



Newsletter 29
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Dear Parents,

Well done to all our pupils who have been working hard all week and completing work on their class blogs. It has been amazing how well you have been doing and responding to teachers. We realise that this puts pressure on parents, so thank you to you are doing to support your child. Teachers are trying to give as much help to children online but it is impossible to substitute a normal school situation. The blogs have given us the opportunity to vary the type of work given and our badge for Captain Tom is one such excellent example from Daisy White; celebrating World Earth Day also produced some excellent pieces of work. Keep up all the good work.



I am also aware that our pupils and families are incredibly caring and thoughtful of others. I would like to highlight a few from the class blogs but I know there are many more examples.

Well done to John Tompkins (5E):

I have been supporting my Uncle and Auntie who work in the NHS by raising money, camping out for 21 nights in the garden.

So far my brother and I have raised £590 for NHS charities and we still have 10 nights to go!!

Matthew and Joshua Moody are running 2.6 miles on Sunday to raise money for COSMIC (Children of St Mary's Intensive Care). This follows the postponement of the London Marathon in which their father was due to run for this cause.



From Bea Loake (5E):

I've completed a sponsored walk as part of the Scouts "Hike to the Moon" and raised £100 for The Big Night In / Comic Relief / BBC Children in Need. My hike was a virtual climb of Kinder Scout in the Peak District, so I walked 6 miles and had to climb our staircase 288 times!



Congratulations and good luck to you all – and all those that have supported you.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the pupil blog via blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk and for following the blog: www.communitycuthbert.edublogs.org please do continue to look and contribute. From what I am hearing, one of the difficult things about the lockdown for children is not being able to be with their friends and hopefully this will help. Even if just a little bit.

House Points and Fitter Future

Mr Collingwood has been visiting classrooms this week and has collected House Points from each class. We will be able to present the House Cup on the children's return. The suggestion has also been made for House Points to be awarded for work carried out at home. So to launch this, five house points are being awarded to Piotr Czarniawski in 3N for being the most active with 7 sessions, and to Gracie Frampton in 5M with 5 sessions. Class teachers will add that to your tally and will be awarding House Points on their blogs. Please look out for updates in the newsletter.

Key worker childcare

St Cuthbert Mayne continues to make provision for key worker children while we are closed. My thanks to the staff who are coming in to school to support children – with a special mention for our cook Mrs Harbord; our office staff; cleaners and new site manager who are providing essential services to make this possible along with our TAs and teachers.

Gade schools family support

Gade Schools Family Support continue to be available to support parents during the Easter break and beyond and will continue to communicate some useful tips and techniques to support parents at home – these are attached to this newsletter.

Medical support for children

As has been in the news this week, there is concern that medical support for children has dropped in recent weeks. I am attaching the advice from the NHS on when and how to seek support.

Mass and Services

I hope you have been able to take part in the live streaming of services with Fr Brian and Fr Kim. The Hemel parishes continues to celebrate Mass in this different way. The weekly messages from the parishes and Mass links can be found at <http://www.hemelcatholic.org/mass-live/>

Our thoughts and prayers are with those in our community who have suffered loss or who are affected by illness at this time.

Please reach out to us if you need support in anyway. We can be contacted via the office, via the blog email or by commenting on your child's class blog.

Best wishes

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