

Dear Parents

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- **OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2021, 5.00pm-7.00pm:** Please would all pupils that have volunteered to help at our Open Evening tomorrow arrive in school uniform and access the building via the upper playground and into the hall at the following times:
Y6 Group 1 – 4.55-6.00pm
Y6 Group 2 – 5.50-7.00pm
Y3-5 pupils supporting in their classrooms should come in at 4.55pm and be picked up at 6.50pm.
All pupils should be picked up from the upper playground steps that lead to the school hall.

A talk from Mrs Smith, Headteacher, featuring several of our pupils, is now available to view on the school website together with the updated school prospectus.

<https://vimeo.com/646846415/602a454b52>

- **GOVERNORS FUND:** Please see the attached letter from Ms Maria Butchart, Chair of Governors, regarding the Governors' Building Fund. Also attached are the Standing Order and Gift Aid Form for parents wishing to support the maintenance of the school building.
- **GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES:** St Cuthbert Mayne's Governing Body is looking to recruit three governors to the Governing Body. We have vacancies for two governors and one Foundation governor. A Foundation governor must be a practising Catholic and is appointed by the Archbishop, further information and details of the application process are attached to this email. We also have vacancies for two other governors and these are open to anyone. If you or someone you know would be interested in improving the opportunities for children and working as a team please contact Mrs Deane, Clerk to the Governors, at the school for further information. A description of the role of a governor is attached to this email and training will be provided.
- **FOOTBALL MATCH CANCELLED:** Potten End School have cancelled the football match due to take place on Tuesday 23rd November.
- **INDIVIDUAL PUPIL AND FAMILY GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS:** Proofs were sent home with the children last Thursday. Orders should be placed online directly to Braiswick Photographers www.braiswick.co.uk/orders For those who are sending in cash or cheque payments, please return your order envelope to the school office by 22 November.
- **CHILDREN IN NEED:** Our Chaplaincy team will be presenting a Children in Need liturgy on **Friday 19 November 2021** and have proposed that we have a dress down day with the theme of dressing gowns/slippers/or pyjamas to complete our Feeling Good Week. They are also asking for a **£1** donation to Children in Need which can be paid on the School Gateway. Please remember that children should wear school shoes to school and, if choosing pyjamas, underwear.
- **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER – THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2021:** Pupils who do not normally have a school meal on a Thursday are able to book the Christmas Dinner as an option on the School Gateway. Please do not book the Christmas meal if your child normally has a meal on a Thursday as they will automatically be included in the numbers. Please see the attached letter for details. There are three actions:

1. If your child normally has a packed lunch on a THURSDAY and you would like them to have the Christmas meal, please book and pay on the School Gateway by
2. If your child doesn't normally have school meals and you need to notify the school of a food allergy/intolerance, please email the office and we will give you a Herts Catering Ltd allergy form to complete.
3. For all pupils – if you would like your child to have the **vegetarian** Christmas meal option please email the office, admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk, as the cook requires numbers in advance.

Please note that the normal Thursday meal option that week will be switched to the Wednesday.

- **YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY TO PGL - JULY 2022:** A letter regarding the Year 6 School Journey to PGL Liddington will be sent separately.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Please see the attached flyer which gives full details of the PA Christmas Raffle with the list of prizes you could win. Tickets can be purchased on the School Gateway.
- **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS PANTOMIME AT THE ALBAN ARENA SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2021 6PM PERFORMANCE:** Tickets for the pantomime were sent home with pupils on Monday of this week.

ADMISSIONS

- **JUNIOR ADMISSIONS 2022:** Follow the link for information on the application process and to apply www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

The online application system opened on 1 November 2021 and the closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

If you are applying for a school place to St Cuthbert Mayne School for Year 3 September 2022, please also submit a Supplementary Information Form and supporting documentation to the school by **15 January 2022**. Please ensure you complete the SIF for 2022-2023.

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Final-2022-23-Admissions-Policy.pdf>

- **CONSULTATION ON ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2023-24:**

St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2023/24 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed admission arrangements for 2023-24 are available on our website <https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2023-24-Admissions-Policy-including-SIF-For-Consultation.pdf>

Further details on the consultation process are available on the Hertfordshire CC admissions website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2023

The proposed changes are:

1. To withdraw the oversubscription criteria for a Certificate of Catholic Practice

The consultation period runs from 1 November 2021 - 12 December 2021. Please send your comments regarding the proposals to the school direct at admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/parent-information/school-dinners/>

REMINDERS

- **ALL PUPILS - INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION – FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021, 8.30am-12.00pm**
- **YEAR 6 - ONLINE HEALTH ASSESSMENT – TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021**

LOCAL COMMUNITY

JFK Admission Policy Consultation

The governing body of John F Kennedy Catholic School is putting the 2023-24 Admissions Policy and documentation out for consultation between 1st November 2021 – 12th December 2021.

Please visit their website to view the documentation - <https://jfk.herts.sch.uk/key-information/admissions-policy>

St Rose's Catholic Infant School Admission Policy Consultation

St. Rose's Catholic Infant School is consulting on Admissions Arrangements for 2023-24. The draft policy can be found at [Admissions | St Rose's Catholic Infant School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://secure-primariesite.net) and we welcome any feedback or comments directed for the attention of: Dr Sarah Kelly, Chair of the Governing Board, c/o The School Office St Rose's Catholic Infant School, Green End Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1QW. The consultation will run from the 1st November to the 12th December 2021.

Kind regards
School Office