



**Newsletter 34**  
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Dear Parents,

This is an early Newsletter this week to keep everyone up to date after the half term and to say how wonderful it was to see so many children in school this morning.

The Year 6 Boys settled into their “Bubbles” so well today and social distanced as much as possible. Thank you parents for following the one way system at pick up. We have had quite a few Key Worker children coming in for the first time this week and they have quickly overcome any anxiety of returning to school. We now have two Key Worker bubbles. All bubbles enter the building from a different entrance and they do not mix during the day.

We can no longer provide hot lunches due to the difficulty of having children in the dining room together. Our cook is still providing packed lunch instead. We hope you will support our caterers by continuing to have lunches from school (or starting too). Our cook, Mrs Harbord, has provided lunches throughout the lockdown and we are very grateful to her. Payment for lunches should be made in the usual way in advance.

Please could I remind parents that children should have their own named water bottle in school. They cannot use the drinking fountains at school and will not be given water in cups at lunchtime. We want them to bring as little as possible with them but do want them to have their Home School diary, so they can access their log-ins, and a pen/pencil. We would also like to remind parents that children should change clothes when they get home / wear clean clothes coming in to school. Sun hats and sun cream may also be needed!

We will continue to establish and develop the bubble system. Children are social distancing in class but, while they are not playing contact games outside, we are not insisting on complete social distance outside.

We are very mindful of all of our children who are still at home. Our teachers are continuing with the daily blogs and we do still want to provide time for all the children who can to have time in school this term. However, **we have decided not to start the Year 3s next week.** We want to be sure that our new system is settled and robust. I am sorry if this is a disappointment to the children (and parents) but we do hope we will just need to delay it by one week. The news from the Government and Scientist continues to give conflicting views day by day. I hope parents will be able to be reassured by the pupils who have come into school.

### **Reports**

Parent should all have now received their child’s report. Years 3, 4 and 5 were sent their reports before half term. Year 6 reports were sent at 4pm today. They reflect the children’s achievements over the Autumn and Spring term. Please do let us know if you have not

received the report – this is the first time we have sent them out electronically. Responses can be sent to [blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk) and I will forward them to their teachers.

### **Yr6 Leavers Hoodies**

Year 6 leavers' hoodies have been delivered to school and will be given to children when they come in. If your child is not able to be in school, please either ask another child to collect if for them or ring the office to arrange collection.

### **Remembrance Garden**

We are open to ideas for the Remembrance Garden. We would really like to source some large smooth stones (that we can then paint in school). Something in the region of a foot in diameter. If anyone knows where we could get these from, we would be very interested to hear from you. Any other ideas for the area (where the decking was in the upper playground) please do let us know.

Wishing you a good, safe and healthy week ahead. We look forward to seeing the Year 6 Boys tomorrow along with the Key Worker children and then the Yr6 Girls on Thursday and Friday.

Best wishes

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