



Newsletter 4
25th September 2020



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to connect with our first Google Meet remote session for our Meet the Teacher evening. This was a first for all the teachers and I hope you feel that, in the absence of meeting face to face, it informed you of each year group routine and expectations; and that your questions were answered via chat and live questions. We had over 140 families join the sessions and thank you for the positive feedback received. I realise that there were some that did have problems, mainly due to the Year group icon being dismissed rather than accepted. For those that did miss out, the powerpoints are now on the website – under the Learning tab and Curriculum Meetings.

There were questions that parents wanted to know. Briefly:

Swimming – these sessions will only be booked again once we have reassurance that it is safe to do so (and to travel by coach).

Orchestra – we hope to start orchestra up again later this term in the Hall.

Bikeability – these sessions are not currently available. We intend to continue with these sessions as soon as they are available.

Relationships and Sex Education – Year 6 are planning to have the sessions they missed in Year 5, later this term (parents will be informed in advance). The current Year 5 will receive this aspect of the PSHCE curriculum later in the academic year and parents will be informed of the curriculum and date before this occurs. There has been no change to our approach since our previous consultation with parents and the RSE policy is on the website.

Individual and group music lessons – These are now organised directly with Herts Music School. Brass and flute lessons have started up again and we are expecting violin lessons to start on Monday.

Behaviour Policy

All staff have attended behaviour management training (STEPS) and our Behaviour Policy has been reviewed by staff and governors. Before it is ratified by the Governing Body, we would like to consult with parents. I am attaching the proposed Behaviour Policy and invite parents to comment and ask questions on the new policy. Any responses should be emailed to blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk by Monday 5th October. There are only minor adjustments to the Levels, but significant changes to

supporting children with their behaviour and our approach to addressing the reasons for their behaviour. This restorative approach is already being used in school.

School Pens – left handers

Our school pens can be ordered through school for £1 via the School Gateway. These are not always the best for left-handed pupils. We would like to clarify that left-handers are permitted to use **Stabilo Easy Original handwriting pens** (choosing the left option). The right-handed option can also be purchased for those who have issues with their grip. They are not available from school and need to be purchased by parents. The pen costs £4.99 initially but it uses refillable cartridges.

Merit certificates and curriculum news will be updated next week.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher