



Newsletter 2
10th September 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting full week back at school. I have had the pleasure of holding assemblies for all year groups and it has been a joy to hear children sing together again.

Today our former governor Adrian Curran joined us to take new photographs for our website and the children looked so smart and were enthusiastic to show off the important aspects of our school life in action. This included the first meeting of our orchestra. Miss Patterson will be running orchestra on a Monday lunchtime from this coming Monday.

Merit Certificates were awarded for the first time this term and details of award winners are detailed below. We are proud of the way all our children have returned to school. Our Merit Certificates are part of our way to focus and celebrate the achievements of one child who has excelled each week.

Covid Update

We have had four positive tests of COVID amongst pupils in school since the return to school – one in Year 5 and three in Year 6 (different classes). One member of staff has tested positive since our return to school. There is no pattern in these cases to indicate that the source of these cases is in school but we will continue to monitor on a daily basis.

It is important that parents do not send their child to school if they have any symptoms OR if your child feels unwell. Headaches and sore throats are not official symptoms but are known to be signs of a possible positive case. In these cases, communication of any testing that has taken place is also helpful. If symptoms occur or if you have a positive case in your household, please keep your child off school until they have had a negative PCR test.

Our full guidance is on the website:

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCM-Parents-guidance-Sept-2021.pdf>

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus*

3Anning	Whole class	For not only making a great start to St Cuthbert Mayne but being hard working and well behaved in their teacher's absence this week.
3Anning	Harrison Baker	For being particularly focused, engaged, polite and contributing in Geography and Maths this week.
3Nightingale	Matheus Taglianetti	For settling in so well despite joining a new class at a new school. He has been enthusiastic particularly in Geography.
4Jemison	Iustin Bodalle	A fantastic start! Iustin is friendly, confident, enthusiastic – it feels as if he has always been part of the class
4Attenborough	Jake Joseph	For showing he is already a Year 4 learner – fantastic enthusiasm, good listening and always trying his best.
5Mandela	Piotr Czarniawski	Piotr has worked extremely hard across all subjects and is an excellent role model, living out our Mission Statement.
5Einstein	Rae Hazell	For being so helpful, loving and kind – epitomising our Mission Statement. Thank you so much.
6Johnson	Luca Seaman	For settling in to Year 6 really positively. He has worked extremely hard in his learning and strived to do his best.
6Martin Luther King	Joseph Pratt	For being confident and persevering with his learning right from the start of Year 6. Keep up the good work.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs are starting this coming week.

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
Monday	Football	Year 6	3.30 – 4.30	See last Wednesday email
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 – 4.30	APEX link in Wednesday email
Friday	TaeKwonDo	Years 3 to 6	3.30 – 4.30	Tbc on website

Pick Up

With clubs starting this week, we hope that this will ease congestion a little bit by at the end of the day. It did improve through the week but continued patience is needed. Those St Rose's parents who are not able to get to school for the allotted time should not worry as their

children will be with their class teacher. All children should be picked up by 3.20. Please do not park in Clover Way as turning at the end of the cul-de-sac is a safeguarding issue; particularly with the walkway that goes in front of the school gate.

Music

Individual and small group music lessons are due to start again this coming week. In addition, those in the orchestra should bring their instruments in this Monday.

Meet the Teacher sessions

These information sessions for parents will be held remotely at 7pm on Thursday, 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. In the coming week, please ensure you are aware of your child's google classroom sign-on which should be in their Home School diary. Children will be given a homework task using google classroom so they know how to log-on to.

Welcome Mass

Father Brian will be celebrating Mass to welcome our Year 3s on Friday, September 17th. Year 6 will lead this Mass as they are buddies to the Year 3s. Sadly, we will not be able to invite parents into school.

St Rose's School Uniform – we have a request from St Rose's for any spare uniform – particularly summer dresses and fleeces. If you have any old uniform please could you arrange for it to go to St Rose's.

Reminders for this week:

Monday: Orchestra Practice

5M – remember your swimming kit on Tuesday

5E – remember your swimming kit for Wednesday

Year 6 will be starting Positive Minds session on Tuesday with Watford FC Education Trust

Year 3 will continue with football on a Friday also with Watford FC Education Trust

After school clubs and **Music** lessons all start this week.

Welcome Mass on Friday morning

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher