



Newsletter 23
12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so good to welcome back the children this week and to start the process of getting back to some form of normality. Behaviour has been excellent. Children are very resilient but the prolonged disruption to all our lives cannot be discounted. Children will react in different ways and have had different experiences.

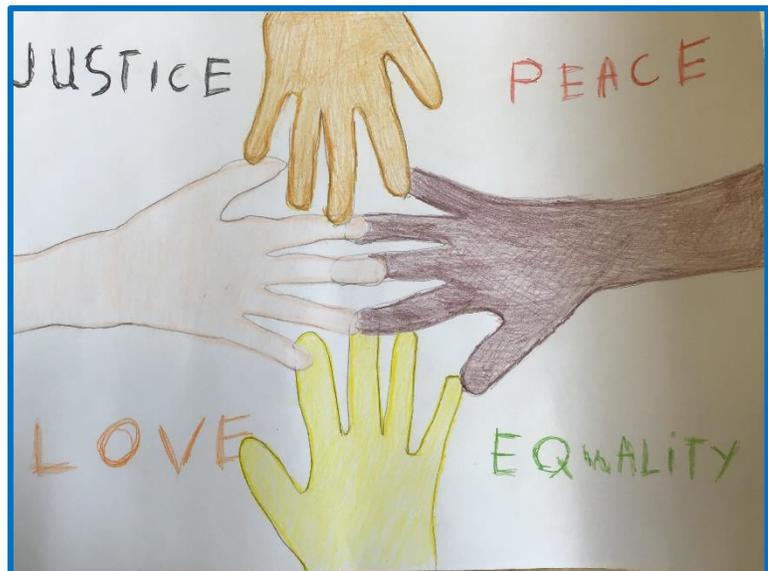
We recognise the anxieties children and their families may be suffering and have started the process of finding the right way to address these:

- In school all classes have additional activities that support well-being.
- Teachers and support staff are addressing anxieties within class or highlighting any concerns to senior leaders so they can be addressed appropriately.
- Support can be in the form of well-being mentoring – a regular 1:1 with a member of staff; our Rainbows support group (new groups will start in the Summer Term); discussions with parents; referral to our school support network (Gade Schools Family Support) for pupil support; school nurse support etc. Parents will be asked for consent if we are referring outside of school and it may be that we suggest, in some cases, that you contact your GP service.

If you have any concerns regarding your child that you feel we are not aware of, in the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher either by emailing them via admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk or ring to request the class teacher to ring you.

We have been able to celebrate our return this week and have had lots of opportunities to learn including more outdoor learning.

There has also been a chance to share work from lockdown. This poster for Racial Justice Day, created by Mateusz Zalewski in 3N, was one we wanted to share.



Year 3 have been making Easter Gardens. 3N made this garden together and have planted seeds in the soil so that flowers will grow as it gets closer to Easter. 3A are pictured below making their Easter Garden using items found in the grounds.



Year 4 have been outside collecting wood and other items to craft:



Diary Dates

Our various rearranged activities and events are slowly being put into place and are still subject to the lifting of restrictions.

Parent Consultations – April 20th and 22nd – these will be remote on Google Meet. The signing up sheet will go out at the start of next term and you will be sent a link.

March 23rd – Show Racism the Red Card workshop (6J)

March 26th – Diocese of Westminster Mass for School 10am (Pupils will livestream in school)

May 4th – 7th Shakespeare Week

May 11th – Class photos and Year 6 individual photos

July 5th - 9th – School Journey – PGL

July 16th – Leavers' Mass in school

More events will be added to when we have a clearer idea of when restriction will be lifted.

Mass for the St Cuthbert Mayne Community / Mothering Sunday

Father Brian will be offering Mass for our parents, staff, governors and children's intentions this Sunday at 9am. This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). There will be a special blessing for mothers during Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed and can be accessed on youtube (search for Hemel West) or via the church website. Please also look out for the Lenten Promises from our pupils that are displayed in church.

PA Mother's Day Pamper Evening

The deadline has now passed to join the Pamper Evening but raffle tickets can still be purchased via the PAs facebook page or via class reps. Thank you to parents who have helped organise this event which will be perfect for the end of a busy Mother's Day.

Sports Clubs

Mr Collingwood is running a Year 6 football club for the last two Mondays of the term – letters have gone out to pupils this week.

APEX after school clubs have now started back.

Safety Reminder

Following an incident in Hemel on Wednesday morning involving a teenage girl, please could you ensure that, if your child walks to or from school, they know what actions to take to keep themselves safe and not to engage with strangers.

Wishing you all a happy Mother's Day this Sunday and a relaxed weekend after a busy week.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher