

Key dates for the next week:

Thursday 21st March

- Schools out for Easter- 1.45pm

Friday 22nd March

- Good Friday- School Closed

Monday 15th April

- Summer Term starts

Building Programme Update

Dacorum's Development Management Committee met on Thursday 21st March to consider the planning application for our school rebuild. Despite this being recommended for approval by Planning Officers following pre-planning meetings and visits to the site, the Planning Committee sadly rejected the application. We are obviously incredibly disappointed by this outcome. We are currently awaiting the publication of the Council's detailed reasons for the rejection of the planning application before any further decisions can be made about the way forward. We are continuing to work with our partners at the DfE and Diocese of Westminster to fully consider the range of options at our disposal once the formal decision has been published. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you updated with any further developments.

Regardless of any plans for the rebuilding of the school, it remains the intention of the Governing Body and all at the school to continue to work with our local neighbours and to continue to promote positive and constructive relationships with all residents and those with whom we share our local community.

Attendance: Spring Term

Our aspiration is that all pupils are in school as often as possible. We know that parents want what is best for their children and we want to work with you to ensure that school is a place where they can thrive.

You can view your child's attendance on the Arbor Parent Portal or App. (You can find guidance on how to view this information [here](#).) The table below illustrates the impact of absence over time on learning.

% over 1 year	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed	Absence over 4 years in SCM
95%	9.5	2	50	1/5 of a year
90%	19	5	125	2/5 of a year
80%	38	7	175	4/5 of a year
70%	57	11	275	1.2 years
60%	76	15	375	1.6 years
50%	95	19	475	2 years

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via our attendance email address: attendance@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk and an appropriate member of staff will get back to you.

Happy Easter

A reminder that we finish school on Thursday 28th March at 1.45pm for the Easter Holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 15th April 2024. Have a cracking Easter break everyone!

A message from the Chaplaincy Team- Big Lent Walk

Thank you to everyone who squelched, supported and donated so generously to this wonderful cause! Also, a huge thanks to the parents who gave up their time to help keep us safe as we completed our walk.

Finally, we are truly grateful for all the sponsorship we have received so far. We have smashed the target we set ourselves but it's not too late to give if you would like to via our just giving page.

A note from Mrs Hobbs

On Good Friday, Christians from across Hemel Hempstead, will be joining together for a special service at the rainbow stage in the town centre.

I will be leading the singing and would love any children who would like to, to join me on the stage to sing just before the service. If they can arrive at the stage at around 10.45am. The service itself will start at around 11.00am.

HCL School Dinner Money Increase- 1st April

A reminder that HCL from 1st April 2024 are increasing the price of school meals to £3.35 per day, this change will be reflected in Arbor accordingly.

Year 3 Swimming Summer Term- Friday 26th April- Friday 5th July

Arbor will go live on 1st April 2024 for payment and consent. This must be completed please by Thursday 25th April, for your child to be able to take part.

As always we would really appreciate parent support, so if you are able to help at any of the session please pop a note in the back of your child's reading record. We will need a parent for each class each week.

Year 3 Celtic Harmony Camp trip- Monday 29th April

A reminder that on Monday 29th April 2024 our Year 3 pupils will be visiting the Celtic Harmony Camp in Brickenden, Herts for the day to take part in a Prehistoric learning experience. The cost of the trip is £29.05 and is available to pay and consent in Arbor, if you have not already done so, please complete this to ensure the trip can go ahead.

If you are available to help on the day, please contact your child's class teacher via your child's reading record.

Forest School

Sessions for the following weeks are detailed below:

Thursday 18th April- 5E/5M

Friday 19th April- 6J/3A

Thursday 25th April- 4A/4J

Friday 26th April- 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, whatever the weather. We strongly suggest **waterproof trousers/coat (with a hood), boots, warm clothes, hats & gloves etc. and a carrier bag for their muddy clothes afterwards.**

Attached is the Forest School newsletter to hopefully give you a glimpse of the wonderful, fun time the children have exploring and learning about their surroundings.

DATES 2023/24

Please follow this link to our school calendar- [St Cuthbert Mayne Calendar](#)

After School Clubs- Summer Term 2024:

Our SCM After School clubs are now available in Arbor to book for the Summer Term. Please ensure your child is

booked on and their place paid for prior to them starting.

Summer Term After School Clubs 2024					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
APEX		Inclusive Football (Mixed) Years 3-4		Inclusive Football (Mixed) Years 5-6	
Watford Educational Trust	Dodgeball Years 4-6	Squad Football (Boys) Years 5-6	Squad Football (Girls) Years 5-6	Tennis Years 3-6	Rounders Years 3-6
Mrs Tizard		Netball (Mixed) Years 5-6			
Challenge Education					Boxing Years 3-6
Playfeet		Drama Years 3-6	Drama Years 3-6		
Kew Dance				Dance Years 3-6	
Mona Shiraz	Art Club Years 3-6				

Please see our website for flyers and booking information for the below external after school clubs:

Art Club- Monday 3.30-4.30pm

APEX Football- Tuesday & Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

PlayFeet- Tuesday & Wednesday 3.30-5.00pm

Kew Dance- Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

Apex- Afterschool Clubs Summer Term 2024- Flyer

Crafty Crew Messy Play- Flyer

Dacorum School Games- Spring 2024 Newsletter

Good Shepherd April Half Term- Flyer

HCL- HCL School Dinner Menu Summer-Autumn 2024

Kew Dance After School- Flyer

PTA- Spring News

Kind regards,

Mrs Godwin

School Office

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

8.30 AM-12.30PM

2.30PM-4PM