



Newsletter 5
October 2nd 2020



Dear Parents,

Our attendance has been excellent this week and all the children have been working hard and getting fully back into the routine of school life in bubbles. Thank you for keeping to our guidance and for following any necessary self-isolation and accessing tests when needed. We will remain vigilant at this difficult times and keep you alert you if necessary.

As the weather has turned colder, we have quite a few children who need to remember their coats (and to wear them!).

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	Aarun Padiseti	For an excellent start to Year 3. An excellent attitude to learning and for always being polite to peers and adults.
3Nightingale	Una Jones	An excellent start to Year 3. Hard work and beautiful presentation of her work in every lesson.
4Jemison	Johan John	Always keen to contribute. He is polite, kind and a wonderful talk partner.
4Attenborough	Jude Glynn	For showing he is already an excellent Year 4 pupil, especially his commitment to his times table practice.
5Mandela	Lola Richardson	For her hard work in every single subject and for her helpful attitude in class.
5Einstein	Amelie Carberry	An excellent start to Year 5. She challenges herself and has a positive attitude to learning.
6Johnson	Bethal Umobuarie	For a wonderful, descriptive opening to our newspaper report about SCM's 60 th birthday.
6Martin Luther King	Shawn Joseph	For always giving 100 per cent in every lesson and for his positive contribution to the class.

First Communions

We send our thoughts and prayers to all our Year 4 children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend and congratulations to those who have just made theirs. We would normally be there for this very special sacrament but are not able to this year, however we will be thinking of you all. Please do bring in a photo if you can and we can create a portfolio for this year.

Mission Statement – Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.

As part of our return to school, and welcoming our new Year 3s, we have been focusing on how we can live out our Mission Statement in school. Key to being followers of Jesus, are our actions towards each other as Jesus bids us to do:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." **John 13: 34-35**

Each child has created their own poster and I would like to share a few with you very soon. They will also be displayed in each class.

Behaviour Policy

Any responses to our updated Behaviour Policy sent with last week's newsletter 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 refillable cartridges can then be used.

Pick-Up

Today was a particularly busy pick up, partly due to the rain and congestion on the roads around the school. I wish there was an easy solution, particularly for easing access in to and out of the car park. Giving preference to those leaving the car park would help ease the problem, both in the morning and afternoon – but this is not always possible if the road is jammed! Please could I ask you for patience in order to keep everyone safe – when everywhere is grid-locked you will get there at the same time. Please also be mindful of your child's pick up time – we have quite a few Year 5s regularly not picked up in their time slot – further adding to the congestion for later year groups. Well done to Year 6 (first out) for helping the system work.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher