26th January 2022



Doing all the good we can, through faith, love and excellence.

Headteacher's news

Things have continued to move at pace and the children are certainly being kept busy in class with lots of good learning and new topics. I am pleased that we are able to continue to provide a full and thorough offer for all of our children despite the challenges and continued trickle of a few COVID cases which have affected some staff members but also some children.

It remains cold outside so please make sure your child has a coat suitable for the weather. Our school uniform is adequate as clothing under your child's coat. A reminder that leggings are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. If you can ensure that any items are clearly labelled it makes returning any 'lost' items much, much easier and thank you for your help with this in advance.

Join our team!

We are currently recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant to join our wonderful school. Please see the full details and application process by following the link <u>https://www.eteach.com/jobs/st-cuthbert-s-cofe-primary-school-great-glen-jobs-17429/?oo=aq</u>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Hawkins

<u>Diary Dates</u>

Tuesday 1st February Chinese New Year Focus-Activities taking place in class

Monday 7th-Friday 11th February Children's Mental Health week (including 8th February- Safer Internet day)

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February Half term week

Tuesday 1st March Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday Parents evening

Thursday 3rd March World Book day Parents evening



It is with great sadness, that we announce the sudden passing of a much loved former member of staff, Miss Anderson. Hannah was at St. Cuthbert's for four years and taught in Year 1 to Year 4. She was so enthusiastic and dedicated in her role here and was a keen advocate that children should enjoy learning and have fun. She was an inspiring teacher to many staff, in particular as Maths Lead. She will be fondly remembered as a loyal, caring friend and colleague who gave so much laughter and will be greatly missed. We know that you will join with us in prayer for her family and friends.





'Forest church is where nature and worship meet'

Many people around us find that their most spiritual moments are when they are outdoors, in nature. Forest church seeks to meet with God in and through our connection with the natural world. Forest church is safe place where we can grow as a community of all ages who relate better to outdoor spirituality than gatherings in a church building.







The natural world is also a fantastic way to encounter God, as the writers of the psalms said thousands of years ago...

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

- The Bible, Psalm 19: 1-4

When and where?

The Great Glen Forest church will gather every 1st Sunday of the month from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Vicarage Garden on Church Road. Our first gathering of the year will be on Sunday the 6th of February where we will be making raised beds and doing some natural crafts. So make sure to dress appropriately with wellies, rain coats and we ask that you bring your own blanket and gardening gloves. Juice and biscuits will be provided. A suggested donation is £1 per family.



Please see attached to this ParentMail the South Leicestershire Sports Partnership February newsletter



Writing competition

On Monday, Mrs Willoughby launched a writing competition in assembly. Any child can take part from years 1-6. She set the challenge to write a short or extended story that included a castle as one of the settings.

Prizes will be awarded for the winning entry in each year key stage (Y 1&2) (Y 3&4) and (Y 5&6)

Entries to be handed in to class teachers by Tuesday 8th February. Good luck and get writing!



<u>Covid- 19</u>

<u>Testing</u>

There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test regularly, unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and therefore take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test

Do not send your child to school if:

- > they are showing one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- > they have had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) or PCR test result

Please email or call the school office to notify us of your child's absence Work will be provided for children to complete at home through Blendspace and Zoom links where appropriate but if your child is unwell there is no expectation for them to complete or attend these.

<u>Returning to school</u>

Children may be able to end their self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. They can take an LFD test from 5 days after the day symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken <u>at least 24</u> <u>hours later</u>. If <u>both</u> these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, you may end your child's self-isolation after the second negative test result and they can return to school.

