



Newsletter 15
17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It really is starting to feel like Christmas this week, especially with our Christmas lunch and the children in their Christmas jumpers. The children enjoyed the crackers and festive music during their roast meal. Our thanks to our cook, Mrs Harbord, her team and all our staff who helped make it a special occasion. Thank you for your generosity in helping raise £219 for the Catholic Children's Society.

Please could I appeal to parents to be mindful of not sending their child into school next week if they are a close contact of anyone with Covid-19, even if they have had a negative LFT. We are so conscious that we do not want to put families and staff at risk in the last few days of term and Omicron is a much more infectious variant. If your child is off for Covid-related reasons, it will not count on their attendance records. Please report any absences to the office as usual, preferably by email.

For January, the government are now advising that children from the age of 5 should take LFTs daily when they are a close contact. This is the link for ordering LFTs <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> if you want to be prepared should the need arise.

School Life

Year 6 met up with their Year 3 buddies yesterday for a reading activity in the hall – it was very special to see the positive interaction between the two year groups as well as the sharing of books.



It was also the turn of Year 6 to spend time with our Parish Priest Fr Brian. Year 6 asked him a series of very thoughtful and challenging questions and then accompanied him to lunch. Our thanks to Fr Brian. Next term he will be spending time with Year 3 and Year 4.



PA Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Raffle and to our committee for organising such a successful event. Your participation and generosity has helped raise £649 via the school gateway. The prizes looked amazing. If you want to find out if you were a lucky winner they are listed at the end of the newsletter. Prizes will be given out via class or at pick-up today – please see Mr McKinnon for collection of larger prizes.

Class Christmas Parties

The children need to bring in a small nut free snack and a drink on Monday. All pupils will be watching a Christmas film/activity in their classroom during the afternoon. School uniform should be worn.

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	Asher Umobuarie	For his outstanding effort with Times Table Rock Stars this term. Keep up the hard work.
3Nightingale	Benji Coles	For his fantastic attitude to learning and for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class.
4Jemison	Libby Topping	For being a kind and thoughtful learning partner and for her excellent creative sewing of a decoration.
4Attenborough	Jonathan Eder	For not only being an excellent learner but for being a kind learning partner. He is inspiring us all to be a good friend.
5Mandela	Thomas Garcia-Tonello	For his outstanding enthusiasm and contributions when making pop-up Christmas books in DT. Well done.
5Einstein	Tobi Schofield	He is a delightful member of our class, so very kind and helpful to his classmates.
6Johnson	Joshua Dowie	For trying his hardest this week in his learning, particularly his verbal reasoning in Maths when using our base facts.
6Martin Luther King	Eliza Gavin	For being such a helpful and thoughtful member of the class. She is always offering help to others.

Head teachers awards

Henry Scambler (6J) – for a brilliantly composed poem on Robert Snooks

Alexander Harris (6MLK) – for outstanding effort, particularly in the last two weeks

Violin success

Congratulations to Hannah Young, Ciara Corkery and Teo Woda who all passed their initial violin external exam. Hannah and Ciara achieved Merits and Teo distinction. Well done and I hope we will see you all soon in the school orchestra.

Covid Update

Thank you to our parents for their vigilance and adherence to our guidance. As a result we have a low level of Covid-19 cases at the moment. Currently, we have one child off with Covid and three awaiting PCR test results. Please note my message at the top of this newsletter as we move into the last few days of term.

A copy of our parent guidance is on our website:

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SCM-Parents-guidance-Nov-2021.pdf>

Staffing changes

We are saying thank you and a fond farewell next week to Mrs Liz de Jong who works in our office on a Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. We wish her all the best for the future.

Holiday schemes

APEX running a Holiday Club at St Cuthbert Mayne on selected days over the Christmas holidays (and all school holidays). Please see their website for information: WWW.APEX360.CO.UK/BOOKINGS

Kings Langley Secondary school have recently joined forces with Watford FC CSE Trust to run holiday schemes at the school starting in the February Half term and they are seeking interest from parents. The scheme will be open to boys and girls aged 6-12 with the potential of it to be increased to 13 years if there is sufficient interest.

<https://forms.office.com/r/WJ88uC7Uw3>

Please could I remind parents that we finish early on the last day of term (Tuesday).

Children will be coming out:

Year 3 – 1.30

Year 4 – 1.35

Year 5 – 1.40

Year 6 – 1.45

For those families who will not be with us at the end of term, I wish you good health and a happy and holy Christmas.

Children will not be given set homework for the holidays as they do deserve a proper break after a long term in which they have worked hard. I would, however, suggest that they continue to read regularly – either listening to stories or reading them to others. Teachers have posted ideas on Google Classroom if children do want to keep up with times tables, My Maths etc should they wish to.

Have a restful and peaceful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher

St Cuthbert Mayne Christmas Raffle Prizes!

LIST OF WINNERS

Prize	Winner	Taken to School
Christmas Hamper	Conor Gavin - 6MLK	Yes
Multifunction Electric Cooker	Aoife Amel-Kelly 4A	Yes
Compact Stand Mixer	Hugo Marskell 3N	Yes
Vintage Oak Vodka	Luke Daniels - 6J	Yes
Photographic Session Voucher	Aoife Amel-Kelly 4A	Yes
Voucher for the Entertainer	Oscar Wiermiejczuk 6MLK	Yes
Lancome 1	Katie Allen - 6J	Yes
Lancome 2	Jasmine Caparelli - 4J	Yes
Prada bag	Aidan Murphy - 3	Yes
Burberrys Bag	Ivy Feighery - 3N	Yes
Lacoste Bag	Una Jones 4J	Yes
Body Shop Beauty Gift	Hana Sabota - 4J	Yes
Nando's Voucher	Holly Corr - 6MLK	Yes
Tesco Confectionary Gift	Una Jones 4J	Yes
Holiday Voucher from Game on	Stanley Mohan Wo 5E	Yes
Ballet Lesson Voucher - JMDS	Ethan Mchugh 6J	Yes
DJ Park Softplay Voucher	Eve Wheeler - 5M	Yes
Dinosaour activity bag	Jake Joseph 4A	Yes
Toy Story activity bag	Adam Bowers 5E	Yes

