

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 2 December 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Wednesday Email.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL PAMPER EVENING – FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020 7.30PM:** The Parents' Association have arranged a virtual Home Pamper fundraising event which takes place this **FRIDAY**. Please see the attached flyer for full details and the link to join. Thank you for supporting this fundraising for school.
- **NO NUTS IN SCHOOL:** As you are already aware, the school operates a 'no nut' policy as we have pupils with severe nut allergies. May we please remind you that this also extends to any birthday or Christmas treats brought in to school.
- **FLU IMMUNISATION:** Vaccination UK will be visiting St Cuthbert Mayne School for the second session **TOMORROW Thursday 3 December 12.30pm-3.00pm**. The immunisation is only for pupils who have returned the correct Vaccination UK consent form.
- **SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS 11-14 JANUARY 2021:** The letter regarding the Shakespeare workshops for the whole school was sent with the last two emails. Reminders have been sent to parents who have not yet responded. Please ensure that consent and payment is made on the **School Gateway by TODAY 2 December 2020** in order for this activity to go ahead.
Please note that all workshop activities have been specially re-devised and adapted to be Covid-19 safe by the Young Shakespeare Company. They will also be working only with one class at a time in the hall and adhere to our current school cleaning and safety routines.
- **SCHOOL MILK – SPRING TERM 2021:** Please see the letter sent with the email dated 25 November regarding ordering milk for your child for the Spring Term 2021. Please note payment should be made on the **School Gateway by 4 December 2020**.
- **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY:** The Chaplaincy Team are organising a Christmas Jumper Day on **Wednesday 16 December 2020** (the same day as Christmas dinner). They have chosen CAFOD as the charity for this fundraising. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have enabled payment to be made via the School Gateway so cash does not need to be brought to school. You will be able to choose the amount you wish to donate although the minimum amount set is £1. This option should now show on the School Gateway and will close on 16 December. Thank you for your support.
- **FREE SCHOOL MEAL (FSM) VOUCHERS FOR CHRISTMAS AND FEBRUARY 2021 HALF TERM – MESSAGE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**
Hertfordshire County Council is teaming up with the Family Food Trust, a government backed charity, to help them to deliver food vouchers to children and young people in receipt of free school meals during the winter school holidays. This follows recent government announcements of the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme, part of this funding will be allocated to providing food vouchers to entitled families this Christmas holiday and in February 2021 half-term.

A total of £30 per entitled child will be provided for the Christmas holidays (10 days) and £15 per child for the February 2021 half-term (5 days). Families will receive support for each of these holidays separately, before the end of each term.

The electronic vouchers for food and groceries can be used in four major supermarkets (Asda, Morrisons, Tesco and Sainsbury's) and will be sent to families directly by email or if necessary, they can be printed, and we will distribute them.

Your school, Hertfordshire County Council and the Family Food Trust will need to access and share personal data of pupils and students who are entitled to free school meals to enable us to provide food vouchers directly to eligible families. This data will include the name and contact details of each pupil/student and parent/carer and the name of the college they attend. All information shared will be used solely for the purpose of distributing food vouchers; no personal information will be shared with any other partner or third party, and data will only be retained for the length of time of the food voucher support offer. Data will be stored and transferred securely from your school to Hertfordshire County Council and then to the Family Food Trust.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to be included in this voucher scheme or if you have any concerns please contact Hertfordshire County Council at: educationteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk. For further information about Hertfordshire County Council's Privacy Policy please click [here](#).

Families who do not qualify for free school meals but are worried about their finances or having enough food this winter can contact HertsHelp, email info@hertshelp.net, call 0300 123 4044 or visit www.hertshelp.net

- **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>

- **NEGLECT MATTERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE** - The following message is for parents from Hertfordshire County Council:
The Hertfordshire 'Neglect Matters' campaign is being launched in early 2021 in partnership with the NSPCC and will focus on intervening at the earliest opportunity to prevent neglect and the impact that it has on children, young people and families.

In order to help shape the campaign and the services we later develop countywide to support families we'd be grateful for your views.

We're asking parents and carers to complete a survey to help us understand what neglect means to you. The survey is very short (only 8 questions in total) and takes only 3 minutes to complete. All answers are completely anonymous, and you don't have to have experienced neglect to take part.

We really want to hear from a variety of parents and carers – whether you're biological parents, adoptive parents, grandparents, fosters carers and so on. We would like to hear from people of all ages, communities and backgrounds.

Your feedback will help to build up a clearer picture and ultimately shape a campaign that will be most relevant to Hertfordshire and the people living here. Protecting children is everyone's business, so please do help us by completing the survey at: <https://bit.ly/HertsNSPCCsurvey>

COMMUNITY

Please find attached the following flyers:

DSPL Delivering Special Provision Locally – Autumn Term Communication for Parents
Gade Schools Family Support – Virtual 1:1 Advice Sessions – January-April 2021

Up On Downs – Winter 2020 Newsletter
www.upondowns.co.uk

Kind regards
St Cuthbert Mayne School Office