



Newsletter 5
1st October 2021

Dear Parents,

The children met in their Houses this week and voted on the charity each House will support this year. Ideas were suggested by pupils and put in their House box before the meeting. We are proud of the thought and discussion that went into picking a cause to support. Their choices are:

St Catherine – Missing People

St Dominic – Cancer Research

St Martin – Guide Dogs

St Rose – Air Ambulance



Houses will now put information about their chosen charity on the House boards and look at fund-raising activities over the year.

Pictured above are our House Captains receiving their badges and collecting boxes with charity suggestions for the House meetings.

Harvest Festival

Two linked charities that several Houses looked at were Dens and the Food Bank and, as a result, we are planning to support these local causes when we hold our Harvest Festival later this month. We will contact them to see if it is food or money that would be most helpful at this time and come back to you. More details to follow.

Parents Evening

We would like to invite parents to face to face meetings in school on October 19th and October 21st between 5pm and 8pm. It will also give parents a chance to go into their child's classroom and look at all the hard work they have completed this half term. Please note that 5E will be holding their parents evenings on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th October.

Parents will be invited to sign up for a time on our school system **from Wednesday 6th** – details will be in the Wednesday email. The sign up system will be accessed on our website under Virtual Office, Parents evening system. <http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/virtual-office/parent-evening-system/>

Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening for prospective pupils joining us in September 2022. Our pupils are our best ambassadors and will be asking all our Year 6 pupils to join us for this event on the evening of November 18th when they will be asked to give tours. Please could you keep this date free if your child is in Year 6. More details to follow.

School Christmas Production

We are not planning to hold our usual Christmas Production for Year 3 and 4 this year. Our main reason for this is to protect precious teaching time as we work on recovery from missed learning. We also feel that, even though we are not experiencing many cases of Covid, it would be unwise to have a full audience at this time. We will however, be sending a filmed Christmas message to parents, similar to the one produced last year.

Interventions and Nurture Groups

Letters are going out either today or early next week letting parents know if their child is going to have an additional invention this term in reading, writing or maths to ensure they stay on track. Our main emphasis in supporting children this term is within the whole class but we are able to offer this additional help in the afternoons.

There are also letters going out for children who are going to be invited to join a nurture group. These groups are to support the children's well-being and happiness by giving them additional activities and time as a group. We have run these popular sessions in the past and pupils have given up very positive feedback. Please let us know if you do not want your child to participate (if you do get a letter).

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for the very positive response to our RE and Catholic Life questionnaire. 78 families responded. The results of the questionnaire and our feedback is attached.

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	Harry Toner	For showing resilience with his handwriting. Well done.
3Nightingale	Kieran O’Sullivan	For excellent communication with teachers and peers. For working hard in all subjects.
4Jemison	Indie Drew	Always kind and helpful. Peers have awarded her for looking after our planet, being a good friend and flearning.
4Attenborough	Zack Robins	For always being an excellent learner and for sharing his learning with his class friends.
5Mandela	Nasri Davidson-Ali	For his excellent varied and ambitious sentences during English and for his fantastic learning behaviour in all we do.
5Einstein	Lilly-Jane Dougan	For a great start to Year 5. She had a very positive attitude to learning. Thank you and well done.
6Johnson	Samuel Ghebre	For being resilient in his maths learning this week and also for his kindness and understanding to everyone.
6Martin Luther King	Oscar Liddle	For being a fantastic role-model this week in every lesson; demonstrating how we live out our mission statement.

Citizenship Star

Aoife Kelly (4A) for showing great initiative in selling pears from her garden and raising £16.05 which she has decided to put towards the House charity – she is in St Martin so the money will go towards their fund for Guide Dogs.

Covid Update

We have had no new cases confirmed this week. Thank you for taking all possible precautions and keeping us informed. A few children have needed to have PCR tests but our community’s actions have helped there be as little disruption to school life as possible.

Our full guidance is on the website:

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

Reminders for this week:

Monday: Rosary Liturgy – all classes

Orchestra Practice

5M – remember your swimming kit on Tuesday

5E – remember your swimming kit for Wednesday

Year 6 Positive Minds sessions on Tuesday with Watford FC Education Trust

Year 3 Football on a Friday also with Watford FC Education Trust

Yr6 Sports Ambassadors day on **Thursday** – Hatfield (4 pupils)

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher