



Newsletter 7

October 16th 2020

Dear Parents,

With Harvest time upon us, we are marking the occasion with a Harvest jumper/socks day next Wednesday (21st) and raising money for DENs and the Food Bank. We are inviting children to come to school wearing either an Autumn colour jumper/hoodie and/or socks featuring Autumn colours in exchange for a donation. Instead of children bringing money in to school, we will have a collection box at the entrance gate on arrival and pick up. All donations welcome for these worthwhile causes.

Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to our parent consultations this coming week. In the current circumstances when we cannot invite parents into school, we hope that this will help you feel connected with your child's teacher and inform you of your child's progress.

Due to the added time needed to ensure we get connected on our google classroom for the 10 minute slots, we have added some additional times during the school day. For the convenience of all parents, we will need to ensure the meetings are the normal 10 minutes and start promptly. As always, the teachers will respond to any queries if requested via the school office or via the home school diary.

If you have any queries or difficulties getting connected during the evening sessions, please email me on blog@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk as I will be monitoring this at that time.

We have attached a parent guide on how to open the link for the meeting to this newsletter. Please note the link can only be accessed by using your child's log-in. I recommend you save the guidance attached (waffle, calendar, date and click on meeting). We have tested it out and it works ... but it is new for us too!

Black History Month – Speech Competition

Attached to the newsletter are the instructions for our Black History Speech Competition. Classes will be starting research on this over the next week and preparing a speech to deliver after half term.

It is a great opportunity to celebrate achievements and raise awareness of the real life heroes who are an inspiration to us all. As Mae Jemison (of 4Jemison fame) said: "Do not ever be limited by the limited imagination of others."

CBBC are currently running 20 Black History programmes (on iplayer) focusing on Black History heroes. These might help give your child ideas of who to base their speech on. Year Group assemblies are on Black History over these two weeks.

Baby News

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Knight gave birth to a beautiful baby boy – Oliver Joshua – on Thursday morning. I am sure I speak for all of our community in sending her our congratulations and a happy maternity leave.

We also have news of a second St Cuthbert Mayne baby – with Miss Ryan (3Anning) expecting a new arrival in March next year.

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	Filip Krusiewicz	For excellent effort and for settling in so well after joining the school.
3Nightingale	Nicole Wiermiejczuk	For an outstanding attitude to learning and for being a good role model for others.
4Jemison	Akain Fernando	Outstanding times tables results! He is brilliant at applying his knowledge to problem solve.
4Attenborough	Rocco Brown	For his excellent attitude to learning – especially in his Maths work and his times table practice.
5Mandela	Scarlett Barber	For an outstanding attitude to learning across all subjects. Well done.
5Einstein	Samuel Ghebre	For his positive attitude to learning and his supportive behaviour to other members of the class.
6Johnson	Evie Ashby	For her excellent learning attitude, as well as participating more in class discussions.
6Martin Luther King	Lola Dennis	For approaching all her work this week with a “can do” attitude. Well done.

French Certificate: Eve Wheeler (4A) – for great participation and learning.

Head Teacher Awards

Karen Lebbi (6J) – for her outstanding diary piece on the Diwali Festival.

Ciara Corkery (4A) – for her research and information poster on Bessi Coleman, the first African-American female to hold a pilot licence.

Luke Fordyce (6J) – for achievement in a recent Reading comprehension test.

Adam Bowers, Akain Fernando, Johan John (4J) for full marks in their times table challenge.

Herbie Robins, Ariella Mensah-Roberts and Georgie Garnham (4J) for outstanding progress in their times table knowledge.

Parents Association

Thank you to the Parents Association for organising the children's Christmas card design opportunity which went out to every child this week. These do need to be returned by this Wednesday (21st) in the plastic wallet provided. Details were in this week's Wednesday email.

The PA is also in need of a treasurer – if you were able to help, please contact Kerry Fordyce (6J) or Phil Bowers (4J and 6J).

Coronavirus Update

To date, we have been lucky in not experiencing a rise in cases of Covid-19. This is in part thanks to the precautions taken by families and the school's adherence to its health and safety regime. Our attendance has been excellent despite the national news and rise in cases. We remain vigilant and will close bubbles if need be. **Please do continue to be cautious and if someone in your household has symptoms, please keep your child off school immediately – only returning if the test result is negative.** As always please keep us informed. If your child needs to self-isolate we will arrange for home learning.

Pick-Up

Thank you to the increased number of Year 5 parents who pick their children up on time. This year group consistently has a large number of children waiting after the five minute window. This adds congestion to the Year 4 and Year 3 times both in the playground and the car park. We have also shortened our lunchtimes to make sure the children do not miss learning time.

In the morning, registration for Year 5 and Year 6 closes at 8.55am.

First Holy Communions

Our very best wishes to Ryan, Gabriela, Zander, Ciara and Stanley who are due to make their First Holy Communion this weekend. I hope you have a very special day with your families. Congratulations to Toby, Skye, Bobbie, Poppy, Jessica and Thomas who all made their First Holy Communion last weekend. If I have missed anyone out, please let me know. We are building a portfolio of photos to commemorate this special occasion.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher