



Newsletter 26
15th April 2021

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term. It is a tonic to see the children back in school and keen to return to seeing their friends, some normality and learning. We have an exciting term ahead of us with some additional curriculum events, including:

Date	Event	Year Group
April 19	First Reconciliations	Those preparing for First Communion
April 23 rd and weekly each Friday (10 sessions)	Premier League Football Stars (Watford FC Trust)	Year 5
April 28 th	Herts Maths Challenge	Year 5 (4 pupils)
April 30 th	Rainbow Day	All pupils
May 4 th – 7 th	Shakespeare Week including workshops	All year groups
May 10 th	Virtual visit by Rabbi	All year groups assembly Yr3 & 4 workshops
May 11 th	Class photos and Yr6 individual photos	All classes
Thursdays	Orchestra	Year 6
From May	Forest School	Years 3 & 4 (details to follow)
July 5 th – 9 th	Residential Trip to PGL	Year 6
July 16 th	Leavers Mass	All year groups
July 16 th	Leavers Disco	Year 6

Several events will be added in due course including an Outdoor Learning Week and a Sports Week. Swimming will start up again as soon as it is permitted, starting with Year 6 booster groups.

Dates for the Year 6 Leavers Celebrations – and possible formats - will be confirmed next week.

Booster / Nurture Support

We are instigating a variety of ways to support children who may need an additional boost in an area of learning as a result of time lost. These will be addressed in whole class teaching; in-school interventions; and taking part in the National Tutoring Programme – with an emphasis on reading skills. SEN support will continue as normal.

For those needing support following the prolonged lockdown, loss or bereavement we are starting new Rainbow groups this coming week. We will also be running nurture groups as well as selected pupils continuing to have individual learning mentors.

Parents will be informed in advance of any additional support offered – either by letter or at the parent consultations.

Parents Evening

If you have not done so already, please sign up for a parent consultation with your child's class teacher.

Please see this week's Wednesday email for guidance of how to access the Parent Evening booking system which is accessed via the school website. The Parent-Teacher Consultations will be held remotely via Google Meet. You will be asked to sign in using your child's google log-in so please ensure you have this. If you would like an appointment with our SENDCos, Mrs Rayson or Mrs Hobbs, please email the office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk and they will contact you to arrange a suitable date.

First Reconciliations

Fr Brian and Fr Kim will be in school on Monday for the sacrament of Reconciliation for those being prepared for their First Communion this spring. Only those preparing for their First Communion at our two parishes will receive this sacrament in school. Please contact the parishes if you have any query.

Community Cuthbert

Walking Sensation

Cian English (6Johnson) was a deserved winner of a Citizenship Star this week for walking 10,000 steps EVERY day in March as part of the Cancer Research Walk All Over Cancer event.

Cian was prompted to take on this challenge in memory of his Nanny. Incredibly Cian raised £1,490 – an amazing achievement – and one he can be truly proud of.

On several days he walked well over 10,000 steps – the equivalent of 5.6km a day. He would also like to thank all those who sponsored him and encouraged him to get walking and win the virtual medal. Well done Cian, you have shown true community spirit.





Historic Treasure

Here is the photo of Sophia (3Nightingale) with her box of medals. Sophia's family found these medals in their house when they moved over the spring term this year. The elderly gentleman who lived in the house before Sophia's family didn't want the medals as he wanted to leave the memories behind in the house. He was a fighter pilot during WWII and his father had fought in WWI. When the gentleman's wife passed away he didn't want to live in the house anymore and didn't take the box of medals with him. Sophia loves the medals, she looks after them and wants to find out about them. Sophia's grandfather researched the medals and found out the history behind them.

In the box there are pilot wings with King George VI's crest and another set of pilot wings with Queen Elizabeth's crown. These represent pilots during the reign of these two sovereigns. There is also a medal with a star on it which we think is a victory medal. In the box is also a penny commemorating the First World War from 1914 to 1918.

Sophia's mum told us that the gentleman's plane crashed, and he was injured. He needed to be nursed back to health and that was when he met his wife. She was the nurse who helped him to get better.

Sophia is really excited to share the medals with everyone and to continue to learn about the world wars. Thank you for sharing!

Covid Safety measures

Thank you for your continued support in following the safety measures around COVID19, particularly at drop off and pick up. The children are working in class bubbles but interaction within the year groups is permitted at clubs/orchestra. In the event of a positive case, it is only those who have had direct contact with the positive case (not a contact of a contact) who would be asked to self-isolate.

We continue to follow the guidance, shared with parents on our website, in school and look forward to the day when we can return to more normality.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher