



**Newsletter 13**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the preparations for Christmas have truly begun in school with Advent assemblies, Christmas decorations around the school and a variety of activities. Year 5 have been looking at how Advent is marked around the world while Years 3 and 4 have been preparing for a Christmas cheer video to share with parents.

Thank you to the PA for organising the children's Christmas card designs. These were given out this week. There was only one hiccup – one pack of cards containing single cards for several children in each class was concealed in one child's own Christmas cards. If your child has this extra pack, please could they bring it in and give it to their teacher so they can be distributed to the correct child.

**Children's Film and Activity afternoon**

We have also busy been planning for the last week of term. Instead of the class parties we are going to hold and a class film and activities afternoon. These will be on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> and each child is invited to bring a treat and a drink for themselves only. Please remember that any treats must not contain nuts.

**Christmas Jumper afternoon**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we are holding our Christmas Jumper day. It will be a school uniform day but children are invited to wear accessories such as socks, hats, hair accessories. The Chaplaincy Team has chosen CAFOD as the charity for this day. As we are now a "no cash" school, we are asking for contributions via the School Gateway only. Our Christmas Dinner will be the same day.

**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	<b>Maisy Morton</b>	For excellent effort during guided writing sessions and for showing greater confidence in her learning.
3Nightingale	<b>Mateusz Zalewski</b>	For being particularly resilient in his Maths this week and for always working hard.
4Jemison	<b>Stanley Mohan Woolnoth</b>	For his emotional awareness and kindness – quietly supporting others.

4Attenborough	<b>Ryan Hibberd</b>	For his descriptive writing as a soldier in the trenches and in Maths. He was also a learning detective hero.
5Mandela	<b>Marcell Sabah</b>	For being such an excellent role model. He always gives of his best and has a great attitude to learning.
5Einstein	<b>Daisy Jackson</b>	For her positive attitude to learning, especially in her writing this week.
6Johnson	<b>Maxime Lehuby</b>	For an improved learning attitude in the classroom and excellence in writing this week.
6Martin Luther King	<b>Enola Steeden</b>	For being resilient in school this week, especially in our English lessons.

### **Head Teacher Award**

**Finn Kelly** (5E) – for his outstanding diary entry on equality.

### **French Certificate**

**Akain Fernando** – for excellent recall of previous learning.

### **Your St Cuthbert Mayne PA Needs Help – Letter from the Parents Association**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, an apology the PA has not been hugely active in recent months. This has partially been deliberate as we have all had plenty to do negotiating and managing in the current unusual climate, partially getting to know what we can do to fundraise and partially due to the low numbers of PA committee members.

At the end of last school year, we sadly lost several parents from the PA, all of whom held key roles as their children moved onto secondary school and their time at SCM ended, me being one of them. We would have usually used the summer term to hand over and ensure replacement key roles were filled but alas coronavirus had other plans! **We now need a new Chair and Treasurer** which are essential roles for the PA to continue and retain our Charity status. We also need additional parents to help support our few remaining 3 or 4 current committed PA members.

**Please, please** do get in touch either directly with Mrs Smith or I am happy for you to contact me on 07754 955665 or email: [smcdonnell27@gmail.com](mailto:smcdonnell27@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

We would like to thank everyone who supports our events, since March we have been unable to run many of the usual main fundraisers, school fair, discos, raffles at the school play performances etc as these events sadly have not been able to take place, however we will shortly be holding a Christmas Hamper raffle, look out for the details in next week's Wednesday email. Please support this if you can, if every child can buy at least one raffle ticket it will be a huge boost. Also if you are Christmas shopping on line please use easyfundraising and get some free money for the school that way.

Thank you for your continued support and please consider helping.

Kind regards

Sandra McDonnell

Current SCM PA Chair and Treasurer  
(A former SCM parent – Holly started year 7 at JFK in September)

### **Easyfundraising online shopping:**

We currently have 29 supporters please sign up to shop online through easyfundraising to raise some free money and encourage your friends and families to support us too.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=98566](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=98566)

### **Admissions**

We are now open to admissions for Year 3 from September 2021.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2021:** In place of the St Cuthbert Mayne School Open Evening, there is an information video which you can view on the school website by following the link below: <http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/school-info/admissions/>

Here you will also find the new prospectus, Admissions policy and Supplementary Information Form 2021-22. The SIF and supporting documentation should be returned to the school by **15 January 2021**.

The deadline for online applications to Hertfordshire Admissions is also **15 January 2021**.  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

We also have limited places in our current Year 3 and Year 4.

### **Reminders**

**Netball:** Year 6 netball finishes at 4.15 this week. This is the final week.

**Shakespeare Week:** If you have not already contributed to the Shakespeare Workshop, please could you do so as soon as possible. The Young Shakespeare Company has adapted all their workshops to be Covid safe.

Wishing you all a good weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith  
Headteacher