

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- **UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS REGARDING COVID-19:** Please refer to the updated guidance sent in last week's email. The guidance is also available to view on the school website. Please note the change of order to class pick up times. We are also returning to our full uniform policy so pupils will now be asked to change into plimsolls when they are inside school.
<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/parent-information/covid-19-updates/>

For parents struggling to get here from St Rose's School, please be aware that a member of staff will stay with your child until you can get here safely. Please do not worry about being late.

- **NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE:** If your child is absent from school because of illness, please ensure you telephone or email the office before 8.30am (admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk). Due to the current circumstances, **please ensure you give your child's full name and class name with details of your child's symptoms.** There is an answerphone facility for you to leave a message for out of office hours (Office open 8.30am-4.00pm). The office staff also need to be made aware of any medical appointments your child will be attending. If you require authorisation from the Headteacher for absence due to Exceptional circumstances, please complete a Leave of Absence Request form available on the school website.
- **SECONDARY TRANSFER 2022 – GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6:** Please find attached the Hertfordshire Moving On Leaflet 2022 for parents of Year 6 pupils. The online application system opened on 1 September 2021 and the deadline for applications is 31 October 2021. Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
- **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS PANTOMIME AT THE ALBAN ARENA:** The Parents Association have been able to secure discounted tickets for this years' Pantomime at The Alban Arena on Saturday 11 December 2021, 6pm performance. Order your tickets by completing the reply slip on the attached flyer and making payment via the School Gateway. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There are two options on the School Gateway to make your purchase.
 1. Make an individual ticket purchase at £16.00 repeating the purchase for the number of tickets you require .
OR
 2. Make a multiple ticket purchase and enter the correct amount when 'checking out' to ensure you receive the correct amount of tickets you wish to purchase (eg 5 tickets would be 5 x £16 = £80.
- **FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 OR OLDER:**
Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:
 - Income Support**
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
 - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**

Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Follow the link below to apply:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

- **HERTS CATERING MENU:** Herts Catering are continuing with the current menu for the time being. This week is Week 2 Menu. You can view the menu on the school website.
- **HERTFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE:** You are able to apply for music tuition at St Cuthbert Mayne School from Year 4 for the following instruments – Flute and Fife / Brass / Violin / Recorder. The Hertfordshire Music Service has updated their website. Follow the link to apply for music tuition - <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-lessons-in-hertfordshire/music-lessons.aspx>

If parents have a query about lessons, the Hertfordshire Music School manages this directly, please email schoolsdirectinvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 01438 844851 to speak to a member of the billing team.

- **PHOTOGRAPHS ON SCHOOL WEBSITE:** On Friday 10 September, photographs will be taken for our school website and school prospectus. We are aware of the parents who have not given consent for photographs of their child(ren) to be used for this purpose.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2021

- **SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB:** Mr Collingwood will be running the Year 6 football club on Monday afternoons, **starting from Monday 13 September** and is open to both boys and girls. Book your child's place via the School Gateway. There is no charge for this club. Football boots and shin pads will need to be worn, although trainers will be acceptable while it is dry. Children should be collected from the middle car park gate after the club at 4.30pm.
- **PLAYFEET THEATRE COMPANY:** Please find attached details of this new club to St Cuthbert Mayne which will be held on Wednesdays. As communicated in last week's email, today they are offering a free trial for those who have signed up.
- **TAEKWON-DO:** Please find attached the flyer for details of how to sign up to the Taekwon-Do Club which is held on Fridays.
- **APEX MULTISPORTS:** Please see the flyers sent with last week's email for details of the after school clubs Apex will be running during the Autumn Term 2021. www.apex360.co.uk

Kind regards
School Office