**ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEEKLY BULLETIN – WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2024**

**Key dates for the next week:**

**Thursday 25th January**

* Forest School- 5E/5M

**Friday 26th January**

* Year 4 Swimming
* Forest School- 6J/3A
* Year 6- Height & Weight checks

**Outdoor toilets- a note from Mr Sallis**

This time last year, we listened to pupils and redecorated the boys' and girls' outdoor toilets. Sadly, some children (both girls and boys) have not been looking after these spaces. In particular, in the boys' toilet last week we discovered graffiti, damaged walls, wet paper towels thrown on the ceiling and other surfaces and a recurring broken cubicle door.

I have spoken with all boys this week about the importance of looking after our physical environment. Please do support us by reinforcing to your children the importance of valuing their environment.

Thank you.

**Medicine**

It is that time of year again when colds and viruses are out in force and whilst we are happy to accommodate parents with the administration of prescribed medicines, the volume of requests to give children pain and cold medicines is becoming difficult to manage.

If you feel your child needs medicine during the school day, please can we politely ask that you come to the school office at an arranged time. If your child currently has any cough syrups, Calpol or Nurofen held in the school office please can you kindly collect it by Friday 2nd February 2024.

Please see our medicine policy for more information: [SCM- Supporting Pupils With Medical Conditions](https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Supporting-Pupils-With-Medical-Conditions-SCM-June-2021.pdf)

**Year 3 Target Games**

Our Year 3 pupils had a fun, activity packed morning at John F Kennedy yesterday. Well done for braving the elements and representing our school.

Thank you to our parent helpers, who made the visit possible.

**Year 6 Height and Weight Checks - Friday 26th January**

Further to our email on 22nd September, the school Nurses will be visiting on Friday to undertake Height and Weight checks for our Year 6 pupils. The email contained a link for parent/carers to opt out should they wish, however if you would rather your child was not included and missed the opportunity to say, please email the school office.

**Service of Light Liturgy – Thursday 1st February**

3N will be hosting our Service of Light Liturgy on Thursday 1st February at 9am. This will also start our Year 3’s on their journey as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion later this year. All parents are very welcome.

**An invite from Mrs Rayson- Monday 5th February**

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Rayson, inviting all our parent/carers to an inclusion coffee morning on Monday 5th February, between 8.40-9.40am.

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check- Virtual Meeting**

A reminder that this meeting is to give information about the MTC test that all Year 4 children will be taking in June 2024 and to give parents and guardians ideas to help children learn the times tables at home.

Date: Monday 5th February 2024

Time: 4.00pm - 4.30pm

We are hoping to record this Teams meeting so if you cannot make this date you can still access this important information. Links to join the meeting will be given next week.

**Year 5 Hitchin Museum Trip- Tuesday 6th February**

Our Year 5 pupils have the exciting opportunity to go to Hitchin Museum for a Victorian experience day. The trip is on Tuesday 6th February and the cost is £12.15 per pupil, this covers entrance to the museum and return coach.

Consent and payment is now available in Arbor. If you are able to help on the day, parent/carers as always will be greatly appreciated, please just pop a note in your child’s reading record for their class teacher.

**Year 6 JFK visit to watch Bugsy Malone production- Tuesday 6th February**

Year 6 have been invited... to JFK to watch their school production of Bugsy Malone on Tuesday 6th February. The children will be leaving promptly at 9am and are invited to take a drink (in their named water bottle) and a snack for the interval (no snacks containing nuts).  The children will walk back in time for lunch.

Please give consent on Arbor for your child to attend.

**Additional Needs Support Assistant**

We are currently recruiting for an Additional Needs Support Assistant to join our staff team. We welcome applications from candidates with resilience, confidence working with pupils with complex needs and a desire to constantly improve.

Further information can be found on the advert published on [Teach in Herts](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view%2Cadditional-support-needs-assistant_90508.htm)

**Year 4 Swimming Lessons**

Thank you all for consenting and paying in Arbor. Sessions details below:

**Year 4 Attenborough: 9.30-10.00 am**

Children will be picked up from SCM at 9.00am and dropped back around 10.30

**Year 4 Jemison: 10.00-10.30 am**

Children will be picked up from SCM at 9.30am and dropped back around 11.00

Parent helpers for Y4 swimming, will be warmly welcomed… If you are able to help, whether it is once or on a more regular basis it is very welcome, please let the class teacher know via your child’s Reading Record. Thank you.

**Pedestrian Gate**

A reminder to all parent/carers when visiting the school office can you ensure the pedestrian gate is closed behind you.

**Forest School**

Sessions for the following week are detailed below:

**Thursday 25th January- 5E/5M**

**Friday 26th January- 6J/3A**

**Thursday 1st February- 4A/4J**

**Thursday 2nd February- 6MLK/3N**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate clothing on their Forest School day, as they will be outside for the duration. We strongly suggest **waterproof trousers**/**coat (with a hood), boots**, **warm clothes, hats & gloves etc. and a carrier bag for their muddy clothes afterwards.**

**DATES 2023/24**

Please follow this link to our school calendar- [St Cuthbert Mayne Calendar](https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/events/month/2023-12/)

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

**Our Breakfast Club policy:** [SCM Breakfast Club Policy 2023](https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/SCM-Breakfast-Club-Policy-2023.pdf)

**LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Kew Dance After School- Flyer

Kind regards,

Mrs Godwin

School Office

**SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES:**

**8.30 AM-12.30PM**

**2.30PM-4PM**