

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 14 DECEMBER 2022

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

All communication on school life and events will be communicated weekly through this Wednesday email. We hope you find this email useful and can use it as a quick reference to what is happening at school. The Wednesday Emails are also saved on the school website should you need to refer to previous communications.

- **CHRISTMAS PARTY/MOVIE AFTERNOON**

On Tuesday 20th December, in the afternoon, each class will be having some Christmas fun. We would like to invite each child to bring in a small snack and drink to enjoy at some point during the afternoon. Please remember we are a nut free school and to protect others please do not bring in any items containing nuts. We would also ask that the drink is not a fizzy drink. Thank you.

- **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAINCY TEAM.**

Thank you everyone for getting involved so enthusiastically with our collection for DENS this Christmas. We hope the children have enjoyed taking part in a reverse advent calendar in their classrooms. Our donations are going to be collected and taken to DENS on the morning of Tuesday 20th December so if you haven't yet donated there is still time to bring items in.

DENS current high needs list include:

FOOD: Christmas chocolates, selection boxes, nuts, savoury crackers, tinned ham, sponge puddings, custard, long life milk and long life juice

KITCHEN AND HYGIENE ITEMS: Men's toiletries gift sets, women's toiletries gift sets, roasting trays, tin foil, washing up liquid (small) and sellotape.

Thank you again for all your wonderful donations.

- **PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE ON SCARLET FEVER AND iGAS**

Please find attached communication from Professor Jim McManus, Director of Public Health, in relation to cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep A. For more information please also see this [link](#)

- **ABSENCE REPORTING**

Reminder please can we ask that you email all absences to the office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk with the following heading: **ABSENCE John Smith 3A**. Please email before 9.30am on a daily basis with your child's symptoms and we will acknowledge your email by 10.30am. We hope that you will find this process easier.

- **YEAR 6 SATs DATES**

Reminder SATs next year, 2023, has been moved due to the Coronation. They will be the Tuesday 9th May 2023 to Friday 12th May 2023 following the Bank Holiday. Holiday cannot be authorised in this week. SATs are obligatory and we ask that you do not book holidays in term time but most essentially not for Year 6 pupils in this week. Thank you.

- **JIMNIE ROLLER BALL PENS**

We have been advised that the Zebra pens we use and sell in school have been discontinued. We are currently reviewing an alternative and will advise you as soon as we have decided on a replacement.

- **CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE ELDERLY**

Sign up is still open to sing Christmas songs for the elderly in our Parishes on **Sunday 18th December at 2:15pm** at the church hall of Our Lady's Parish on the dual carriageway. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and bring happiness to many who have been lonely through the pandemic. All children across the year groups are invited to come along and sing. We would also like to invite those in Y5 & 6 who play an instrument.

Children would need to meet Mrs Welch at 2pm and we will be finished by 3pm - parents are welcome to stay at the back of the hall to share in your children's talents.

Children who attend will receive a citizenship star - and refreshments at the event. We do hope as many children as possible will help. Please register your child via Trips on Arbor.

- **MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRIAN – HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023**

Booking in for the Hemel West Parish First Holy Communion Programme 2023 which starts in January, **closes this Friday 16th December**. If you have not registered by this Friday you will not be admitted to the programme for 2023.

Parents are reminded that they should have signed up for Hemel West parish e-alerts to get the parish newsletter and see relevant information. They can do this by going to the parish website and 'Subscribe to Alerts': [parish](#)

Here's the link to what they need to do to 'book in':

[Booking](#)

- **WHOLE SCHOOL – SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP MONDAY 16TH – 19TH JANUARY 2023**

Reminder to please action this activity on your child's Arbor account (under Trips) by today, Wednesday 14th December, to ensure this event can go ahead.

- **SWIMMING YEAR 4**

Reminder for Year 4 parents to please action this activity on your child's Arbor account (under Trips) by today, Wednesday 14th December.

- **MILK ORDERS – SPRING 2023**

Last day for milk orders, today, Wednesday 14th December. If your child qualifies for free school meals they can also qualify for free milk, please email the office to be included with the order.

- **Y6 CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP**

Reminder for Year 6 parents to please action this activity on your child's Arbor account (under Trips) by today, Wednesday 14th December, to ensure this event can go ahead.

- **YEAR 6 JOHNSON**

We are delighted that Miss Reed's Jury Service has now finished and she is back in school.

- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR YEARS 3 & 4**

Following the Christmas Concert Donations can still be taken on Arbor for Year 3 & 4 parents to support Cancer Research UK.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

SCM Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale via Arbor. Please see attached flyer for the list of prizes. Tickets can be purchased as 1 strip for £2, 3 strips for £5 and 6 strips for £10.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATE

Christmas Production: Evening Performance 6pm Thursday 15th December **Y4 parents only**

Term Ends: 1.45pm Wednesday 21st December

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- **DACORUM MUSIC SCHOOL**

Dacorum Music School is offering a free half terms lesson on FLUTE next term at the music school, here in Hemel Hempstead. Children can sign up to try an instrument and also loan a free instrument for the half term. Please see flyer attached.

- **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – HERE FOR YOU WINTER CAMPAIGN**

Please visit [hereforyou](#) for information for Hertfordshire residents about the support that is on offer (locally and nationally) to help manage the rising cost-of-living and to stay safe and well this winter.

- **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PARENTING COURSES**

Please visit [hertsfamilycentres](#) for local Family Centre courses or speak to a member of the team on 0300 123 7572 to find out if one of these courses would be helpful for you and your family.

- **DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Autumn Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support can be found [here](#)**

- **GADE FAMILY SUPPORT**

Please see attached flyer for Parenting 1:1 Advice Sessions.

We hope you continue to find the Wednesday Email helpful and a supplement to the information provided on our School Website.

Kind regards

Mrs D East Office Administrator

Mrs M Seabrook and Ms T Maloney Admin Assistants

School Office

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

8.30 AM-12.30PM

2.30PM-4PM