



## Newsletter 20 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 treated the whole school to a beautiful Service of Light assembly this morning. Year 3 and 4 were in the Hall with the rest of the school joining remotely.

Each class shared their personal mission for how they will be a child of the light, pictured right is an example from 5E's Niamh Cooper.

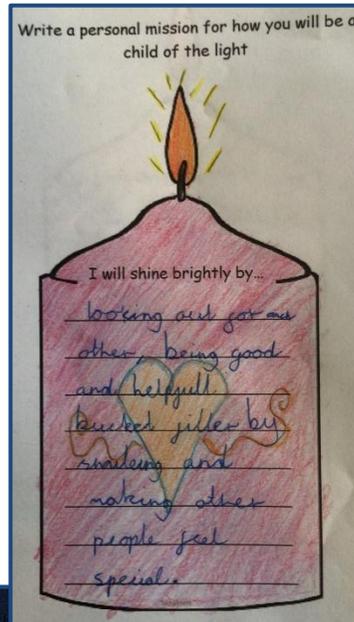
Pictured below are the children who read the book *Can't You Sleep, Little Bear* by Martin Waddell and Barbara Firth – a beautiful book that resonated with all.

Together with Scripture readings, singing and prayers it was a lovely occasion and good preparation for those making their First Holy

Communion this year. These children will also be making their First Reconciliation next week in school with Father Brian joining us on Monday (3A) and Friday (3N). Children in other year groups who are making their First Communion this Spring will be invited to join us.

### Parent Consultations

These take place in school on Tuesday and Thursday between 5pm and 8pm. Please use the parent car park and walk along the Year 3 pathway to the main school entrance where you will be welcomed by our Governors. Please note that this is for parents only and we do not have childcare facilities for children. If you have not made an appointment yet please do contact our office as soon as possible.



## Happy Bags

The PA have organised a Happy Bag collection – bags of clothes for which we are paid per kilo. It is a useful fund-raising event – details of what can go in the bags was in the Wednesday email. Bags went out this week and can be returned on Thursday after school; at the front entrance on Thursday evening (parents evening); or on Friday morning.

## 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	<b>Evie Beck</b>	For her fantastic love of reading and pleasing progress. She is always caring.
3Nightingale	<b>Jake Fordyce</b>	For his brilliant effort in this learning and his enthusiasm and enjoyment of singing in assemblies.
4Jemison	<b>Zak Harper</b>	He is kind, happy, hardworking and is making wonderful progress in every subject.
4Attenborough	<b>Jude Morten</b>	For his hard work, determination and creativity this half term – especially showing understanding in his Shakespeare writing.
5Mandela	<b>Poppy White</b>	For showing resilience and determination in Maths this week and for being the lead speller on Squeebles this week.
5Mandela	<b>The whole class</b>	For their brilliant learning behaviour and being a delight to teach this week despite the absence of their class teacher.
5Einstein	<b>Georgie Garnham</b>	For being a little ray of light in our classroom, always smiling, hardworking and cheerful. Thank you.
6Johnson	<b>Angelina Ambridge</b>	For her fantastic writing this week and her continued progress with her reading. She is working so hard – keep it up!
6Martin Luther King	<b>Madeline Murphy</b>	For her outstanding writing as Macbeth, which beautifully portrays all of his thoughts and feelings.

## Sports Fixtures and Events

Boys' Football Fixtures

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

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be participating in the Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> The theme this year is *Growing Together* which fits in with our Mission Statement perfectly.

This is also a good time to share the Watford FC Sports and Education Trust's Parent Guide on Positive Minds (attached). Year 6 took part in Positive Minds last term but other parents might also find this an interesting and useful read.

### Covid-19 Update

School life has continued as normal this week despite some staff and pupil absences. The level of positive cases remains consistent – with 10 positive cases and 7 possibles. We have several classes with no positive cases and just one with four cases. Please continue to follow our parent guidance as this is really helping to avoid spread within school.

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/SCM-Parents-guidance-Jan-2022-V4.pdf>

Our at a glance table of what action to take is below.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith  
Head Teacher

Situation	Action	Isolation
<b>Your child has symptoms and tests positive on a LFT</b>	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.
<b>Your child is non-symptomatic but tests positive on a LFT</b>	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.
<b>Your child is a close contact (ie someone in your household) of a person with a positive LFT or PCR test.</b>	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.
<b>Your child has had Covid in the last six weeks and is now a close contact of someone with Covid</b>	Take daily LFT and, if negative, continue to attend school.	No isolation, unless positive LFT.
<b>You do not have enough lateral flow tests</b>	Apply via government website / get code and collect from Pharmacy.	You need to continue isolation for full 10 days (no early release).