



Newsletter 8
October 23rd 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly I would like to thank you for your support over this testing half term. Your vigilance and support of our health and safety regime in school has enabled the return to school to be as normal as possible for the children. We have been fortunate that we have not had to shut any bubbles and have not had any positive cases in school but we will need to continue to stick to our guidance, particularly with cases rising at this time. Thank you for your continued support. The Coronavirus update below is a reminder of the guidance from Herts County Council.

The teachers were grateful to all the parents who took part in parent consultations remotely and I hope you found these useful to hear about your child's progress. The majority of you were able to connect via Google. Those who experienced difficulties were contacted by phone. For those parents who teachers were not able to reach, we will contact them after half term. Thank you for your patience as we embed our Google G-Suite. This will be the platform for home learning, so any difficulties highlighted are worth sorting out for the future.

Coronavirus Update

If your child tests positive for coronavirus at any point during half-term, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and need to self-isolate. During half-term you should continue to use admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk to keep us informed.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send children back to nursery or school if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of COVID-19
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at half-term activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

School Life

Thank you for your generous donations to DENs and the Food Bank on our Harvest Festival day on Wednesday. The money and donations have gone direct to them and they will let us know the total raised for those in need in the local area. The children rose to the occasion superbly and showed their care and support for others.

House Captains

It has been a special week with classes voting on their class representatives and for Year 6 their House Captains (for the whole school).

We are pleased to announce the following children as House Captains. We will give details of all the other representatives after half term when all classes have completed their elections.

St Martin: Harry Sanderson (MLK) Imogen Fox (6J)

St Dominic: Lulu Topping (MLK) Harry Wheeler (6J)

St Rose: Ruby Hibberd (6J) Samuel Walker (MLK)

St Catherine: Lucca Sena (MLK) Bethel Umobuarie (6J)

Good luck to all our captains in their leadership of the Houses.

Black History Month – Speech Competition

We are looking forward to hearing the speeches by each child on their chosen inspirational person. If your child has not decided on whom to base their speech (maximum two minutes) do try the CBBC iplayer for some of their Black History programmes. Speeches will start from Monday November 2nd. The homework details were attached to last week's newsletter.

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	Tora Gibbs	For an excellent poem with imaginative ideas and great vocabulary.
3Nightingale	Teofil Woda	For a working hard and having a beautiful attitude to learning.
4Jemison	Jessica Clarke	For acts of kindness and consistently excellent homework.
4Attenborough	Eve Wheeler	For being a superb Year 4 learner and showing great commitment to her writing and in cross country.
5Mandela	Cavan Massey	He has such a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done!
5Einstein	Mikolaj Zaporowski	For his excellent attitude to learning – he is very focused and attentive.
6Johnson	Morgan Farrelly	For tremendous progress in writing whilst carefully thinking about the image he is creating for the reader.
6Martin Luther King	Samuel Walker	For his great contributions to class discussions and for being a great team player in group work.

French Certificate: **Tobi Schofield** (4J) – for reading in French.

Head Teacher Awards

Nasri Davidson-Ali, Shay Fernandes and Mtho Ndlovu (4A) – for leading class worship with such reflection, purpose and thought.

Freya Rajendram (4A) – for her inspirational homework on planets.

Sophia Khodadoost Ramirez (4A) – for her times table work, presentation and homework.

Nasri, Eve, Freya and Max (4A) – excelling in their Maths.

Bobbie Rowe and Jessica Clarke (4J) – for their exceptional attitude to homework.

Safety notice

Please do not go up or down the grass bank outside the top school gate. This is extremely slippery and dangerous. I know it takes longer to go down the path but there have been several slips and one serious accident on the bank in the last week. Please do not put yourself or others in danger.

First Holy Communions

We would like to celebrate the children's First Communions as a school group and give them the opportunity to be photographed together in their finery. The suggestion has been made to have a day in school when all those who have made their First Communion, bring their outfits into school

and we will photograph them as a group. This will include all those children no matter where they made their First Communion. We are planning to do this on Friday November 27th.

Our very best wishes to Rae, Lily, Rosi-Mae, Jude, Daniel, Poppy, Evie, Nasri and Liam who are all due to make their First Holy Communion during half term. I hope you have a very special day with your families. Congratulations to Ellis who all made his First Holy Communion two weeks ago and Ryan, Gabriela, Zander, Ciara and Stanley who made it last weekend. If I have missed anyone out, please let me know. We are building a portfolio of photos to commemorate this special occasion.

Clubs

Please note that the Year 6 football club will not be running after half term. This has been replaced by a Year 6 netball club. Letters have gone out to Year 6 pupils to sign up for this club.

Wishing you an enjoyable and safe half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on November 2nd.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher