SCHOOL INFORMATION:

All communication on school life and events will continue to 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. The school website holds everything you should need to know about school, please do have a look and feedback anything you feel is missing.

STRIKE ACTION

There are currently two days of planned industrial action by the NEU (27 April and 2 May). We will communicate in more detail how this might impact class closures by Friday.

Y3 SWIMMING

Both Year 3 classes are in great need of parent volunteers, 3A has yet to receive any offers. If you can commit to one or two sessions please speak to your class teacher. Responsibilities include checking seatbelts, walking in the line to/from the coach, helping with swim hats and goggles.

SCHOOL GARDENING – DONATIONS REQUIRED

We are hoping to plant up and tidy some of the garden areas around school. If you able to donate any seeds, summer bulbs, surplus plants, decorative pots, unwanted tools in good condition or compost please send into school with your child. Please place all larger items under the staircase outside the hall. All donations are much appreciated.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please continue to report all daily absences to the office at: <u>admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk</u>, **by 9am**, and if making an application for a leave of absence please continue to use our <u>leave of absence form</u> and return to the office.

BREAKFAST CLUB REMINDER

Please remember to book your child into breakfast club via Arbor. Due to staffing ratios, we will now ask parents to bring your child/children to the dining room door.
Please note the gate will open at 7:50 and close at 8:15 and the Breakfast Club mobile number 07526 076963.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

TREAT FRIDAYS! The PA, with the help of the School Council, will continue with the fundraiser 'Treat Fridays'. Cakes, cupcakes, doughnuts and gluten-free treats will be on sale on the school playground.

If you are able to donate cakes for the fundraiser this week, please bring these to school on 20 or 21 April. The first TREAT FRIDAY of the term will be this Friday 21 April in the playground, after school. Bring some change and come and choose your treat! **Please remember we are a nut-free school**.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

Swimming 3A: Commences Tuesday 25 April and runs weekly up to and including 4 July Swimming 3N: Commences Wednesday 26 April and runs weekly up to and including 5 July

Forest Schools: Thursday 20 April 5M & 6J Forest Schools: Friday 21 April 5E & 6MLK

Forest Schools: Thursday 27 April 4A & 3N

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Apex after school clubs will start next week, w/c 24 April 2023.

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

South West Herts Schools Consortium Testing Information to Schools and Parents for Secondary Transfer 2024

All schools that use aptitude and academic testing as part of their admission arrangements must make arrangements for these tests and inform parents of the outcome of these tests before the secondary transfer application deadline. This is to ensure parents are able to make an informed choice of school (School Admissions Code para 1.32). The South West Herts Consortium schools are:

- Croxley Danes School (Music aptitude only)
- Parmiter's School
- Queens' School
- Rickmansworth School
- St Clement Danes School
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls

The academic testing for these schools for September 2024 admissions will take place in September 2023. Parents can register their child with the Consortium between **Tuesday 11th April and Friday 16th June 2023.** The best way to do this is via the SW Herts Admissions Consortium <u>website</u>. Attached is a letter from the South West Consortium Schools which we are sending to you on their behalf with information which can be sent directly to parents regarding testing for the South West Consortium Schools. This letter is timed to coincide with the opening of the registration process on the dedicated website.

If parents have any queries after reading the information, please direct them to the email address provided within the attached letter.

DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Summer Term & Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support newsletters are available to download from the <u>dacorumdspl</u> website.

Family Lives: The team are delivering 4 Online (via MS Teams) parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Summer term for targeted parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

BeeZee Bodies have announced their April and May programmes promoting healthy lifestyles for children age 5-15 years.

Kind regards Mrs Seabrook & Miss Maloney School Office

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES: 8.30 AM-12.30PM 2.30PM-4PM

Breakfast Club Mobile: 07526 076963.