



Newsletter 1
6th September 2019



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to new families who joined our school community this week and welcome back to all our existing families, friends and pupils. I can report that the Year 3s have made a great start to their time at St Cuthbert Mayne and were even complimented on their manners by our Cook.

The school has been very busy sorting out members for our School Council, Sports Council, House Captains and RE Team members. It is brilliant that we have pupils willing to take on these responsibilities.

We have a new Mission Statement:

Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus

We have been looking at what this looks like in the school – in class and around the school. I am looking forward to seeing the posters children have started to design this week on our new Mission Statement.

We are delighted to announce that our new website is now up and running at www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk. Apologies for the interrupted service over the summer as we have had some technical difficulties that have now been sorted out. The new website should provide an improved service and is designed to be easy to use on mobile devices. I hope you find it easy to navigate.

We have been busy improving the grounds over the summer with a new surface on our lower playground along with a fence on the lower side to stop balls disappearing on to the field. The top pathway has also been re-surfaced. Extensive work has been carried out to prepare for further development of a nature area. Our thanks to governor Mr Wesley and several helpers for all the voluntary work that has made this possible. Inside the school, the dining room floor has been revamped and looks like new thanks to our caretaker Mr Hollick.



We look forward to you meeting your child's teacher at our Meet the Teacher evening on September 19th (7pm). The teachers and class names are as follows:

Year 3 Anning	Miss E Ryan
Year 3 Nightingale	Miss I Wheeler
Year 4 Jemison	Mrs A Young & Mrs L Welch
Year 4 Attenborough	Miss S Thompson
Year 5 Mandela	Miss R Reed
Year 5 Einstein	Mrs S Poyner & Miss J Sheridan
Year 6 Johnson	Miss K Read
Year 6 Martin Luther King	Mrs K Gallaher

We also welcome our new Sendco Mrs A Rayson and new Teaching Assistant Miss S Brydon as well as the return of Mrs C Hexter.

After school clubs start again next week which will help ease congestion in the car park. Thank you for not using Clover Way and ensuring children and adults can enter the school on foot in safety. We have also introduced four disabled parking spots near the gate in the parents' car park as we feel it is easier to access the playground from here than access the front entrance.

Achievements

I was delighted to award my first Headteachers awards of the year to two Year 6s whose prayers were chosen to read at End of Day prayers. Thank you to Daisy Tenny and Holly McDonnell for their new year prayers.

Merit Certificates will start again next week, but our French certificate this week went to new Year 5 pupil Ethan Glynn for his "contribution and positivity". Well done, Ethan.

Results from July's Violin exams:

There were wonderful results from our violin exams back in July. Well done to: Ruby Dowling, Beatrice Loake and Maxine Lehuby all passed Initial Violin Exam with Distinction. Year 6 leavers Janet Mensah Roberts, Elizabeth Murren, Harry Walker, Malobi Onwudiwe and Ava Heron all passed Grade 3 with merit. Very well done to all.

RE Questionnaire feedback

Thank you to all the parents who completed the RE questionnaire. Please see attached results and feedback.

Reminders for next week

Welcome Mass

Family and friends are invited to our Welcome Mass on Monday at 9.15am. Year 4 will be leading the Mass to welcome our Year 3s and also our new Parish Priest Fr Brian McMahon. Year 5 will be in the adjoining classroom and celebrating mass via video link.

Clubs

Year 6 have received consent letters for the school football club yesterday and Yr5 and Yr6 for the Netball Club. Both start on this coming Monday – but we need to have the signed consent

forms. APEX clubs and other after school clubs also start next week. Sadly we no longer have gymnastics on a Tuesday.

Bikeability – Year 6

Next week, Year 6 will be taking to their bikes daily for Bikeability. We will delay the start until after Mass on Monday. All children will be assessed on Monday and put into groups. Please refer to the letter to ensure you have all the equipment you need. Year 5 will be having Bikeability in the week of September 30.

Non Uniform Day for the Bahamas – next Friday (September 13th)

Michele, Joshua and Kai in 4Jemison have written to me requesting a non-uniform day in aid of all those who have suffered as a result of Hurricane Dorian. Their thought for others is outstanding and we have decided to hold a non-uniform day next Friday in return for a donation to this cause. The money raised will go to CAFOD to send to DEC specifically for this cause.

Thank you to parents for preparing the children for the start of the new school year, they have been a credit to you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher