



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



### **Newsletter 07/09/22**

Welcome back! It has been a long and very sunny summer holiday. I hope you have managed to find time to relax and enjoy the lovely weather we had.

The new term has started really well with lots of smiling faces—children, parents and staff! It is always a mixture of emotions when children start a new school year. We understand that many children will feel both excited and anxious at the prospect of a new class, new class friends and new teacher. We have some very happy children in school this week and looking forward to the exciting things that we are going to be doing this term. Long may it continue!

### **Considerate Parking Please**

Please be respectful to the residents who live near to school on the estate. It has been reported that parents are parking in front of garages and blocking driveways. There had been a huge improvement with this in the summer and I hope that we can all continue to be a more considerate to our local residents. I will be asking the Community Police monitor the situation.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

#### **Reporting an absence**

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will call or text you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

It is extremely important that children arrive promptly at school ready to begin the day's lessons with the rest of the child's class. Arriving late can be very distressing for the child who is late and disruptive for both the teacher and the rest of the class. When children arrive late they miss vital teaching time and the main introduction to the learning for the day. This has a detrimental effect on a child's learning.

#### **Persistent Absence**

Persistent absence is defined by the Government as attendance below 90%. This equates to 19 days or more of absence a year.

If you are having difficulty with attendance or punctuality please come in and speak to us and we will do everything we can to help.

### **Every Second Counts**

**8.45am**

doors open

Your child has arrived in good time to meet friends  
and get ready for the school day

**8.55am**

register is taken

**9.00am**

Your child is late and has missed the first 5 minutes  
of the school day

5 minutes late means 3 days absence every year

**9.15am**

Your child is 20 minutes late

20 minutes late a day means 12 days absence  
every year

**9.15 registers close**

**Anyone arriving after 9.15am will be marked as  
an unauthorised absence**

### **Friday Assembly**

Our Friday assembly is our celebration of the children's achievements and parents are welcome to attend. Assembly starts at 9.00am in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please enter through the school main doors.

### **Ukulele**

Year 3 and 4 children will be learning the ukulele again this year. Each class will have a full terms tuition. This will be funded by school. We will supply the ukuleles and we have enough for the whole class to use; the children are all very much looking forward to it. Snowdon class will be the first class to receive tuition and I know they are really looking forward to it.

### **Choir and Band**

Mrs Jenkins leads the school choir and band. All children are invited to join the choir or school band if they wish. The choir and band meet every Friday lunchtime and Mrs Jenkins would love to have some of our new children joining her.

### **PE reminder**

PE kit is part of the school uniform in school. Last year, I noticed a number of children not wearing the correct PE clothing and a lot not wearing PE kit at all. Please make sure that you have the correct PE clothing on your PE day.

**We are continuing to ask children to come into school in their PE kit on their allocated PE day.**

Below is a reminder of PE days for each class.

**Alps** (Mrs Allen) – Tuesday

**Pyrenees** (Mrs Hazell) – Tuesday

**Snowdon** (Mrs Smith/Mrs Tait) – Wednesday

**Himalayas** (Mrs Hanks/Mrs McKie) – Wednesday

**Rockies** (Mrs Shimmin) - Thursday

**Atlas** (Miss Faulkes) – Thursday

### **Swimming Lessons**

We very pleased to say that swimming will resume again for all year groups this term. Each class will have 10 sessions in the pool and lessons will be every Tuesday morning. Swimming is part of the PE national curriculum so all children are expected to take part.

The first 2 classes to start swimming will be Alps and Himalayas. Parents in these classes will receive further information via ParentMail.

With many thanks for all of your support

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**CLERK TO GOVERNORS Hours per week (As detailed below)**

Starting Salary: Grade 13: £10.21 - £11.27 per hour

The Governing Body, through its appointed and elected governors, plays a distinctive and essential role in the continuing success and development of the school. The Clerk's job is to work with the Chair and other Governors, dealing with administrative matters for the Governing Body.

Central to this role is preparing for, taking notes at and producing minutes for meetings. Integrity and the ability to maintain confidentiality are essential. This position is with immediate effect and new clerks will receive full support and training.

The post will involve 10-12 hours work for each meeting and there will be six full Governing Body meetings per year. Meetings will usually be held out of school hours and will last approximately 2 hours. The Clerk may be asked to take on additional paid work for meetings according to need. Please email **[office@stoberrypark.co.uk](mailto:office@stoberrypark.co.uk)** or visit our school website [www.stoberryparkschool.com](http://www.stoberryparkschool.com) for further information and an application form