



Newsletter 09/01/23

St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

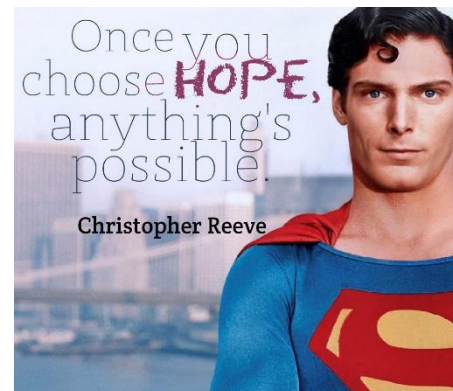
It has been lovely to see the children back in school last week and hear all their stories about their Christmas holidays. They all returned so positively and enjoyed seeing and being with their friends again. They have also displayed a fabulous attitude towards their learning. We're looking forward to a busy Spring Term!

On behalf of all of the staff, a huge 'Thank You' to the children and parents who brought Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. We all really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, especially at such a busy and costly time of year.

This term's Christian Value is HOPE

Our value this half term is hope. Hope is not always easy but we give our children all of the tools needed to develop qualities such as determination and commitment to promote hope.

Hope is the moral value that enables us to believe in the good of humanity, even when we ourselves have been hurt. Hope enables us to be generous, kind and giving to others; through hope we believe that things will get better because of our or someone else's efforts.



Hope is different than positivity, but allowing our children to be aware of positive current events can help create an environment more likely to make them feel hopeful. Help offset the smog of negative news by showing our children that there's good out there, too.

Please could you discuss 'Hope' with the children at home, and explore ways to reinforce it.

Ukulele

Atlas class will be starting ukulele tuition this term. The children will be taught by a music teacher from the Somerset Music Hub every Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoy learning this instrument and they make some lovely music by the end of the term. This is fully funded by school and there is no cost to parents.

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching and we will be celebrating everything to do with books and reading on Thursday March 2nd. We will be asking children to dress up as their favourite book character and I know parents often need time to get the costume organised so I thought I would inform you of the date sooner rather later. There will be lots of different reading activities during the day for the children to enjoy.



Mini Police Update

Mini police have had a very successful start to their role within school and work incredibly hard during lunchtimes helping children resolve problems and making sure that children have a happy lunchtime.

The children will be starting work soon to complete their Duke of Cornwall Award which focuses on safety within and around the home.

Mini Police had been invited to Wilfred Fuller House which is the Police Operational Training Centre in Clevedon. It specifically provides training for the mounted section of the police force as well as training police dogs. The children will be there as special guests of Avon and Somerset Police and will have the opportunity to watch the police horses and dogs.



This training centre is not open to the public so it is very special indeed to be invited to spend the day there. Children will be going at the end of February and we will update you with lots of exciting photographs of their day.

Energy Drinks

You may be aware of the recent popularity of a particular energy drink being sold in local shops. Energy drinks and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. Some children have been bringing energy drinks and other fizzy drinks into school as part of their packed lunch or to drink during the day. We ask that children bring water to drink only.

With many thanks for your support,

Helen Mullinger

Headteacher