

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 24 February 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Wednesday Email.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **SCHOOL RE-OPENING:** School will fully re-open from Monday, 8 March 2021. Breakfast Club will also be re-starting from this day and we are discussing with APEX when their sports clubs will start again.

Full details on all the arrangements will be sent to all parents and will go on the website next week but they will be similar to the arrangements we had last term.

- **WORLD BOOK DAY:** Attached is a World Book Day digital book token that can be used by all parents. The teachers are planning a dressing up day for the children to celebrate on Thursday 4 March 2021.
- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** We have opened up the booking system for Breakfast Club which will resume again from Monday 8 March 2021.
- **LENTEN BUNTING:** We have attached again the Parents' Association Lenten Bunting fundraiser flyer for those wishing to participate. A reminder that donations may be made via the School Gateway by Monday 1 March 2021. All funds raised will go to the Catholic Children's Society. Some of these have already been displayed on the altar in church this week and we would like to put some up in school as well.
- **FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** We would like to remind parents of pupils entitled to Free School Meals to redeem their electronic meal vouchers (issued for the first two weeks of this half term) by the expiry date.
- **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>

COMMUNITY LINKS

Dacorum Music School – Ukes for Unicef Partnership

Every year DMS and local schools join the Berkhamsted Ukulele Festival 'Ukes for Unicef', and this year's festival is on Saturday 27th February. It's a great festival where some of our ukulele players from schools perform and there are fantastic workshops to join too. This year the festival is online, and I will be leading a family strum-along. If you would like to join with your family, we have some resources for you to get practising before hand so please follow the link below to grab your music.

- [The U4U10 Schools Strumalong Songbook](#)

On the day the family workshop is at 4.00pm, and you will all need a ukulele to join in with us. As you enter the festival there is a few things to note to get the best out of your workshop

- Firstly open zoom on your device and make sure you have the latest version
- Click here to check all your zoom settings are ready [the tech about Zoom meetings](#)
- Then open your internet browser and go to www.ukesforunicef.com
- Click on Enter the festival
- Add the passcode U4U111222
- Click on Strum-alongs and go into the breakout room 'Nyree O'Brien'

Ukes for Unicef is a public event and other families from across Dacorum may be there. The organisers will have 1 safeguarding official who will be in the strum-along with us, and we want to make sure you get the best out of your workshop. This means we require an adult to be with any child under 11 in the strum-along and we ask that children use the chat function with an adult present. The chat function is there if you need to ask about the music or how to play a particular chord. The chat box will be answered by Sue Parsons – organiser of Ukes for Unicef.

Kind regards

St Cuthbert Mayne School Office