



**Newsletter 23**  
**4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week with the start of Lent, World Book Day, sports events, PA initiatives and updated parent guidance on Covid-19 – please ensure you read about important changes further down the newsletter. We also had the good news, announced in the Wednesday email, of the Governors' appointment of the new Head from September, Mr Alex Sallis. We look forward to giving him a very warm welcome back to St Cuthbert Mayne in his new role.

**5 Einstein Ash Wednesday Liturgy**



Thank you to 5 Einstein for leading a beautiful liturgy for the start of Lent on Wednesday. Our growing Orchestra provided excellent accompaniment for the singing by Year 5 and Year 3 in the Hall with other classes joining remotely. All classes presented their Lenten Promise and every child has been presented with a Diocese's Lent Charity box to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society. This is charity provides amazing support to families in

need in locally and throughout Westminster Diocese. These should be returned after Easter. At the end of the liturgy, all children received Ashes.

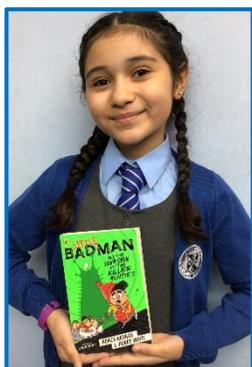
## Lenten Bunting

The PA are leading an initiative to provide Lenten Bunting – with children's Lenten Promises to be displayed both in our churches and in school. We have done this before and it has been wonderful to see the children's designs and Lenten promises displayed. The template for the flag has been in the Wednesday email on 23.02.22 but the instructions for payment of a £1 donation have changed. Any cash donation should be put in the collection box at the parent entrance together with the flag either in the morning or at pick-up. Most importantly we want to get lots of flags to display. The collection box will be outside daily until March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached flyer with template for the children.

## World Book Day

Our PA were very much involved in this popular day, launching an initiative with the school to boost class libraries with suggested new books using Amazon. It has already reaped an instant benefit to the children with books pouring in today! Thank you. We understand that some families had trouble accessing the links so we have put them in the accompanying email for this newsletter.

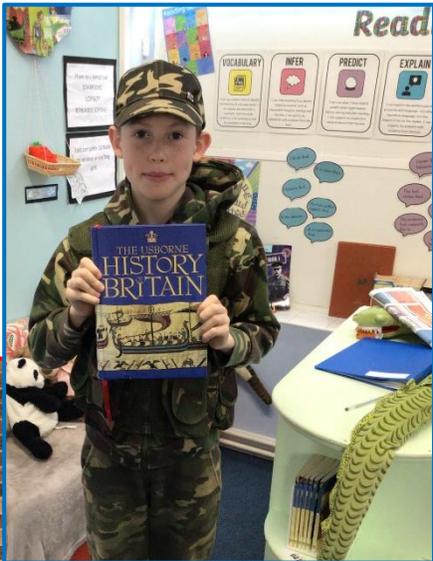
Thank you to those who have also donated cash to put towards books on the list. It all helps to encourage our children to value and enjoy reading.



Pictured are just some of the books purchased yesterday – already delivered to school! Thank you for your wonderful contributions which can be enjoyed immediately. Stickers to note the child donating will go in the front of the book.



The children (and staff) had a great day dressing up yesterday and taking part in class activities to make World Book Day.





### 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>Violet Kirby</b>	For her positive attitude to learning and for settling quickly for lessons.
3Nightingale	<b>Harry Grinham</b>	For his excellent attitude to learning and his brilliant reasoning in Maths.
4Jemison	<b>Conor Prendegast</b>	He always completes thoughtful, up-levelled homework on time. He is consistently kind, helpful and cheerful.
4Attenborough	<b>Ethan Lockwood</b>	For his enthusiasm and attitude to learning. He is also an especially kind and helpful learning partner.
5Mandela	<b>Ryan Hibberd</b>	For always challenging himself to do his very best in all his lessons.
5Einstein	<b>Ariella Mensah-Roberts</b>	For making a great effort with handwriting since half-term and for singing so beautifully at the liturgy this week. Well done.
6Johnson	<b>Finn Kelly</b>	For his enthusiasm and love of reading during World Book Day, especially whilst writing our own stories.
6Martin Luther King	<b>Amaia Grant</b>	For her attitude to learning over the last two weeks; it has been fantastic to see her really challenging herself.

### Headteacher awards

**Lucas Merlino (6MLK)** – for his excellent expressive and well written balanced argument themed on Macbeth.

**Amelie Carberry (6J)** – for an outstanding descriptive story inspired by a class World Book Day activity – Character Soup. Amelie also drew the character Mike (pictured here) that inspired the story. A true author and illustrator.

**Scarlett Barber (6MLK)** – for the most beautiful and thoughtful prayer written in the class Prayer book.



## Sports Fixtures and Events

The Year 6 Girls' football team took part in the Watford FC Community 6-a-side tournament last Tuesday at the Watford FC domed training ground.

We were placed into a very tough group with exceptional ability in all teams. In our six games, we managed to win one but lost the other five despite great resilience and attitude.

Luck was not on our side either, especially in one game, where a creditable 1-1 draw was snatched away from us in the last second by a cruel deflection.

We also played two friendly matches during gaps in play and drew both. Well done to all the girls for a long day. They fully deserved their medals of participation after completing eight very competitive ten-minute matches.



**Please note:** The Year 6 and Year 4 girls' football tournaments on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March have been cancelled.

**Additional Football fixture:** Boys' 'B' team match - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March v Two Waters (away).  
There will be no football training on this night.

### Other forthcoming fixtures:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 Boys' football match - Away v Southill (Football Club cancelled)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Boys' Football match - Away v Potten End

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 and 6 Girls' football tournaments at Longdean - (Morning)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Y3 Rugby Festival (mixed) - Morning at Camelot.

- Y6 Girls' Netball match - Home v George Street

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 6 Girls Netball match - Home v Galley Hill

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament - at Kings Langley - Daytime

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament - Kings Langley - Daytime.

### Please note changes to our Covid-19 Guidance

From this Monday, we have changed some of the pick-up times as follows:

Pupil end of day times	
Time	Group
3.15pm	Year 3
3.15pm	Year 4
3.20pm	Year 5
3.20pm	Year 6

This will create additional congestion in the car park and playground and for this reason **we are keeping the one way system in the playground.** Year 4 will be picked up from the lower

side of the playground and Year 3 from similarly positions currently used. Year 5 will be at either end of the playground and Year 6 between them.

If families are in a position to park and stride, this could be a less stressful and enjoyable end to the day with exercise. However, children (other than Year 6s who have permission) will still need to be picked up in the playground.

The full updated Parent Guidance is on our website (under parent information/Covid updates): <https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/SCM-Parents-guidance-Mar-2022-V5.pdf> Please do refer to this document.

We have had new cases of Covid-19 this week – pupils and staff - and would remind parents not to send their child to school if a member of the household is testing positive. These absences (self-isolating) will not affect a child’s attendance figures. However, those testing positive will now be marked as ill.

We are taking a step-by-step return to normality while keeping those changes that have been helpful to everyone. Covid-19 is still in our community.

Further guidance on the 5 day isolation is set out in our parent guidance and our guidelines remain the same:

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. Otherwise need negative tests on two consecutive days.
<b>Your child is a close contact of a household member 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).

Thank you for your continued co-operation as we move into a new phase. With your help, disruption to education has been kept to a minimum and we want to keep it that way.

We keep the people of Ukraine firmly in our thoughts and prayers this week as they go through unimaginable hardship and displacement. I have had a request from a Year 6 pupil asking if we can have a non-uniform day next Friday with a recommended donation for £1 to raise money for those who have suffered and been made homeless by the war. I think that is an excellent idea so we will have a non-uniform next Friday.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes

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