



Newsletter 3
18th September 2020



Dear Parents,

School life is getting into full swing now the children have been back a full two weeks. They have adjusted to the new guidelines and are showing a sensible and respectful attitude to following safety guidelines, especially around washing hands. Equally important is their attitude to learning in school and a full curriculum is now underway.



We have a whole school focus on the Sixties – as our school officially opened in 1960 – and this has been very engaging for children – as shown by some excellent research and homework tasks by children. Examples, from 5Einstein, are pictured here. Well done on these inventive examples of presenting your work.



In 5Mandela, children have started their Science Topic on Space and using their Maths skills measuring and positioning planets in their relative distances.



Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus*

3Anning	Anneliesa Ambridge	For an excellent start to Year 3. She is always ready to learn.
3Nightingale	Hannah Young	For being helpful and kind. She works hard and supports her peers in class and on the playground.
4Jemison	Niamh Cooper	An excellent start to the term, she is always ready to learn with an enthusiastic smile.
4Attenborough	Faye Dalton Spikings	For already being a valued member of 4Attenborough and for her enthusiasm for taking class prayer.
5Mandela	Oscar Liddle	For always doing the right thing and trying his best in everything he does. Well done for a great start to Year 5.
5Einstein	Miguel Martin-Rueda	For an excellent start to Year 5. Well done and thank you for your contributions to learning.
6Johnson	Luke Fordyce	For an excellent start to Year 6 and for showing resilience in his learning.
6Martin Luther King	Rhea Jenet-Kings	For being so helpful towards all adults and pupils – helping us all settle into the new school year.

Meet the Teacher

We are very keen to engage with parents, especially parents of Year 3 pupils, and hold our normal Meet the Teacher sessions when we can share information on class routines, homework and other useful information. We are not able to share this face to face but we are setting up a webinar format that will give us the chance to present our information and give parents a chance to ask questions. Thank you for your patience at this time. If you have any urgent questions for your child's teacher, please email them via the office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

COVID-19 guidance

We are focussing on providing a safe environment for children in school. We are fortunate in not being a source of spreading the virus but continue to be vigilant. Several children have been tested and all have been negative; we have had children and staff who have had to isolate awaiting test results for family members. Again, we have been very fortunate in results returning negative. Those who have had specific symptoms and been unable to have a test have had to complete the 10 day isolation following symptoms.

What has made this more difficult is the number of colds that are inevitable at this time of year. We rely on parents being clear that if a child has a temperature of above 37.8 or a new, persistent dry cough then they need to be tested before they come back to school. However, if they have clear symptoms of a cold or other illness, they can return to school as soon as they are well again – as is our normal procedure.

I fear that there will be a growing number of incidences when pupils / family members will need to be tested/self-isolate. While the national testing system is causing massive frustration, it remains the easiest and quickest way of getting a result. I appreciate the difficulties/frustration this is causing for families. Please keep us informed as we are monitoring daily. We have a limited number of home testing kits, but in our experience, it has been quicker and easier to pursue a testing appointment.

As cases rise throughout the country, I also ask that parents are mindful of not crowding around the gates before or after school. Pick up is working better now that we are waiting for classes to come out before inviting that year group's parents to come in. It means that you can pick your child up and leave to reduce any possible crowding. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

In the morning it would help the flow in the car park if Year 3 and Year 4 children without older siblings tried to time their arrival in the car park after 8.55 – when the car park is much easier to navigate.

The gate is open until 9.05. Any late arrivals should phone the office on 01442 253347 to request being let in via the same gate – upper playground.

Breakfast Club

A reminder, if you are late (after 8.15) for Breakfast Club, please phone 07526076963 to be let in at the upper playground gate.

Lenten Boxes

Thank you to all of you who have returned your Lenten Boxes. We raised £171.33 for the Catholic Children's Fund. A special mention goes to Gracie Frampton who raised £35 from the sponsored skip for this good cause.

After School Clubs – APEX have spaces at our after school clubs. These clubs are sticking to our Year group bubbles: Year 3 (Tues); Year 4 (Wed); Year 5 (Thurs). Please go to their website www.apex360.co.uk/bookings to sign up.

Mr Collingwood is running a Year 6 football club on a Monday (Boys and Girls). Details have gone to Year 6 parents.

We hope to add other clubs, including a netball club, later this term.

Thank you for working with us to keep school as normal and safe an environment as possible.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher