



**Newsletter 17**  
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Dear Parents,

Shakespeare Week has been the theme of this week and has provided the children with powerful and dramatic inspiration. Fiona from the Young Shakespeare Company was with us once again. She is amazing in how she engages all the children and brings the work of Shakespeare to life. At this morning's assembly the classes each shared some of their learning



from their workshops on: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Year 3); The Tempest (Year 4); Hamlet (Year 5); and Macbeth (Year 6). We were treated to recounts; drama; singing and some wonderful descriptive writing. Our Shakespeare Week has become a regular stimulus for our writing each year and we hope to continue this tradition as it has proved so popular.



Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who braved the horrible weather on Thursday night to come to the Year 6 SATs information evening. I hope this helped you understand the process, the expectations and how you can help your child. The slideshow used at the information evening will be going on the website shortly.

As part of their RE work on the community, Year 4 were visited today by former St Rose's Head Barbara Hancock. It was lovely to welcome Mrs Hancock to St Cuthbert Mayne again. She now works for DENs – just one of the many contributions she makes to the community.

### **Relief for Australia**

I have had several requests from children to hold a fund-raising day for the victims of the fires in Australia. It is Australia Day on January 26<sup>th</sup>, so we have decided to hold a fund-raising day this coming Friday – January 24<sup>th</sup>. Children can choose whether they want to come to school in non-uniform; bring a soft toy – teddy or koala or kangaroo; add an Australian element to their uniform (for those who prefer to wear uniform). If the children can add an Australian theme that would be great. The suggested donation for the day is £1. I am currently investigating if we can link with a Dominican school in Australia that has been affected by the fire and support them.

### **Merit Certificates**

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher:

3Anning	<b>Jack James</b>	For excellent creative ideas in English including a wonderful poem using similes and metaphors.
3Nightingale	<b>Mtho Ndlovu</b>	For coming back to school with such a hardworking attitude. Very impressive and focused independent work in Maths and English this week!
4Jemison	<b>Kai Seabrook</b>	An excellent start to the Spring term. He is hardworking, contributes to the learning in the lessons and a helpful member of the class.
4Attenborough	<b>Alanna Makarewicz</b>	For always showing an excellent learning mindset: works hard, challenges herself and has always got her hand up to contribute to the lesson.
5Mandela	<b>Poppy McMahon</b>	For returning to school with fantastic confidence and contributing more in class discussions. Poppy has also tried really hard with her bus stop method.
5Einstein	<b>Samuel Walker</b>	For returning this term with a great attitude to learning. He always contributes so well in class.
6Johnson	<b>Harry Gorman</b>	For being enthusiastic and a good team member in PE particularly with the class focus on the HAKA
6Martin Luther King	<b>Sam Heffernan</b>	For his progress in writing. He has shown impressive improvement with his writing and presentation. Great work.

### **PA AGM - Tuesday**

The Parents Association AGM is this Tuesday at 7pm at school. This is a gathering of all those willing to give up some time – however small – and share ideas. Your contribution is so important, particularly in a school that spans only four years. The money raised makes a huge difference to enriching the learning of all the pupils. Please do come along and be part of our

community. The more the merrier. Please use the staff car park and come through the main entrance.

### **Parent car park**

Please can I ask that the disabled parking spaces (four bays by the entrance) are used only by those who need them. They have provided safe and necessary spaces for those with disabilities – be it parents or family members.

I am also aware that the steps from the car park to the upper playground are not suitable for those with disabilities as they do not have any railings. I am looking into the possibility of adding railings. If any of our parents have expertise in this type of job, I would be very interested in hearing from them with possible quotes for this work.

Finally, on the car park front, I have had a visit from our Community Police Officer regarding conduct of adults in the car park/car park rage. The car park is not owned by the school, it is a shared car park. We are in an area of several schools and having this car park enables children to be safely taken to school. Gadebridge Road is frequently at a standstill so there is no movement. Please be patient, the safety and well-being of all is paramount. Any public order offences should be reported to the police.

### **Weekly Diary**

We are no longer publishing the weekly diary in paper form as our diary on the website is regularly updated and reminders are in the Wednesday email and weekly newsletter.

### **Reminders for the coming week**

Tues	Metro Bank visiting 4Jemison 7pm PTA AGM
Wed	Fr Brian visiting 6MLK Metro Bank visiting 4Attenborough
Thurs	Year 4 Swimming
Fri	Australian Themed non-uniform day – see details above
Following week	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> NSPCC Assembly

Have a great weekend,  
Best wishes

**Mrs Smith**  
**Head Teacher**