

New baby!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Bassil is expecting another baby! I know you will join us in congratulating her.

We have put an advert up on Teach in Herts (link below) for a full-year maternity cover to cover her responsibilities in school while she is away. If you know of anyone who would like to join our caring, experienced and committed team, please ask them to contact the school office for more information.

[Maternity Cover Teacher Advertisement - Teach in Herts](#)

Cardigans needing a name

Please can we politely ask that you name all cardigans and jumpers, as the field has been a mass of unnamed clothes.

Forest school Year 3 & 4 -15th and 16th June

The children have been continuing to enjoy Forest School and learn many new skills! All pupils are reminded to wear appropriate clothing- long trousers/leggings and tops which cover their shoulders and tummies, sun hats and also sun cream, in order to protect them. Children not dressed appropriately will be asked to change into their PE kit.

Children in Year 3 and 4 are also asked to bring a small, used plastic bottle on Thursday to make bird feeders. (Please bring a spare if you have one.)

Volunteers- We are looking for volunteers to support forest school on alternate Thursday and Friday mornings or afternoons for classes: 3N, 3A, 5E and 4J. Please see below forest school dates and email the school office if you can help.

Sports Day- Tuesday 20th & Friday 23rd June

Everyone is very excited about sports days next week. Below are some reminders to help everyone enjoy the events.

Lower School (Tuesday 20th June)

- The first event will aim to begin at 9:30 am
- Parents are welcome to stay from when they drop their children off
- Please use the usual entrance via the shared car park
- We anticipate finishing by 11:00 am at the latest

Upper School (Friday 23rd June)

- Please use the usual entrance via the shared car park from 13:15
- The first event will aim to begin at 13:30
- We anticipate events finishing by 15:00
- You are then invited to stay and enjoy the summer fair organised by the PA

General

- Please send children into school wearing their school uniform; they will change into their PE kit in school
- All children should have suncream applied and bring a water bottle and a hat

- If it's too wet to be safe on the track, we will postpone to the following week.

See you all there!

Headlice- Year 4

We have received reports of headlice in Year 4. Please can you check your child's hair and treat if required.

Unisong- Thursday 22nd June

Thank you so much to everyone who has applied and auditioned. As a result of the wonderful response we have unfortunately had to close Arbor, as the trip is now at capacity.

For those parents who have children attending, if you could please email the office for the attention of Mrs Welch to let us know of your intentions for drop off and collection on the day, it would be very much appreciated.

If you can also indicate in your message if you are able to walk with Mrs Welch and the children who are walking. As we will likely need addition help, depending on the travel choices made by families.

Brass Concert- Wednesday 28th June

If your child plays brass, we would like to invite you to an Assembly on Wednesday 28th June at 14:30, to watch them perform.

CARITAS

Mrs Welch was delighted by the number of children who turned up and sang their hearts out and played their instruments to entertain the elderly in our parishes on a very hot Sunday afternoon. Miss Patterson will be so impressed when I share the photos with her.

Children performed a mixture of signed hymns, songs from the Royal Albert Hall Gala, Playfeet's Matilda and Year 6 Pride Rock (The Lion King).

So that the choir could rest in between singing, children performed on brass, flutes, violins and a harp! For some children this was the first time they performed in front of an audience.

Afterwards I had so many compliments from the Caritas Team running the event and parishioners. How wonderful that children at St Cuthbert Mayne enjoy sharing their gifts in a desire to serve.

Well done everyone!

Premier League Trophy

Jez Weeks- Match Coordinator, for the Premier League and his team led an enrapturing Assembly on Monday afternoon with the arrival and set up of the Premier League trophy. Children watched a montage of this season's highlights resulting in the Man City triumph. He also demonstrated the values that lie behind the Premier League and how they transfer into the way football is played at playtimes.

Finally, the children had their photos taken, but no touching...only the winners are allowed to touch the trophy! Even the League staff wear gloves, as it travels to schools all over the country.

Thank you to Ben at Watford Football Trust, who through our partnership offered St. Cuthbert Mayne this most wonderful opportunity.

Arbor Payments Plus & School Shop

We now have Payments Plus available on Arbor, which means some additional benefits for parents/carers, which include:

- Not having to re-enter your payment method for each transaction
- Apple Pay & Google Pay capability
- School shop

Going forward we will be adding all fixed price items to the School Shop, such as Father's Day gifts and the Summer Fayre wristbands.

We will also be moving school pens & ties over in the coming weeks. We will of course let you know once these are available.

Summer Fayre

The Parents' Association raise much-needed additional funds for the school, provide fun opportunities for pupils throughout the year as well as running events where everyone can come together as a community. Next Friday 23rd June is their biggest, most enjoyable (and most profitable) event of the year... the St Cuthbert Mayne 2023 Summer Fayre!

A small group of committed parents have been working away behind the scenes to plan and prepare for this event. Now, in the spirit of 'many hands make light work' I would appeal to any parents and carers who have the capacity to help- whether it's planning, setting up, manning a stall or helping to tidy up- to please get in touch with the Parent Association team and offer your support!

This is the first fair since 2019 and we want it to be a huge success! Some of the items that we are raising money for are:

- new books for our class libraries
- replenishing our well-used playground equipment
- subsidising school trips for all pupils
- purchasing equipment for our Forest School and developing the Forest School area
- new fold-up tables for our dining room

We can't wait to see you all!

Parents Association

Father's Day Gifts- are now available to purchase from the School Shop in Arbor, until 15th June (extended time) or until all gifts have sold.

Gifts will be delivered to classes on Friday 16th June, in time for Father's Day weekend. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Summer Fayre- Please purchase your wristbands for access to all games, including the inflatables, from the **School Shop** in Arbor, priced at £7.50 per child. See flyer attached.

The PA have also asked for the following help and donations for the Fayre please:

- Helpers needed for the Summer Fayre- this will include some behind-the-scenes prepping and , help with kids' games etc. Please contact your class rep so we can add you to the list.
- Tombola Bottle donations- from now until Thursday 22nd June. Please bring anything you have and place in the box on the playground. All donations are welcome.
- Grand raffle prizes and tickets- there are some fantastic prizes up for grabs, tickets are available in the School Shop- Flyer attached
- Sweet Stall- in the coming days, children will be bringing home a plastic cup, if they could kindly return it with wrapped sweets for the Sweet Stall please, ahead of the Fayre.

- **Cake Donations-** calling all bakers out there! Please can you make a lovely Victoria sponge or any cake you like, to be served at our 'Savoy Tea Rooms'. Please bring these into school on Wed 21st or Thurs 22nd June ahead of the day.

Lets make it one to remember!!!

TREAT FRIDAYS- The next Treat Friday will also be held on Friday 30th June.

Thank you as always for supporting the school.

Y3 SWIMMING

Again, thank you to those parents who have offered help.

If you can commit to one or two sessions, please speak to the class teachers, as they are still in need of help.

All help is greatly appreciated and responsibilities include checking seatbelts, walking in the line to/from the coach, helping with swim hats and goggles.

SCHOOL GARDENING- DONATIONS REQUIRED

If you are able to donate any seeds, summer bulbs, surplus plants, decorative pots, unwanted tools in good condition or compost, we would really appreciate it.

Please send any donations into school with your child or place all larger items under the staircase outside the hall.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please continue to report all daily absences to the office at: admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk, **by 9am**, and if making an application for a leave of absence, due to an exceptional circumstance, please continue to use our [leave of absence form](#) and return to the office.

BREAKFAST CLUB REMINDER

Please remember to book your child into breakfast club via Arbor, 24 hours before the session.
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 am and close at 8:15 am** and the **Breakfast Club mobile number 07526 076963**.

TERM DATES 2023/24

Term dates for 2023/24 are on the website.

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 School dates:

Forest School: Thursday 15th June- 4A/3N

Forest School: Friday 16th June- 3A/4J

Forest School: Thursday 22nd June- 5M/6J

Forest School: Friday 23rd June- 5E

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday- Art Club: 24th April - 10th July 2023, 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday- Playfeet Years 3-6: 18th April - 18th July 2023, 3.30-5.00pm

Tuesday- Apex Football Years 3-4: 25th April - 11th July 2023, 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday- PlayFeet Years 3-6: 19th April - 19th July 2023, 3.30-5.00pm

Thursday- Kew Dance- Street Dance: 20th April – 6th July 2023, 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday- Apex Football Years 5-6: 27th April - 13th July 2023, 3.30-4.30pm

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

Hemel Smile Studio- New children NHS patients (flyer attached)

Lemon Jelly- Summer Holiday workshop (flyer attached)

PlayFeet- Encanto Summer Holiday Workshop (flyer attached)

Kind regards

Mrs Godwin

School Office

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

8.30 AM-12.30PM

2.30PM-4PM

Breakfast Club Mobile: 07526 076963.