



Newsletter 41
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all made it through to the end of the school year – and what a different year it has been. As I have said to the staff and would like to say to you all – pupils and children – I feel we have grown together in love and learning as a community during this testing time for us all. We have always been a strong community but this crisis has brought out the best in who we are and what we want to provide for our children. The resilience and enthusiasm of all the children who have returned briefly this term to say goodbye to their teachers and meet their new teachers has been inspirational. It has made us reassess and value what is important in our lives and what makes us feel good. Our love of God and our mission to be followers of Jesus is reflected in the actions of all our community. I thank all our families but particularly those that are leaving us this year.

Year 6 Leavers Day

It was a blessing to have nearly all our Year 6s in on their final day in school on Wednesday. In our restricted world, we were able to hold a Leavers Assembly with the use of Teams – all four bubbles in different classrooms. Attached to this newsletter is our reflection of this event for parents and pupils. It was very moving and special but sad that we could not have parents there with us.



We also said goodbye to Mrs Gallaher and to Miss Wheeler

who are moving on this Summer. We thank them for their dedication and contribution to the pupils at St Cuthbert Mayne. We will miss them and wish them well for the future.

The parents did join us for the Balloon Release (bio-degradable balloons). Children attached a label with their hopes and dreams and saw them soar into the sky. Each child was presented with a framed compliments momento and a blessing before a final dance to Bruno Mars Count on Me – thanks to our disco provided by the PA. Thank you Year 6.



Up... Up... and on their way

Good luck Year 6... we will miss you.



A special thanks to the committee members of our Parents Association who have given up their valuable time to organise events and raise money to enrich the children's learning this year. I would also like to give particular thanks to Mrs McDonnell, Mrs Moody and Mrs Kempson – all with their youngest children leaving us this year – for all their valuable contribution over the years. We have a very dedicated PA and hope we will have new members coming forward in the new year. As always our thanks to all parents who support the events throughout the year.

Term Dates

For all those returning in September please make sure you have the correct return date. In order to prepare the school for the new guidance, the first day of school for pupils will be Friday, September 4th. We are carrying out a risk assessment to comply fully with the new guidance and will be providing parents with a "guide" and information about safety measures nearer to the start of term. This will also be posted on the website – under parent information – Covid-19 Updates.

Key information for September

While we will be providing a full curriculum from September; school life will be a bit different in September, certainly in the short term.

Year groups will be operating in "bubbles" with separate break and lunch times for upper key stage 2 and lower key stage 2 (with each year group on a separate playground).

We have liaised with St Rose's to synchronise drop off and pick up times. Children will be going straight to class on arrival and will be leaving at staggered times. More details will be sent before the start of term, but we would like to make you aware of the new start and finish times so you are able to plan around this. We will still be having Breakfast Club for those who have registered their interest.

School start times:

Year 5 and Year 6 – 8.45 to 8.55

Year 3 and 4 – 8.55 – 9.05

Siblings of Yr5 & 6 who are in Year 3&4 will be allowed in at the same time – and will go straight to class.

At the end of the day:

Year 6 to come out at 3.05

Year 5 to come out at 3.10

Year 4 to come out at 3.15

Year 3 to come out at 3.20

Music

Message to parents from the Herts Music Service – please note that they will now be billing for individual / group lessons directly to parents.

Does your child want to start or continue music lessons at school in September? Hertfordshire Music Service are still your school's preferred provider of music lessons and we are now managing enrolment and billing. Visit <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline> for more information and details on how to enrol for lessons. We look forward to making music a part of everyone's life as they return to school in September.

House Cup

Congratulations to St Martin – this year's House Cup winners – and to House Captains Darcy Pirie and Joseph McHugh. It was a very close finish with the following totals from the whole school:



St Martin	1,192
St Catherine	1,167
St Dominic	1,111
St Rose	1,019



Fitter Future

Well done to Freya Rajendram (3N) for her phenomenal use of Fitter Future to keep active.

Most prolific users of Fitter Future during lockdown: Freya Rajendram 127, Adam Bowers 53, Piotr Czarniawski 50, Fraser Cullen 38, Gracie Frampton 33, Francesca Chua 27, Erin Bowers 20, Esther Sanju 20.

Fitter Future continues to be available through the summer.

Missing Team Kit

With so many Year 6 matches taking place just before lockdown, we are missing some key school sports kit. Please could Year 6 netball and football teams check they do not have school kit at home. If they do please could you return this to school as soon as possible.

Uniform Policy

As mentioned in last week's newsletter (which included the new Uniform Policy), PE Kit can now be ordered directly from TeamWorld. The link is: www.teamworld.co.uk/scm They will deliver directly to you if you live in Dacorum or to the school for pick up if you are outside Dacorum.

Parents do not have to switch to the new uniform. We hope the policy gives clarity on the wearing of jewellery, hair and shoes – which will be appropriate from September. The iron on badges will be available from school in September and the link for the new PE kit will be on the website from next week.

Thank you

A big thank you for the kind gifts and words you have given to the staff. We have all been touched that you have thought of us when there are so many other demands on your lives. Thank you for your appreciation.

I feel we have all been on a journey together; thank you for being with us through the ups and downs of the year and we look forward to seeing you in September along with our new pupils in Year 3. Best wishes to the outgoing Year 6. We will post pictures on the blog – blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

With every blessing for the holiday,

Best wishes

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