

Dear Parents

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

OCCASIONAL DAY – FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 2021 – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM MONDAY 25 – FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2021

- **2021-22 TERM DATES:** Attached is an updated version for term dates this academic year. Please note the addition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day on Wednesday 20 July 2022. The summer term will therefore finish on Tuesday 19 July 2022.
- **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 full details of 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.
- **YEAR 6 - SECONDARY TRANSFER 2022** – Most of the Year 6 applications for secondary school have been completed. This is the last time we can remind you that the deadline for applications is **31 October 2021** and this date falls in half term. It is advisable to make your online application before the deadline. Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
- **YEAR 6 NETBALL CLUB:** A Year 6 Netball Club will be starting up from **Wednesday 3 November**, which will run each Wednesday after school until 4.20pm. A qualified Netball coach will be coming in to take the sessions, which will be free of charge. Children can sign up for the Y6 Netball Club via the School Gateway system.
- **INDIVIDUAL PUPIL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS:** Braiswick Photographers will be coming to take individual pupil and family group photographs on Thursday 4 November 2021.
- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Due to the popularity of our Breakfast Club, we are now having to close new registrations until the end of this term. This is to ensure that we maintain places for those that need this provision guaranteed.

We also have to give you advance notice that, due to increased costs, we need to increase the daily price of Breakfast Club to **£3.50** from January 2022. We have kept the £3 cost since we opened in 2018 but it is no longer possible to cover the staff and food costs at this rate. We will still be charging less than most other schools and we provide a varied choice and plentiful breakfast for all the children. I hope your children will continue to enjoy Breakfast Club.

If you have any further questions regarding booking places, please contact Mrs East on the office number 01442 253347.

A reminder that Breakfast Club starts at 7.55am. The gate will be open for pupils from 7.50-8.15am. Late arrivals are discouraged but if you are late please telephone **07526076963** to gain access.

- **HARVEST FESTIVAL:** The Harvest Festival Liturgy is today, Wednesday 20 October 2021. The chosen charities we are supporting this year are DENS and the Hemel Food Bank. The charities have indicated that money would be preferable to bringing in food donations. Donations can be

made via the School Gateway. Please make your fundraising payments by **31 October 2021**. It has been suggested to the children that they do an act of kindness or a specific task/job around the house to raise their contribution. Please join us in supporting these very worthy causes in our local community and mark our Harvest celebrations.

- **HERTS CATERING NEW WINTER MENU:** The new Winter Menu will commence after half term. Please follow the link to the school website where you can view the new menu.
<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/parent-information/school-dinners/>

If you would like to make any changes to your child's weekly meal pattern, please ensure you have emailed the office, admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk, by the end of today so we can inform our cook.

- **SUPERMARKET VOUCHER SCHEME FOR CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FSM:** It has been confirmed that Hertfordshire County Council will be providing a £15 digital supermarket voucher for every eligible benefit-related free school meal pupil for the October half-term. Our families that are entitled for their child/children to have FSM have been emailed a digital voucher. Please ensure you use your voucher by the expiry date.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

-  **CHRISTMAS CARDS** 

Please look out for the PA's annual Christmas card project which is going home with pupils today. Once your child has completed their art work at home, send it back into school - you will be contacted with a link to place your order and pay online (no cash or cheques payments). The PA request all art work be sent to school by **10 November** to give time for you to receive orders for posting to family and friends.

This is a lovely way to help raise PA funds as the school receives money for every order placed. Thank you for your support.

- **DOUGHIES PIZZA EVENT – FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021:** Please see the flyer sent in last week's email for details. You can purchase the pizza making kits for £6.50 per child via the School Gateway until Saturday 30 October 2021.

REMINDERS

- **ALL PUPILS - INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION – FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021, 8.30am-12.00pm.** Please complete and sign the consent form for each of your children and return it to school by **Friday 5 November 2021**. (*Letter and Consent Forms sent with 15 & 22.09.2021 emails*)
- **YEAR 6 - ONLINE HEALTH ASSESSMENT – TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021** (*details in 6.10.21 email*)
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** Details of after school clubs that are held at St Cuthbert Mayne School during the Autumn Term 2021 are on our school website.
<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/learning/clubs/>

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Please see attached the following flyers:

Good Shepherd Club – Half Term Children's Holiday Club

Hertfordshire BeeZee Bodies – Free advice about family nutrition and exercise for families

Hertfordshire Constabulary, Halloween Competition

Hertfordshire Constabulary is inviting young people between the ages of 5 and 16 across the county to take part in their online quiz, which aims to help them enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night safely and give a chance to win a fantastic family ticket to The Making of Harry Potter in Leavesden.

The quiz is part of a campaign run during the Halloween and Bonfire Night period, with local councils and the Fire and Rescue Service, to deter anti-social behaviour and make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. To enter the competition, visit www.herts.police.uk/halloween and answer the questions before midnight on Monday 8 November.

If children (and parents) are planning to go trick or treating we ask that you consider the following advice to help you stay safe and not cause distress to others:

Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you.

Don't knock on the doors of strangers

Only visit houses where there are signs that trick or treaters are welcome, such as Halloween decorations and pumpkins outside.

Keep your Halloween 'tricks' safe - damage to property or hurting someone is a crime. Threatening and abusive behaviour can amount to an offence too.

Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark.

Wear something bright so that drivers can see you.

If you are planning on hosting your own firework party make sure you tell all your neighbours, especially those with pets who may be affected by the noise.

Kind regards

School Office