

## **St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School**

### **Newsletter 02/03/22**

Welcome back after what was a very windy half term. The storm that we had on the Friday that children broke up for half term caused quite a lot of damage in school. I have attached a photograph of the trees that were blown over in the car park, narrowly missing the school hall. What a good job Somerset County Council made the decision to close all schools that day. We can repair the school building but it was more important that staff and children were safe.



### **Mufti to support Red Cross work in Ukraine**

As you will be aware, there are tragic events happening in Ukraine at the moment. School does not become involved in anything that is political but we do feel that we need to do something to support those charities that are supporting the people who have been displaced due to the war that is happening.

I would like to ask children to come in mufti this Friday and to bring a donation for the Red Cross who are supporting families out there. Any amount of money you are able to give will be gratefully received.

### **World Book Day**

Don't forget that world book day is tomorrow (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March). We have lots of lovely activities throughout the day as well as book voucher that will be given out and I know the children will thoroughly enjoy it. Please bring a donation of a book for our school library and dress up as your favourite book character.

### **Covid Update**

The infant and junior school sent out a joint letter to outline the current procedures in both schools. Although we no longer have bubbles in school, we are still maintaining the isolation guidelines we had in place last term.

We are asking those children that test positive to follow the same course of action that they would have undertaken last term:

- Remain away from school for the first 5 days after a positive test

- From Day 5 onwards, children can test again and if they have two negative tests within 24 hours, they may return to school if they feel well enough to do so
- After Day 10, children may return to school, even if the tests remain positive as they are no longer regarded as infectious.
- If a family member the child lives with tests positive, as long as your child is well and is showing no symptoms and tests negative on lateral flow tests then they will be able to attend school as normal.

### **Friday Assembly**

We do not have bubbles in school any more and we are having whole school assembly once again. Friday assembly is our celebration assembly where we celebrate all of the good things everyone has done that week. You will be more than welcome to join us for assembly on Friday morning at 9.00am in the main school hall.

### **Cash for Clothes to support St Margaret's Hospice**

School are working with St Margaret's Hospice to raise money for this very worthwhile charity and also to raise some money for school as well. Below is a message from St Margaret's to explain how this will work.



At St Margaret's we provide care and support for patients and their families facing a life limiting illness. A key way that we raise funds is through our 31 charity shops, in which we sell pre-loved clothes that have been kindly donated by our community.

The last two years have affected significantly affected donation levels in our shops, and we know that they have stopped many fundraising activities for your school as well. We are therefore delighted to have the opportunity to work with St Cuthbert's C of E Junior School to help raise vital funds not only for our charity, but also for your school.

**We are holding a donation day at St Cuthbert's on Friday 29th April.** If you have any unwanted clothing, please bring your items to the school during the week commencing Monday 25th April or on the day of collection.

In return for every kilo of donated clothing they will pay St Cuthbert's 50p to help support our own fundraising efforts. They will then turn those donation bags into care for our community, by selling the clothes in our shops, with proceeds helping to pay for the wonderful team of doctors and nurses who are supporting local families across Somerset.

Don't forget, if you eligible to Gift Aid your donations, we kindly ask you to do so as it means we can increase your donation amount by an extra 25%! To find out more information or to access a Gift Aid form please head to: St Margaret's Hospice | Retail Gift Aid ([st-margarethospice.org.uk](http://st-margarethospice.org.uk)) - the school will also be provided printed

copies of this form if you do not have access to a printer. Please place your completed form inside your donation bag.

Your donations of clothing really do make a huge difference - not only are they helping to raise vital funds, but at the same time our shops stop items going into landfill and give families a chance to purchase good quality pre-loved items at an affordable price. What you may no longer wear may be just perfect for someone else! Thank you so much for your support.

### **New Path**

I would like thank parents for their patience while we have been getting work completed on the new path that runs between the infant and junior school. This path has been out of use for a significant period of time due to the uneven ground making it a health and safety risk.

The workmen have completed resurfacing this area and it is looking great. We will be reopening the side gate from next week.

With many thanks for all of your support,

Helen Mullinger

Headteacher