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St Cuthbert's C of E Primary School

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Headteacher's news

I hope you have all had a restful summer holiday and are ready for an exciting term. I wish to welcome back all our children and families, especially those who are new to St Cuthbert's. It's great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and settling well into their new classes.

Staffing

We are really pleased to welcome new staff to school.

Miss Sharpe will be teaching in EYFS, Hedgehogs;

Miss Beeby will be working in year 3 as a learning support assistant.

The beginning of a new school year is a busy time as staff, families and children settle in to the school routines and we get everything running and communicated out to you all. Until the end of September, Mrs Simpson is running the school office on her own so please be patient with us during this time and know that Mr Bools and I are helping as much as possible to support so that communications, queries and problems are responded to as quickly as possible.

Please take a minute to look over some of the reminders about uniform, Health and safety and attendance. I have asked staff to communicate with families through Class Dojo, telephone or in person if there is a concern or an issue that needs to be raised so that we are working together to ensure safety, well-being and consistent expectations for all

We have already started to share our learning and activities on Twitter and Class dojo so please take a look at some fantastic images of the work the children are doing. **Twitter! @StCuthbertsCEP1**

We look forward to *'doing all the good we can through faith, love and excellence,'* working with our whole school community to continue to improve and showcase the talents and brilliance of our children.

Mrs J Hawkins

Cuthbert's Cubs Pre-School!

We were thrilled to welcome our first pre-school children on Tuesday!

After a busy summer of decorating, appointing staff and organising resources, it is so lovely to see how much the children are enjoying themselves.

We have given our pre-school the name 'Cuthbert's Cubs Pre-School' and we are working to create a logo which we can use as part of our advertising and to add to a polo t-shirt for each child.

We are delighted to have Miss Henson as our pre-school manager and look forward to welcoming Miss Smith (who is an experienced nursery practitioner) towards the end of September. Mrs. Barrows has also joined our pre-school team.

Please visit our school website to find out how to apply for a place for your child. We would be delighted to arrange a visit for you and your child, please call or email our school office on 0116 2592764 or office@stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk



Miss Henson
Pre-School Manager

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 **black shoes or trainers.**

Please support us in ensuring girls skirts and dress are around knee length particularly in years 5 and 6. Many girls choose to wear shorts underneath so they can do gymnastics at breaktimes, this is fine.

PE kit

PE kit with the St Cuthbert's logo, can be purchased through parent mail and should be worn during PE sessions within school. Alternatively, please provide a plain red t-shirt and shorts. A pair of tracksuit bottoms and trainers are also advisable as we try can get the children outside as much as possible.

We recommend that PE kits come in to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday for washing. It is helpful to do this as occasionally due to unforeseen circumstances, PE sessions may need to change or we have an extra opportunity for the children to take part in a sporting activity. It also proves helpful should your child have a spillage or accident and need a quick change of clothes.

School PE kit should also be worn at sporting afterschool clubs. The exception to this is KS1 & 2 football.



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. This will create a safer environment for pedestrians along the path and hopefully avoid any unfortunate accidents. On entering the school grounds, please push it to the bike shelter or scooter stand.

Parking

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.

Drop off

Children should arrive at school no earlier than 8:45am unless they are going to Cuthbert's club. Before this time, a child should be waiting with their parent or carer.

Please do not use the equipment from the playground containers or bring sporting equipment from home e.g. footballs to play with while waiting even if parents are there to supervise.

Our priority is keeping everyone safe and reduce the risks of someone accidentally being hurt. We may also need to access the playground with vehicles, machinery or complete maintenance work before the start of the school day which require to playground to be clear.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as it has been confirmed by the Local Authority that we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the [article on the Education Hub](#).

I hope that this offers reassurance.

St. Cuthbert's After School Clubs – 2023 Autumn Term, first half

Monday, Starting 4 th September	KS1 Cooking club Club to run until half term. 8 places available. With Mrs D Davies. - £6.00 per session 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Tuesday, Starting 5 th September	KS2 Yoga Club to run until half term. 12 places available. With Mrs Tunnicliffe. - £4.50 per session 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Tuesday, Starting 5 th September	KS2 Gardening Club Club to run until half term. 12 places available. With Mrs D Davies. - £4.50 per session 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Wednesday, Starting 6 th September (1 place remaining)	KS2 - Cooking club Club to run until half term. 10 places available. Led by Mrs D Davies - £6.00 per session. 3.30 – 4.30pm.	
Thursday, Starting 7 th September	KS1 – Recorder club Club to run until half term. 10 places available. Led by Mrs Hamlin- £4.50 per session. 3.30 – 4.30pm	
Friday, Starting 8 th September	KS2 – Clay pottery club Club to run until half term. 12 places available. Led by Ms Davies - £4.50 per session 3.30 – 4.30pm	
Friday, Starting 15 th September	KS1 Tennis £4 per session - for 5 weeks 10 places available – with Joe Green.	

Twitter highlights

Woodpeckers are carefully considered the colour choices and looked at photographs of lots of different species of woodpeckers too! We have become real artists! #art #research



The Kolalas have been learning about different shading techniques in preparation for creating our self portraits tomorrow 🖌️ 😊 #drawing #shade #paint



Change of details



Can we ask that if you have moved house over the summer holidays or have changed your telephone number (landline or mobile) or your email address



you inform the school **as soon as possible**. We need your correct details in order to be able to effectively communicate with you and also to contact you in the event of an emergency.



ClassDojo

We continue to use Class Dojo as a communication tool between home and school.

Each week, (on a Wednesday is the aim) class teachers update the class page with information about the learning taking place the following week and the whole school story shares some snippets of the events we share on Twitter.

All families already connected to Class Dojo, should be able to access their child's new class. If you have not yet connected to Dojo or are new to school, invites will be sent out next week on how to access this.

Please remember this does not replace ParentMail, which remains our main system for sharing information.



Cuthbert's Club have settled into their new room brilliantly.

Mr Throop has joined the Cuthbert's Club team to lead physical activities as well as provide added supervision as the club entrance can be accessed from all three gates.

The school site has always been an open site which is why children are not allowed to play out on the playground without the supervision of a member of Cuthbert's club or school staff.

If you are interested in using our before and after school extended provision, please visit our website or contact our school office for more details



Attendance and Absence

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

If your child is absent due to illness or another reason, please ring the school office to inform us why your child is not in school or send an email. This is so we can record the type of absence and support your child on their return. We appreciate this can be tricky at times, but it avoids absences being marked as unauthorised and staff having to follow up on this with your child.

Holiday in term time

Please note that the Government legislation guidance schools follow in making these decisions, rarely agrees to parents taking their children out of school for the purposes of a holiday in term-time. Holiday's in term time can result in Local Authority issuing fixed penalty notices. Please ensure that you email us with the information.

We are required to share our attendance and absence information or concerns in connection to all categories of absence to the LA as part of our safeguarding and obligations to the statutory guidance.