



Newsletter 19
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We had a lovely surprise when our trophies for Overall District Cross Country champions and the Boys District champions were finally presented to the school. The event took place in November at Longdean.



Dear Parents and Carers,

The relaxation of Government restrictions on Covid-19 comes at a time when we as a school have the highest number of cases in the last two years. As a result, we will continue with our guidance as set out on our website. <https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/SCM-Parents-guidance-Jan-2022-V4.pdf>

However, the cases we have in school are fairly evenly spread across the school at present with no more than two cases in any one class indicating that the spread of Covid is not generally spreading within school. This has been helped by our policy that children who have other family members with covid isolating. More than half those isolating for this reason have gone on to contract covid but the spread has been contained. Thank you for your help with this. It has made it possible to keep the school running as normal as possible. Those needing to isolate are receiving work from their class teachers. To give you some perspective, we currently have ten positive cases with a similar number isolating.

Please use the table below if you are in doubt of actions to take.

Situation	Action	Isolation
Your child has symptoms and tests positive on a LFT	Take next day as Day 1 of isolation.	10 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and morning of day 6. If both LFTs are negative child can return on day 6.
Your child is non-symptomatic but tests positive on a LFT	Taking next day as Day 1 of isolation.	10 days isolation unless negative LFT on day 5 and morning of day 6. If both LFTs are negative child can return on day 6.
Your child is a close contact (ie someone in your household) of a person with a positive LFT or PCR test.	Take next day following initial close contact as Day 1 of isolation. If later child has a positive LFT, isolation period starts again – next day Day 1.	Five days isolation – taking LFT on day 5 and 6. Return day 6. If a positive LFT in the 5 days, start isolation again.
Your child has had Covid in the last six weeks and is now a close contact of someone with Covid	Take daily LFT and, if negative, continue to attend school.	No isolation, unless positive LFT.
You do not have enough lateral flow tests	Apply via government website / get code and collect from Pharmacy.	You need to continue isolation for full 10 days (no early release).

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	Amelie Elliott	For her contribution in class this week that shows her growing confidence and the progress she is making.
3Nightingale	Daniel Wheeler	For his amazing effort in English this week – writing about our Shakespeare play.
4Jemison	Nicole Wiermiejczuk	For her wonderful achievements in Maths, working hard in her Reading; and for always being kind and friendly.
4Attenborough	Evie Macpherson	For her fantastic approach to learning and always trying her best – especially her writing, times tables and swimming.
5Mandela	Mabel Goodwin	For her outstanding work in English and her always thoughtful and kind nature shown in all that she does.
5Einstein	Victoria Rennie	For being a lovely member of the class. She is caring towards others and shows such a positive attitude to learning.
6Johnson	Amelie Carberry	For always epitomising the school's mission statement and being an excellent role model to her peers.
6Martin Luther King	Harper Cowman-Daly	For her fantastic English work this week and her helpful contributions to our class writing sessions.

Head Teacher's awards

Nasri Davidson-Ali and Mabel Goodwin (5M) – for a wonderful, collaborative written dialogue between a walrus and a seal as part of their work on life cycles.

PA News - Happy Bags

The PA is organising a Happy Bag collection for Friday 11th February so if you are planning a clear out, now is a good time! We are suggesting that bags can be left on the Thursday night (also parent consultation night). More details to follow but I believe it is mainly clothes that are requested for the bags.

Date for the diary: 25.3.21: Mothers' Day Gift sale and a second-hand book sale.

Sports Fixtures and Events

The Boys' Year 6 Football team travelled to Lime Walk School on Thursday and came away with a convincing 7-1 victory. It wasn't all plain sailing as we led just 1-0 at half time with a Luke McNamee strike, but the floodgates opened in the second half. Luke added three more to his tally while Samuel Ghebre and James Sweeney notched one each. The seventh was an own goal.

Well done to our Year 4 girls who took part in a Watford FC Trust football tournament today in Watford. The team of Hannah Y, Sofia G, Olivia, Evie M, Darcie, Indie, Libby and Rosie were up against tough opposition but managed to win one of their five games. This was a great achievement considering they had not played as a team before. Well done to Rosie for scoring a penalty and Olivia for scoring a winning goal.



Boys' Football Fixtures

Friday 4th February - Home to St Mary's

Tuesday 8th March - Away to Potten End

Thursday 24th February - Year 6 Slam Jam Basketball Tournament - After School at Longdean.

Wednesday 9th March - Year 4 and Year 6 Girls' Football Tournaments at Longdean - Daytime

Wednesday 16th March - Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival at Camelot - Morning

Tuesday 29th March - Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament at Kings Langley - Daytime

Wednesday 30th March - Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament at Kings Langley - Daytime

Community News

Well done to Sophie O'Callaghan for joining her mother in helping raise money for the Epilepsy Society. One in 100 people are living with epilepsy in Britain and around 87 people are diagnosed with it every day in the UK. There are more than 40 different types of epilepsy. Sophie's mother has epilepsy and is taking part in the Epilepsy Society fundraising by walking 100 miles in 100 days. Sophie has joined Elaine on part of this journey and wanted to raise awareness. I believe they are half way through the challenge. If you want to support Elaine this is the donation link: https://givepenny.com/elaine_phelan_challenge_100

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for an administration assistant in our office. It is a part time role for three mornings a week. A job description and application details are on Teach in Herts: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,administration-welfare-assistant_70089.htm

Our vacancy for a caretaker/site manager closes on February 2nd. The link for details on this job is: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,caretakersite-manager_69623.htm .

Parent Consultations

Sign up for Parent consultations is now open via the website (see Wednesday email for instructions if needed) on February 8th and 10th in school between 5 – 8pm.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher