

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a wonderful summer.

A special welcome to our new families, we hope you find our Wednesday Email helpful and informative.

The Wednesday Email gives you details of school events/activities; reminders; Parent Association events and also local Community information. There will be documents attached for your reference and links to follow.

CLOVER WAY

When the school was built in the 1960s there were no doubt far less cars about and placing a school entrance at the end of a narrow residential cul-de-sac did not present any major problems. However, 60 years later there are considerably more vehicles, and Clover Way is a far from ideal location for a school entrance. Wherever possible, we would encourage families to walk to school. If this is not possible, please use the shared car park on the other side of the school building to avoid restricting access to and from Clover Way for emergency vehicles, residents and staff, and more importantly to reduce the risk to pedestrians, many of whom are children from one of the four schools in the immediate vicinity. Thank you for helping everyone remain safe at drop off and pick up each day.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- **ARBOR PARENT PORTAL FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS, EMAILS AND SCHOOL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM:**

For new parents – You would have been sent a link to activate your account.

If you have any problems please contact Mrs East, [School Office](#).

- **SCHOOL MEALS:** The current daily rate is £2.70 for a school meal, and if your child has a meal every day the weekly amount is £13.50. The cost of meals is currently being reviewed by Herts Catering and maybe increased during the academic year.

As you are aware, the school is not allowed to carry debt for parents therefore please ensure your child's meal account is in credit at all times.

- **SCHOOL MEALS/PAKED LUNCHES:** Please ensure you inform the school office in writing if your child would like to change their school meal pattern to enable us to give the correct number to our school cook. Please remember we are a 'nut free' school as we have pupils with nut allergies. Therefore, do not give your child any foods containing nuts in their packed lunch. Children may bring in a piece of fruit for their morning snack.
- **HERTS CATERING MENU:** Herts Catering are continuing with the current menu for the time being. The first week back is Week 2 Menu. You can view the menu on the school website.

- **TIES, IRON-ON BADGES AND PENS:** You are able to order a school tie @ £3.30, iron-on badges in multiples of 2 @ £3.00 and pens in multiples of 2 @ £2.00 all via the Arbor Parent Portal. Once payment is confirmed, the items will be given to your child to bring home.
- **PE KIT:** Please follow the link to purchase the new school PE kit directly from the [supplier](#)
- **NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE:** If your child is absent from school because of illness, please ensure you telephone or email the [office](#) before 8.30am. Please ensure you give full details of symptoms along with your child's full name and class. There is an answerphone facility for you to leave a message for out of office hours (Office open 8.30am-4.00pm). The office staff also need to be made aware of any medical appointments your child will be attending. If you require authorisation from the Headteacher for absence due to Exceptional circumstances, please complete a Leave of Absence Request form available on the school website.
- **CLUBS**
APEX clubs for this term are going live on their [website](#) today, Please see their flyer attached.

Kew Dance will be offering a street dance club. Please see the information attached.

Miss Godino will also be running our school football and netball clubs as well as a multi-sports club after school. Please see the attached document for further information. The first week will be a free trial sessions which can be booked through clubs/activities section on Arbor.

Pupils attending any after school clubs should be collected from the playground as normal at 16:30.

- **SECONDARY TRANSFER: Parents of Year 6 pupils**
Please refer to Hertfordshire guide when applying to secondary schools for 2023. The online application system opened on 1 September 2022 and the deadline for applications is 31 October 2022. Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
All school based information is accessible through the updates and extended online schools directory at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory
- **MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF YEAR 4 PUPILS**
Year 4 teachers are in the early stages of planning a Year 4 visit to Whipsnade Zoo on the 4th of October. In the first instance to get the best price we need to know if you have zoo membership. Children with membership cards will get the entrance fee part of the trip deducted. To facilitate the correct invoice we need to know by Monday 12th September via a message in the Home-School diary. You will need to bring the membership card to school by Monday 3rd October.
- **YEAR 5 SWIMMING**
Swimming for 5 Einstein commences next Tuesday 13th September and 5 Mandela next Wednesday 14th September. Please ensure that you have processed payment through the Arbour Parent Portal for your child to attend.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES:

Welcome Mass: Monday 19th September @ 9:00am

Curriculum Evenings: Tuesday 20th September @ 7:00pm

Parent consultations: Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October from 5:30 - 8:00pm

Open Evening: Tuesday 15th November @ 7:00pm

COME WORK WITH US

Please see the details for an opportunity to join our team as a member of support staff on [Teach in Herts](#). Applications are welcome up until Friday 16th September.

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- **Garden Party** – The Hospice of St Francis, please see flyer attached.
- **DSPL** - Please refer to the following link for information on Parent Courses for Autumn 2022
<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Dacorum-Parenting-Course-Brochure-Autumn-2022.pdf>
- **Orchestra Workshop Day**, Sunday 25 September, please see attached poster.

Kind regards

Mrs D East Office Administrator

Mrs M Seabrook and Ms T Maloney Admin Assistants

School Office