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### Newsletter 24/04/23

I am finding it difficult to believe that we are into our final term and I am however hoping that the weather will warm up soon! We have a lot of really exciting things lined up during the summer term which I know the children are looking forward to.

#### Strike Action

There is further teacher strike action planned for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We do not anticipate that any classes will be affected but if this change we will of course contact you at the earliest opportunity so you are able to make alternative plans.

#### Coronation Assembly

As you will be aware, the coronation of King Charles will be happening on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We wanted to celebrate this by having our coronation assembly. The assembly will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am. Children are invited to dress in either red, white and blue or they can come dressed as a king or queen for the day.



#### St Cuthbert's Superstar



We have the most talented children! Abbie graded to 1st KYU in Karate. This is a very special achievement because it means the next time she grades she will be grading for her black belt. The gradings are intense and take hours with no rest or drink breaks and Abbie had to remember everything she had learnt from the very beginning up until the day she graded. During the gradings, there is no English spoken and all instructions are given in Japanese! Abbie's goal was to be a black belt before she left primary and she is well on her way to achieving this goal. Super job Abbie!

#### Year 3 / 4 visit to Roman Baths

Year 3 and 4 children have been learning about the Romans this term and to enhance their learning further they will be visiting the Roman Baths in Bath Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Parents should

have received information about this visit. I am aware that the cost of this visit is a lot of money, even with school subsidising it.

The cost of coach hire has increased significantly over the last few months which has been the main issue with the price increases. We try our best to arrange visits in our local area to eliminate the cost of a coach but this cannot always happen.

We would really appreciate parents support with funding these visits to ensure we are able to continue to give wonderful opportunities like this.

### **The St Cuthbert's lost property mountain**

We currently have an extraordinary number of jumpers, fleeces and coats in lost property. I expect all children to be coming to school in school uniform and I know how expensive jumpers and fleeces are. We will be putting the lost property outside of the office on Tuesday so please look to see if any of the clothes belong to you.



Can I ask that parents please write their child's name in the tags of the jumper. All of the jumpers in lost property have no names in them.

### **School Uniform**

We have had a number of children coming to school in leggings and variations on our school uniform. Leggings and hoodies are not part of the uniform so can I ask that parents only allow these to be worn on PE days. Uniform is very important and something we expect children to be wearing.

### **School Lunch Changes**

The cost of a hot school meal is very reasonable and we have kept the price the same for a number of years. With the increase cost of food currently, we have no choice but to increase by the cost 15p. The cost will now be **£2.75 a day** from September.

### **Breakfast Club**

I also need to inform parents the breakfast club prices will also be increasing. The cost of breakfast club has remained the same since 2016. We unfortunately have no choice but to increase it. The cost from September will be **£3.00 per day**. This is still very good value for money and remember that if your child receives pupil premium, they can access breakfast club free of charge.

### **Bank Holidays**

We have a lot of holidays coming up in May and June so I thought I would just remind you of when they are.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May Bank holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May (additional bank holiday for Coronation)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May is the start of half term week

We also have INSET days booked on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Year 6 SATs test**

Year 6 SATs is fast approaching and they will be taking place during the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>. Some children take tests in their stride and actually enjoy tests. It causes other children to be highly anxious and worried. We are very aware of this and will ensure that your child is supported during this week. We will be organising a SATs breakfast for Year children which you will receive more information about in the SATs letter.

PLEASE make sure that children get to bed at a reasonable time. Take tablets and mobile phones out of the bedroom to avoid children being on these devices until late at night. We want them to do their very best but no one is able to do that if they are tired.

Even our most confident children need reassuring. Remember to tell them that all they are expected to do is their best. Remember to tell them how amazing they are.

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Coronation assembly	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am
Year 3 / 4 visit to Roman Baths	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Festival at Blue School – Snowdon Class	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATS tests all week	Wk beginning Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Road Safety Workshops - whole school	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Bikeability year 6 – 12 places	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Road Safety Sessions	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Festival at Blue School – Himalayas Class	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half term	Wk beginning Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Class Photos	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Outdoor Adventure Week with caving unit and climbing wall	Wk beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 parents meeting	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Move Up Day	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Pilgrim Day at the Cathedral for Year 6 only	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 leavers play	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 leavers assembly	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

With my thanks for your support,

*Helen Mullinger*

Head Teacher