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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and continuing to cope with the demands placed on us all at this time AND managing to enjoy the weather and gain some positives from this current phase of the Covid-19 emergency. Next week is half term and hopefully pupils, parents and staff will enjoy a break from class blogs and make the most of half term.

Please be assured that we are constantly looking at the situation regarding school opening. We will adapt/change our plans if needed and let parents and carers know immediately via email. This is a new situation for all of us. We are taking advice from the Government, County and talking between schools and then making decisions on what we think will work best at St Cuthbert Mayne for the safety and well-being of all our families and staff.

You should all have received the Covid-19 Advice and Guidance for Parents document regarding St Cuthbert Mayne's re-opening and it is on the website under Virtual Office, Letters and Froms. Please do read this in full as it has important information for all parents regarding class blogs and for those who choose not to return just yet. Apologies for an error in the guidance timetable – June 11 and June 12 is for Year 6 girls, this has been corrected on the website. As far as opening to Year 3, we wanted you to know that this is our plan. A final decision on that will be made on the Thursday of the week back. No decision has been made regarding Year 4 and Year 5. As things currently stand, we are not expecting them to return until June 22nd at the earliest but, again, we will constantly review this.

We will keep a constant eye on developments in our area and the country and will revise our timetable and provision accordingly. Provision continues five days a week for Key Worker children who have registered with us. **This support is only for the days that they are needed so you can go to work as a key worker or if your child has a specific need – please do not use this for other purposes as we will be stretched to keep Bubbles/Classes to a manageable size.**

Classrooms are being rearranged to support social distancing (6J above). I have no doubt there will be tweaks and changes so please bear with us and let your children know that we are excited about welcoming them back.



The plan is for all children, whether at home or school to work to the class blogs – providing a link and continuity between those at home and those in school.

Message to returning to Year 6, Year 3 and new Key Worker Children.

Please do not worry about returning to school. Those who have been in for Key Worker sessions care are a good indication that it is not scary at all despite the need to social distance. Bubble is the new word. The poster at the top of the newsletter was created by all the children.

No decision has been made regarding grouping of Year 3. This will be decided by myself and the class teachers after half term. We will take account of emails received on blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk, particularly noting those who cannot come back at this time so we can have as even as split as possible. If you have a specific preference/need for Mon/Tues or Thurs/Fri, please let me know. We will, where we can, link with St Rose's so that siblings will be in on the same day. We will try our best, but I hope you realise that this will not always be possible.

Reports

Years 3, 4 and 5 will receive their annual school reports via email today. Year 6 will receive their reports after half term. As I will be saying in my letter accompanying the reports, please enjoy celebrating all the work that your child has achieved so far this year. There is so much to be proud of from the Autumn and Spring term and this should not be forgotten while we endure the current lockdown.

House Points

There has been a phenomenal number of House Points gained this week and the lead has changed. St Dominic gained the most points this week: 174. Well done to you and to St Catherine (170 points this week). Overall standings are currently:

St Catherine 400, St Dominic 397, St Martin 388, St Rose 339.

Keep up the good work. Come on St Rose's, St Dominic's have shown how quickly it can change.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, especially those who have suffered illness and loss, and our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy half term.

Kind Regards

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