

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Wednesday Email.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** If you would like to enter the Christmas raffle arranged by the PA, please see the attached ticket. Mrs Smith will have a collection bucket for the raffle tickets in the playground during pick up and drop off. Please fill out your ticket, print off and include it, along with your money, in a sealed envelope before dropping it into the collection bucket. Alternatively, there is a PayPal Pool option available. The PA will send a link via your child's class WhatsApp group with further details. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.
- **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY:** The Chaplaincy Team are organising a Christmas Jumper Day on **Wednesday 16 December 2020** (the same day as Christmas dinner). It will be a school uniform day but children are invited to wear accessories such as socks, hats, hair accessories or a Christmas jumper. They have chosen CAFOD as the charity for this fundraising. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have enabled payment to be made via the School Gateway so cash does not need to be brought in to school. You will be able to choose the amount you wish to donate although the minimum amount set is £1. This option should now show on the School Gateway and will close at the end of the day on 16 December. Thank you for your support.
- **CHILDRENS' FILM AND ACTIVITY AFTERNOON:** Instead of the class parties we are going to hold a class film and activities afternoon. These will be on **Monday 14 December** and each child is invited to bring a treat and a drink for themselves only. Please remember that any treats must not contain nuts.
- **FREE SCHOOL MEAL (FSM) VOUCHERS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Following the government announcement of the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme, Hertfordshire County Council will be sending our school food vouchers for the Christmas holiday for all our families entitled to Free School Meals. As soon as we receive the electronic vouchers we will email them to the families concerned.

Families who do not qualify for free school meals but are worried about their finances or having enough food this winter can contact HertsHelp, email info@hertshelp.net, call 0300 123 4044 or visit www.hertshelp.net

- **HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** If you would like to apply for Free School Meals please follow the link below to check your eligibility. As well as free school meals you may also be entitled to extra benefits for your child.
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#year3>

- **APEX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPORT, DANCE, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES CLUB:** Please see the attached flyer for details.

COMMUNITY

Herts Music Service – Recorder Recruits

Dacorum Music School are starting a new group for budding recorder players from Y2-Y6. If you think this would be of interest to your children please see the attached flyer for details.

Kind regards

St Cuthbert Mayne School Office