



Newsletter 3
17th September 2021

Dear Parents,

It was a delight to welcome Fr Brian in to school this morning for our Welcome Mass which was led by Year 6. Years 4 and 5 joined in their classrooms and the celebration was recorded to be shared with parents next week. Each Year 3 child was individually welcomed by their buddy. It was also a joy to hear singing and our orchestra play in their first performance.



At the end of Mass, Fr Brian commissioned and blessed our new Chaplaincy Team who were introduced to the school. Our thanks to Alanna, Miguel, Madeline, Lola and Amaia in taking on this important leadership role in the school led by Miss Sheridan.

Leadership roles

In addition to our Chaplaincy Team, our House Captains were elected this week. Congratulations to following Year 6 pupils who have agreed to lead the Houses this year:

St Dominic: Maja Kelly and Fraser Cullen

St Martin: Angelina Ambridge and Mikolaj Zaporowski

St Catherine: Aoife Jones and Zach Flutur

St. Rose: Scarlett Barber and Joseph Castle

We look forward to full house meetings to decide on each house's charity nomination.

School Council

3 Anning: Caitlin Corkery and Charlie Hobbs

3 Nightingale: Darcy Dennis and Benji Coles

4 Attenborough: Anneliesa Ambridge and Zack Robins

4 Jemison: Sophia Janes and Justin B

5 Einstein: Victoria Toner and Jack James

5 Mandela: Bella Fitzgerald and Piotr Czarniawsk

6 Johnson: Mary Kayode and Luke Daniels

6 Martin Luther King: Harper Cowman-Daly and Marcell Sabah

Sports Council – to be announced next week

RE and Catholic Life Questionnaire

Please could I encourage all our parents to complete the Diocese of Westminster parent questionnaire on our RE provision and the Catholic Life of the school.

The questionnaire can be completed and submitted electronically. It can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/va3dm8N67LdyRE6s8>

We are trialling the electronic questionnaire but if you have any problems accessing the link, please request a paper copy by emailing admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.uk and it will be sent home with your child.

We would appreciate if you could reply by this Thursday (23.9.21). Your replies and comments are welcome to help us shape our RE Curriculum and the Catholic life of the school.

Covid Update

We have had a much quieter week with no new cases this week. Thank you for taking all possible precautions.

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:

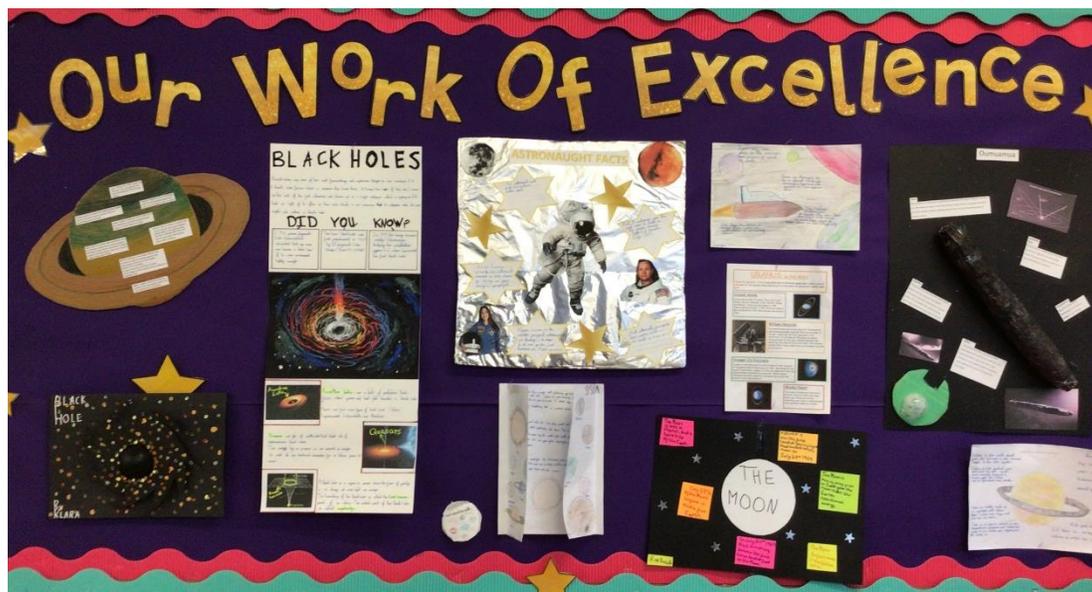
<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCM-Parents-guidance-Sept-2021.pdf>

Merit Certificates

These have been decided but not awarded to the children yet (due to Mass today) so I will announce them next week.



Congratulations to Year 5 on outstanding homework on Space. They have been very creative and detailed in their research and this has supported their learning in both science and writing. Here are a selection from both 5M and 5E. Well done.





Interventions

Children are receiving additional support where needed within class and from TAs but formal interventions will be starting up in the next couple of weeks and parents will be informed. Some continued interventions from last year are already up and running.

Rainbows

We are working out groups for Rainbows – our loss and bereavement support groups. We have already been made aware of some children who may benefit from this support but if you have not been contacted and wish your child to be considered, please let your child's class teacher know or email the office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk for my attention. Parents will be asked to complete a consent form before joining a group.

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 ensure you are aware of your child's google classroom sign-on which should be in their Home School diary so you can access the link that will be posted before the meeting.

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 sessions on Tuesday with Watford FC Education Trust

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

Wednesday: PA Committee meeting 8pm

Thursday: Meet the Teacher (online) 7pm. Access via your child's google classroom – please check you can sign-in before Thursday and let us know if you have any problems.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher