



Newsletter 1
3rd September 2021

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to all our new children and parents and a welcome back to all our pupils who arrived with enthusiasm yesterday. Year 3 have made a fantastic start and my thanks go to the parents and carers for preparing them for the start of their journey at St Cuthbert Mayne.

Thank you to all our community for following our guidance during this transition time. We aim to make life as normal as possible for the children while keeping basic precautions in place. The guidance was sent to parents on Wednesday and is on our website under covid-19 updates <http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/parent-information/covid-19-updates/>

We will be taking photos next Friday for our website.

Badges, Pens and Ties

These can all be paid for on the School Gateway – which will act as an ordering system. Items will be given to the children to bring home.

Parents can pay for iron-on school badges via the school gateway and the badges will be given to the child to bring home. We are selling the badges in twos - £3 for two badges. Ties are £3.10 each.

All children will be issued with a pen at the start of term. We are selling pens in multiples of 2 for £2 (£1 each).

Our Uniform Policy is on the website <http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Uniform-Policy-2020.pdf> Please could I draw your attention to our rules regarding hair – pupils hair should not be dyed; any shaved areas of the head should not have “tramlines” or designs shaved in. No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.

Orders that have been received will be given out today.

After School Clubs

We are excited to be offering more after school clubs this term and they are open to more year groups.

Day	Club	Year Group	Time	How to apply
Monday	Streetdance	Years 3 to 6	3.20 – 4.20	APEX link in Wednesday email and on website
Tuesday	Football	Years 3&4	3.30 – 4.30	APEX link in Wednesday email
Wednesday	Football	Years 5&6	3.30 – 4.30	APEX link in Wednesday email
Wednesday	Playfeet Theatre Company	Years 3 to 6	3.30 – 5.00	07969366234 or email playfeettheatreco@gmail.com
Thursday	Ball Skills	Years 3&4	3.30 – 5.00	APEX link in Wednesday email
Friday	Taekwon-Do	Years 3 to 6	3.30 – 4.30	Tbc on website

Year 6 football and netball clubs will be announced later. It is likely that these will alternate each half term on a Monday and will be run by Mr Collingwood.

All clubs will start on the week of September 13th except for a trial session on Wednesday 8th September for Playfeet's dance, drama and singing workshops. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION regarding the Playfeet trial session next Wednesday and how to sign up.

Pick Up

Please be aware that, until clubs are underway, the car park will be particularly congested at the end of the school day. We have staggered times to ease congestion but patience is needed even during normal term time. We are also aware that there are parents of St Rose's children who will find it difficult to pick up on time. Please be reassured that your child will stay with their teacher until you can get there safely.

Music

Congratulations to Maja Kelly who has achieved Distinction in her Grade 4 Flute exam taken in July. We look forward to Maja's contribution to our school orchestra. We are now able to open Orchestra up to years 5 and 6 under Miss Patterson's leadership. Miss Patterson will be talking to children who play instruments next week regarding being part of the orchestra.

Individual music lessons are now booked directly with the Herts Music Service and lessons are due to start in the week beginning September 13th.

Meet the Teacher sessions

These information sessions for parents will be held remotely on September 23rd with your child's class teacher. They will cover the normal classroom routines and expectations for the year and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. Please save this date.

Key Dates

Please click on our Events School Calendar on the home page of our website for our confirmed dates of events this term and our Occasional Day when the school will be closed on Friday 22nd October. This calendar will be regularly updated with current activities, events and school dates.

Attendance

While we are always striving for good attendance, I would like to remind parents to continue to not send children to school if they are ill. If you have a positive case in your household, please could see follow our guidance and not send your child to school until they have a negative PCR test. In this way we hope to reduce the risk of infection and avoid any closures. Thank you for your co-operation.

If your child needs to be absent for any other reason, please fill in a Leave of Absence form (downloadable from the website under virtual office, letters and forms). I am not able to authorise absences for holidays in term time.

Parents Association

We hope that many of our new parents will be active members of our Parents Association. We will let you know when our first meeting will be.

The Parents Association message regarding tickets for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on Saturday 11th December:

We have been lucky to secure discounted tickets again for this year's Panto Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs at The Alban Arena in St Albans. Please join us with your family and friends for this fabulous St Cuthbert Mayne evening out!

Please be aware that these tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis. We sold out last time, so get in quick!

Please feel free to invite family and friends, the more tickets we sell the more funds we raise for the school!

Please pay via the school gateway from next Wednesday (8.9.21) and complete the form which will be in the Wednesday email. Please don't forget to add class year and name. We will aim to seat people together but we cannot guarantee this. Deadline for ticket purchases will be Friday 22nd October 2021.

Having had these two days to re-adjust to school, we look forward to bringing you news of the children's activities next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher