



Newsletter 12
26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a delight to welcome Fr Brian into 5Mandela this week. The children were delighted to have the opportunity to ask questions and our thanks to Fr Brian for giving them the time to explore the life of a priest and ask all those things they had wondered about but not had the opportunity to ask. Fr Brian will be visiting other classes later in the term and next term.

Next Tuesday is the Feast Day of St Cuthbert Mayne and Fr Brian will be celebrating Mass in school. Year 4 will be leading Mass with Year 5 also present while other classes will join remotely.

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	Rocco Jumnoodo	For noticing others and quietly supporting his peers. Thank you.
3Nightingale	Darcy Dennis	For being enthusiastic about her learning and helpful in class. For taking her role on the School Council very seriously.
4Jemison	Teo Woda	For huge improvements in handwriting and excellent sharing in guided reading.
4Attenborough	Maisy Morton	For her resilience in her times tables and her belief in herself during our WW1 writing.
5Mandela	Eve Wheeler	For epitomising the mission statement in all she does and producing a consistent high standard of work.
5Einstein	Loretta Morgan	For her positive attitude to learning, particularly with her spellings. Well done!
6Johnson	Quentin Kwambai	For his systematic and logical thinking in Maths when finding percentages.
6Martin Luther King	Oscar Wiermiejczuk	For showing a great attitude to his learning this week and always giving of his best.

Sports News and Fixtures

The Year 6 Girls' Football team played their second league match at Hobletts Manor last Friday and came away with an impressive 3-0 win. Two of the goals were scored by Scarlett Barber and one by Harper Cowman-Daly. Well done on a great team effort.

The girls' football match with St Alberts that was recently postponed has now been rearranged for Thursday 2nd December at home.

During Feeling Good Week, all classes took part in an inter-house Benchball tournament (basically, netball with benches). Four points were given to a winning house in each class, three points for second place and so on. The overall result was: St Dominic 23 points, St Rose 21, St Martin 19, St Catherine 17. Congratulations to St Dominic's for winning the first ever Benchball tournament.

Covid Update

We had had an outbreak of Covid in one class this week with seven positive cases. As a result of an initial five positives (LFT/PCRs), Parents of this class were requested to take their children to have PCR tests and our thanks for your co-operation with this. As a result it picked up two asymptomatic cases. We have instigated our Covid Outbreak Plan (on our website) and the class has been able to stay open for pupils not affected. There are currently four other positive cases that are from different classes and not linked.

We send out best wishes to those who are affected and, if they have symptoms, hope they make a speedy recovery.

The cases have also underlined the importance of being vigilant and not sending your child to school if they are unwell. In addition, we request that if a family member has Covid, please do not send your child into school until they have had the result of a PCR test – that is negative. This helps us prevent further spread.

Messages to the office

This has been a busy week for our office staff dealing with a variety of absences and it has promoted the following request:

Please could absences (and their reasons) be emailed to admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk or a message left on the ansaphone 01442 253347 by 8.30am.

Lateness

We are getting a small number of children arriving late for registration – 8.55am. It tends to be the same children (and not children delayed by dropping off at St Rose's). Please could these families try to leave that bit earlier each day so that their children can benefit from the start of learning from 8.55am. While the gates officially open at 8.45am, they are normally opened a few minutes earlier for children to enter their classrooms.

Christmas Raffle

Our Parents Association Committee has come up with the great idea of running a St Cuthbert Mayne Christmas Raffle as we will not be able to have parents attending the Christmas production this year. This is a great way to raise funds that will go to enriching opportunities in school when our usual ways are not available. Tickets are on sale via the School Gateway.

They are £2 for 1 strip; £5 for 3 strips and £10 for 6 strips. The raffle closes on December 9th with a "live" draw on 15th December. There are lots of prizes – please see flyer attached.

Christmas Video

The Year 4s are preparing a Christmas "show" that will be videoed on December 8th and be available before the end of term. Year 3s will be joining in with some Christmas songs.

The video will be shared via a private vimeo link sent to parents.

If you do not want your child to be videoed it is important that you let us know as soon as possible. Your child will still be able to take part but not be filmed.

Gadebridge Junior Park Run

We have St Cuthbert Mayne parents who are helping organise the Junior Park Run in Gadebridge Park each Sunday morning at 9am. It is a 2km run for 4 – 14 year olds or all capabilities and it is free. It is not a race and children can earn wristbands as they build up distances over the weeks. Parents can run with their children. It is a great way to get some exercise and see some familiar faces. Anyone who is interested is asked to come along at 8:50 on a Sunday, meeting by the adventure playground.

Charity action

Well done to Darcy Dennis for joining her family and friends to help raise money for Bliss (babies born premature or sick) charity last weekend. Darcy, her sister Lola and several ex St Cuthbert Mayne familiar faces walked from Watford Hospital to Hemel and have so far raised £1,299. A fantastic effort. Darcy also received a Citizenship Star for her actions.



Have a good weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher