



*Loving one another,
Learning for our future.*

St Cuthbert with St Matthias CE Primary School

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20.09.24

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week learning at school! I have enjoyed walking around school throughout the day and seeing children engaged in their learning with such expectations for themselves. Next half term, we will have “Books and Biscuits” mornings when your class teacher will invite you in to look at your child’s work and enjoy a biscuit treat. All children have had their “Meet The Teacher Meetings”, however if you have any questions regarding the curriculum, please make an appointment to meet with me. Home reading was launched last week and I have been very impressed by all the detailed, neat comments children have been recording in their home reading journal– keep this up! Home learning will be sent home today for children to complete by next Wednesday– I can’t wait to see children bringing it to my office.

Again, thank you for all your kind words and helpful feedback, it is a pleasure getting to know you all. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the last of the sunshine!

Miss Fautley (Head of School) and Miss Hughes (Executive Headteacher)

Latest news and events

Year 5 and 6 observing flowering and non-flowering plants, according to their characteristics.



Nursery children have been settling in beautifully to their daily routine. Here they are sharing a book in the book corner



In Y2 we conducted a class science experiment using skittles and warm water to create a rainbow.



Smart watches

Please be aware that for safeguarding reasons, smart watches are prohibited in school.

Coming up next week...

25.09.24 Healthy Heart Day (Note date change)

26.9.24 Maths Meeting 9.00—Miss Fautley school hall

26.09.24 Social media use workshop for parents 2.15—school hall

27.09.24 School Council speeches in class

Key dates for your diary this half term

25.09.24 Healthy Heart Day

26.9.24 Maths Meeting 9.00—Miss Fautley

26.09.24 Social media use workshop for parents

30.09.24 Art week begins

03.10.24 Harvest service in school 10.15—all parents welcome to attend

03.10.24 Individual school photographs

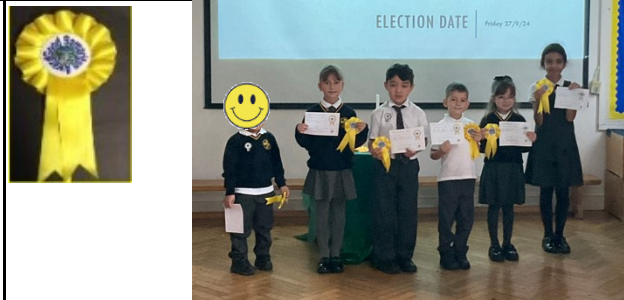
04.10.24 3.45 Art gallery in the hall/ Macmillan coffee event—all parents welcome

Awards and celebrations

Star Learner



Good Samaritan



| YEAR | Name and reason | Name and reason |
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| Nursery | Melisa For her valuable contributions during circle time | Tiziano For settling in beautifully and being exceptionally kind to others. |
| Reception | Nyla For always being positive and engaging in her learning. | Kaiden For always being polite and thoughtful with his friends. |
| Year 1 | Rayan For showing amazing focus and asking for help when needed. | An Yi For working collectively during group learning |
| Year 2 | Jai For showing pride in his learning. | Andalus For looking out for others. |
| Year 3 | Kylo For fantastic presentation when drawing number-lines in maths | Joana For being a kind and helpful friend. |
| Year 4 | Ibrahim For using trying hard in his presentation and having high expectations for himself. | Mesbah For always being helpful to staff and pupils. |
| Year 5 | Katerina For commitment to her reading— particularly learning about Pompeii, | |
| Year 6 | Mark For sharing interesting facts about plants with his class. | Eliza For kindly holding the door open for others. |



Our value this half term is Friendship

To Year 4 Friendship means...

How have you been a good friend this week?

I encouraged my friend when they were nervous about something new. Aisha

I have been kind to my teacher. Ezare

When we were playing an atlas game in class, I supported my friend. Ibrahim



Our School Prayer

Dear God
Help me to do the things I
should,
To be to others kind and
good,
In all my work and all my
play,
To grow more thoughtful
everyday.
Amen

Healthy Heart Day!

Wednesday 25th September



To celebrate World Heart Day, children are allowed to come into school on this day wearing red or pink!

At 8.50, there will be a whole school fitness event on the playground for parents and children.

Then throughout the day, children will be completing athletics circuits. Each class will also be given some healthy snacks.

We are asking for a £1 donation which will be given to **The British Heart Foundation.**

Home Learning

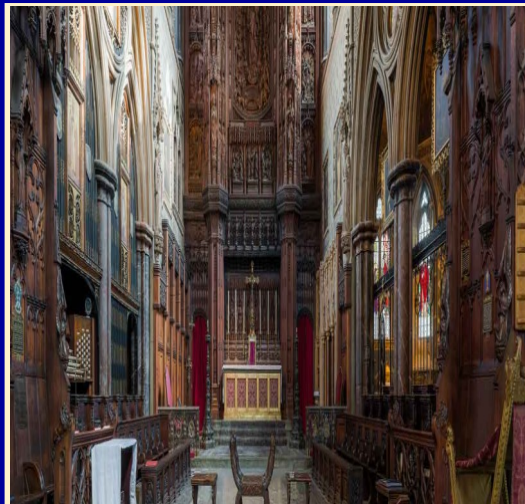
**HOME
LEARNING**

Today, your child will be sent home their home learning. There will be clear tasks for them to complete along with a long term homework project which will be due after half term. We will celebrate these projects next half term during worship.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you need any resources for the projects or have any questions.

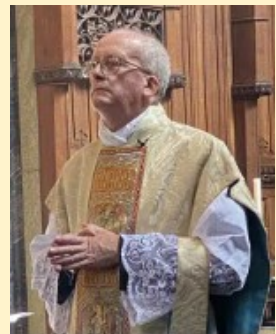
After school enrichment clubs

We are in the process of planning clubs for the week commencing 14th October and will be communicating details in the next couple of weeks .



St Cuthbert's Church

Family Mass is at 10.00 every Sunday in St Cuthbert's church, led by Father Paul—
ALL are very welcome!



Do you have any questions about school life? We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :-)
-) Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher or Miss Fautley. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news! It helps to keep us going with a smile :-)

Mixed year classes

From September this year, the Governing Board at St Cuthbert's made the decision to move to mixed-age classes. We do hope that the recent meetings with the class teacher, and for those who met with Miss Fautley, were helpful in showing how the curriculum is carefully sequenced within each class so that your child is making the correct progression through the national curriculum.

We are delighted that the children have started the new school year so successfully within this structure.

Why mixed-age classes?

Schools receive the bulk of their funding from the government on a per-pupil basis. As you may know, there are currently not enough children in each year group to fill single, typical class sizes of 30 children.

How do mixed-age classes work?

Mixed-age classes are not a new way of structuring the curriculum and pupil learning. Many schools across the country have mixed-age classes, especially in rural areas but increasingly so in inner-London schools. This is a model widely employed in many schools with great success. Mixed-ages means that children spend one year being the younger year group in the class and then one year being the older ones. Children are taught the full national curriculum and are taught to meet the expected standards for their age. Teachers focus on what children can do, to plan and adapt accordingly. A carefully planned two-year rolling programme for subjects ensures no repetition of topics.

There are benefits to mixed-age classes, such as children in the younger year group of the class being stretched, where appropriate, by learning alongside the older children. Children have a greater source of peers for friendships to establish and be varied. Friendships within small classes can become fraught where there are few children to socialise with. Older children develop responsibility and cooperation skills in working and playing with younger children.

Looking ahead

If the school pupil numbers grow then we will look again in future at the class arrangements.

We now look forward to our **Books & Biscuits** event later this term, where parents will have the opportunity to look at their children's books with them in class and celebrate their progress!

