25th August 2020



Headteacher's news

I hope you, your friends and families are all keeping well and I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday, as much as we all can in these times. I wish to welcome back all our children and families over the next few days, especially those who are new to St Cuthbert's. I know the children are going to look so smart in their uniforms and settle well into their new classes.

We also welcome some new staff this term:

Mr Hill - Year 4 teacher and PE leader (Giraffes)

Mr Hirrel-Year 3 (Pandas)

We are also in the process of appointing an additional teacher to start as soon as possible to create a second year 5 class. Mrs Langlay will lead the class in the interim period.

Behaviour/Rewards

Linked to our Learning Values the children will begin collecting Dojo points. Although we are not able to hold our usual achievement assembly on a Friday we will still choose 2 children from each class (Years 1-6) to be awarded 'Star of the week'.

Phase leaders continue to support in managing and dealing with behaviour issues and parent concerns. This includes issuing consequences such as missing minutes of Golden Time or placing on report for serious behaviour incidents. Their role also includes reporting to parents what has occurred, monitoring future behaviour and overseeing high quality teaching and learning in their phase.

Phase leaders are:

EYFS and Year 1: Miss White (Phase 1)

Year 2 and 3: Mrs Willoughby (Deputy Headteacher, Phase 2)

Year 4, 5 and 6: Mrs Bools (Phase 3)

I would like to thank all parents, families and friends for your continued support and everyone in school is very much looking forward to seeing you all and helping our children return as safely as possible.

Mrs J Hawkins



Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th August

-Year 1 and 2 in school only

Thursday 27th August

-Year 3 and 4 in school only

Friday 28th August

-Year 5 and 6 in school only

Monday 31st August

onwards

Bank holiday Monday
Tuesday 1st September

- All Year 1-6 children in school.



School building

It is very exciting to have our year 5 and 6 classes in the new building that was completed in the middle of March. When it is safe to do so, we will invite parents to take a look and we're sure you will agree it is a super addition to our school along with our new ball court.

A big thank you to Mrs Moore, our Premises Officer, and her wonderful cleaning team for working so hard to have the school ready for our children's return to school.

Our school uniform is

- a school red sweatshirt or cardigan (available at the school office) The majority of our pupils do wear the school sweatshirt but a plain red sweatshirt without logos is also acceptable.
- white polo-shirt
- grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress. Pupils should wear sensible footwear for school - plain white, black or grey socks with <u>black shoes</u>.

Attendance and Absence

It is vital for your child's education that they attend school regularly and promptly.

If your child is absent, please ring the school office to inform us why your child is not in school. Parents will be asked to <u>provide evidence of illness once a child has been away for more than two days</u>.

We expect parents to make routine doctor and dentist appointments outside the school day and bring children to school before or after an appointment where possible. For all medical appointments to be authorised (e.g hospital, GP, Dentist etc...) school will request to see and take a copy of the appointment letter/card or text.

If you are planning a family holiday, please make every effort to take this during school holidays. If you are unable to do so, please ensure that you obtain authorisation before you book - authorisation forms can be collected from the school office. Schools rarely agree to parents taking their children out of school for the purposes of a holiday in term-time and we follow the Government legislation on absence requests.

We appreciate your support.

Health and Safety

If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter they must not ride them in the playground. This also includes younger siblings. On entering the school grounds, please push it to the bike shelter or scooter stand in the Key stage 2 playground or in the marked area through the side gate to the Key stage 1 playground. The car par gates in the Key stage 2 playground will be open at the beginning and the end of the school day for cyclists. Do not ride bikes through the car park- please walk. This will create more space for pedestrians along the path and hopefully avoid any unfortunate accidents

Parkina

Parents/ Carers who bring children to school by car must not:



- stop on the yellow lines outside the school entrance
- park on or in the school driveway/carpark
- park on any of the pavements near the school.

We also ask that you park considerately and do not obstruct driveways of neighbouring houses. St Cuthbert's and local residents seek your cooperation in resolving this issue by requesting that parents park sensibly and with due consideration for other road users.

Governor update

St Cuthbert's would like to welcome new Governors to the school.

Mrs Linda Harwood- Foundation Governor Mrs Nicola Langton- Foundation Governor

Mrs Hayley McDade- Parent Governor

We look forward to working with you!

School dinners

If your child has a school dinner, money should be paid in advance. This can be done through Parent Mail, by cash or cheque to the school office or class teacher.

Thank you for your support with this.





Twitter! @StCuthbertsCEP1

Please follow us on Twitter! We use Twitter to showcase all the fantastic work that takes place in school as well as sharing messages and information.

If you wish to change the Twitter consent for your child, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the office team.

Update information

If you have changed any of your personal details (home address, telephone number, mobile etc.) over the summer can you please make sure you let us know so that we can update your child's records.