only)
- 5th and 6th      Reconciliation for years 4, 5 and 6
- 11th December      KS1 Nativity
- 13th December      EYFS Nativity
- 19th December      KS2 Advent Service

## School tours for prospective parents

Wednesday 25th September at 9.30am, Thursday 3rd October at 1.30pm and  
Wednesday 9th October at 6pm

Complete this [form](#) to book your place

# The St. Cuthbert's School Association

Join us for our **AGM** at  
the school on

**2nd October 2024**

**at 7:30pm**

We are a charitable organisation made up of parents, guardians and teachers seeking to foster relationships in the school community and raise money for the school.

Anyone who has a child at St Cuthbert's is automatically a member of the Association.

We have lots to look forward to this year and we don't want you to miss out!

Christmas Fair, Dis-Glow, Race Night, Legoland and so much more!



## Club time table -Autumn Term 2024

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                          | Thursday   | Friday                         |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| St Cuthberts Breakfast Club                     | St Cuthberts Breakfast Club                                | St Cuthberts Breakfast Club        | St Cuthberts Breakfast Club                                    | St Cuthberts Breakfast Club    |
| 7:50-8:35am Core Judo (years 1-6)               | 7:50-8:35am Match Point Tennis KS2                         | 7:50-8:35am Match Point Tennis KS1 |  |                                |
|   |  |                                    |  |                                |
| 3:20-3:50pm Spanish (years 5&6) with Mrs Missen | 3:20-4:20pm Netball (years 4-6) with Mrs Gray & Miss Lewis | 3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Dance      | 3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Dodgeball                              |                                |
|   | 3:20-4:20pm TKD London Taekwondo                           | 3:20-4:20pm Active Soccer          | 3:20-4:20pm Year 5/6 girls football training with Miss Murtagh |                                |
|   | 3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Multisports / Athletics            |                                    | 3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Girls Football (at St Jude's)          |                                |
| St Cuthberts After School Club                  | St Cuthberts After School Club                             | St Cuthberts After School Club     | St Cuthberts After School Club                                 | St Cuthberts After School Club |

Please visit our website for more information on [clubs](#) and [wraparound care](#)



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