



St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School



Newsletter 01/11/22

Dear Parents/Carer,

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and managed to get some rest before starting this very busy half term in the lead up to Christmas. School council have been very busy planning fundraising events to help towards the development of the wellbeing area outside on the playground. We have also planned a day to train our new Year 5 playground leaders through the Inspired School programme. Our children are developing into strong leaders and opportunities like school council, playground leaders and mini police really give them the opportunity to practise their skills.



Harvest Festival Contributions

A huge thank you to those of you who were able to make generous donations to our harvest festival for our local foodbank. These are difficult times for many families and it is reassuring that local families will benefit from your kindness and generosity. We will be having another foodbank

donation later in the year to help this support to continue over the Christmas period.

Rotary Club book gift

Over the last year, we have had some wonderful volunteers from the Rotary Club in school to support the children with their reading. The members of the Rotary Club felt strongly that they wanted to do more to support our children so they have gathered boxes of second hand but good quality children's books to give out to children. Children have really enjoyed looking through the books and chose the one they wanted to take home.

Cross Country

We are starting a cross country running club on Thursday lunch time and this will be led by Miss Faulkes.

We are joining the Mendip Junior Schools XC League and children will be taking part in a cross tournament in January. If your child would like to be part of our team, please make sure they bring their PE kit and trainers on Thursday. Children can get changed at lunchtime to take part. This club will be free of charge. If you have any questions about this club, please speak to Miss Faulkes.

Mobile Phones

If your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school it must be left at the school office. Mobile phones are not allowed outside of the office area and cannot be left in bags or coat pockets. Please do not ask classroom staff to look after the phone. Mobile phones will be kept safe and secure in the office until home time when children can come to collect them.



New School Vision - 'Roots to grow and wings to fly'



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We have updated our school vision to make it more relevant and meaningful to what St Cuthbert's Junior School stands for.

'Roots to grow, wings to fly' encapsulates what we believe our role is in preparing our children for secondary education and beyond. The children will be learning a lot about St Cuthbert and how our vision relates to things they do every day in their lives.

We will be sending every parent a leaflet which explains our vision fully; we hope that you find this interesting and useful. If you have any questions regarding our school vision, please contact Mrs McKie or Mrs Mullinger who will be able to help.

Remembrance Service

We will be having remembrance assembly on Friday 11th November at 9.00am. Everyone is more than welcome to come and remember with us.

Poppies for Sale

We have poppies, zip pulls and wristbands in school to sell to support the royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy any of these items, please could you make sure that they bring in some money. The poppies will be on sale during break time. I have put a price list given by the British Legion below

Suggested Donations	
Poppy – 50p	Silicon wrist band - £1.00
Zip Pull – 50p	Snap band - £1.50

Thank you for your support

Year 5/6 visit to SS Great Britain



Y5/6 have been out and about in Bristol visiting the SS Great Britain and by all accounts, have had a wonderful time. The SS Great Britain was a passenger steam ship designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, for the Great Western Steamship Company's transatlantic service between Bristol and New York City. The children learned such a lot about how it fits with their history topic of the Industrial Revolution.



I have also had some excellent reports about the children's behaviour - which is always good to hear.

Parent Evenings

We have arranged for parent consultation evenings for Monday 21st and Thursday 24th November for you to come into school and find out how your children have settled into the new school year. You will be able to make a booking on ParentMail from Thursday 3rd November or if you are having difficulty accessing it, please telephone the school office who will help you.

An easier way to book parents' evening appointments!

We use Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail – so you can book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

You will be alerted once you can book appointments and will then be able to select the times that are convenient to you. It's all very straight-forward, but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/

Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments – if you haven't received a registration email or text, please contact the school office.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the ParentMail App so you can book appointments on your phone as soon as the appointment booking goes live! To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

If you do not wish to book your parents' evening appointment online, you can simply contact the school office and we will book appointments for you. If you have any issues or queries with the process, please contact Helen in the school office.

Mini Police Interviews

We have had a lot of application forms for mini police this year. Members of Avon and Somerset Police will be in school on Wednesday 2nd November to conduct interviews for the role. The police are looking forward to working with our new Year 5 children and supporting them towards the Duke of Cornwall Award. Mini police will be on the playground to support children in their friendships. They will also work alongside community police officers to improve our local community.

With many thanks for all of your support

Helen Mullinger

Headteacher