

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 4 November 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Wednesday Email.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **LOCKDOWN:** Lockdown is not expected to bring any significant changes to our current procedures. The children will continue to be in bubbles and we continue to ask you to be vigilant and not send your child in to school if they are unwell or if anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms. Thank you to you all for supporting the measures taken by the school. We are constantly reviewing our safety procedures.

Drop off and Pick up times remain the most difficult to ensure safety for everyone and I would like to reiterate the following requests:

Please:

- be prompt to pick up your child and only enter once your child's Year group is displayed. (This should enable you to pick up your child and leave)
- please wait behind the yellow zig zag line. Once you have collected your child you can then step forward and follow the arrows on the one way system.
- if you have siblings to pick up please wait to the right (as you enter playground) with your child
- Ideally it would be helpful for just one adult to pick up a child, if you have other children with you please keep them with you in the playground.
- once you have picked up your child please make your way to the exit at the top of the playground.

If we follow these guideline it will help adults to be able to social distance. You are welcome to wear masks for your and others protection.

Drop-off

Year 3 and 4 have been very good at not entering school before 8.55am. Thank you for your co-operation. Please be mindful of not congregating around the entrance before this time to give Year 5 and 6 the chance to enter.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE

For your own safety, please do not go down (or up) the grass bank by the top gate. This follows a serious accident that occurred the week before half term. It is very slippery and dangerous for adults and children and we do not want anyone to get hurt.

- **JUNIOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:** A guide for parents of children applying to Junior Schools for September 2021 is attached. The Hertfordshire Admissions website has full details about the application process and an online directory providing information about schools. The online application system opened on 2 November 2020 and the deadline for applications is 15 January 2021.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

For applications to St Cuthbert Mayne a Supplementary Information Form will also need to be completed. This is available on the school website and should be returned to the school with supporting documentation by 15 January 2021. There is an external letter box by the main entrance door to return paper copies or you can email the SIF/documents to admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/school-info/admissions/>

In place of our Open Evening we will be producing an information video which will be available from Thursday 19 November 2020 on the school website. We will also have an updated prospectus from this date. We will send the prospectus to St Rose's Year 2 parents. Any other prospective applicants should contact the school office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk.

- **YEAR 4 OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY:** On Wednesday 11th November, as part of our Science Habitat unit of work, Year 4 will be spending the day outside making bug hotels, investigating habitats, and exploring natural art.

Please could all Year 4 children therefore wear warm appropriate clothing that does not matter if it gets a little muddy! Please ensure that they have a waterproof coat, appropriate footwear (e.g., wellies), and hats/scarves/gloves. We do not expect them to wear their school uniform.

If it looks like the weather is going to be very unkind, we will look to postpone to a later date.

- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** This half term there will be a Year 6 Netball Club on Mondays for pupils who have returned their slip to Mr Collingwood. The Football Club will return in January.

Apex Multisports will continue with the after school football clubs in pupil Year bubbles – Year 3 on Tuesdays, Year 4 on Wednesdays and Year 5 on Thursdays.

Magical Maths for Year 3 commences this Wednesday and will run for 6 weeks for those who have booked their place.

If the Government make further restrictions we will inform you.

- **YEAR 6 ONLINE HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE:** A reminder that the school nursing team will be visiting on 10 November to deliver The Lancaster Model (TLM) online health questionnaire to Year 6. This is an annual scheme for all year 6 children. A letter was emailed to our Y6 parents on 4 September with details. This link gives information about the TLM online health questionnaire www.thelancastermodel.co.uk/
- **FLU IMMUNISATION:** Vaccination UK will be visiting St Cuthbert Mayne School in two sessions **on Thursday 5 November 8.30am-12.00pm and Thursday 3 December 12.30pm-3.00pm**. The immunisation is only for pupils who have returned the correct Vaccination UK consent form.
- **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL:** This year we have been given poppies, zip pulls (50p), reflectors (50p), wristbands (£1.00) and snapbands (£1.50). You will be able to purchase these items from the playground exit gate at the end of each day from today until 11 November. The correct donation amount will need to be placed directly in the supplied donation box. Please help support the Poppy Appeal.

COMMUNITY

Attached are the following Community information:

- NHS Family Support Service Self Weigh Stations for 0-12 months
- St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Admissions Policy 2022-2023 Consultation
- St Rose's Catholic Infant School Admissions Policy 2022-2023 Consultation

MUNCHKIDS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB:

Munchkids is currently able to offer regular places to children attending Gade Valley, St Rose's and St Cuthbert Mayne schools. We are based in Gade Valley Primary School with great outdoor spaces! We are Covid-19 compliant with children kept in consistent school bubbles. The base room is laid out to accommodate this and social distancing. A good range of creative and inventive activities are offered daily to keep the children engaged.

Collection is by either 5.15pm or 6.00pm, Monday - Friday. For more information please email admin@munchkids.co.uk or phone the club on 07960 450318.

Kind regards

St Cuthbert Mayne School Office