



### Thank you

Today, I write my last letter to you as Interim Headteacher! Thank you for all the support that you have given me during my two terms as Interim Headteacher. I am delighted and blessed to have been appointed as substantive Head of St Cuthbert Mayne with effect from Monday 17th April. I am excited by the opportunity and looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with all members of the school community to further improve our wonderful school.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the fantastic Staff and Governors at St Cuthbert Mayne, who work so hard to ensure that they do the best they can for our children. I hope that you will join me in wishing them a relaxing Easter break in preparation for the Summer Term.

Most importantly I would like to say thank you and well done to the pupils of St Cuthbert Mayne for all their hard work this term. They are an absolute pleasure and it is a privilege to work with them.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a lovely Easter Break.



### This week

During our liturgies this week we have been focusing on the events of Holy Week. Each day a different class has led us in prayer and reflection. It has been very special and we hope that the children continue their Lenten journey at home as they prepare for Easter. We have also focused on the impact of small acts of kindness and how we are never too small to make a big difference. We will celebrate Easter when we return to school on Tuesday 18th April and I would like to invite as many parents as possible to join us for our Mass at the start of the new school term at 1.45pm on Friday 21st April.



### Farewell and welcome

We welcome our new pupil Keane in Year 6 and are delighted that he has joined our school.

We look forward to welcoming our new Premises Manager Mr Grady, and Mrs Anita Coughlan our new teaching assistant, who join our staff team after Easter. We wish JJ in Year 3 every success in his new school. We also wish Mrs Moore a relaxing start to her maternity leave which she begins after Easter. This term we said goodbye to Mrs Rossiter who left us to take up the position of Youth Leader in her church.

### Parents' Forum

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend last Friday's Parents' Forum. Once again we had a very good meeting. I was able to share plans for further school developments including the playground, sport, forthcoming building works, club updates, our anti-bullying work, IT provision and enrichment activities. It was also a great opportunity to listen to parental suggestions and hear your feedback on recent improvements such as the school website.

At each of these meetings we always discuss the safety issues around school pick up and drop off times. It was pointed out by a parent that although people are able to legally park in front of the church entrance it is unsafe. **We would like to ask all parents to consider not parking outside the church entrance at all from now on.** This would enable clear visibility of the road and ease the flow of traffic.

The minutes from our meetings will be available on our school website.

The dates for the Summer Term Parents' Forum meetings have yet to be confirmed.

### Tidy cloakroom and lost property

Our tidy cloakroom competition has meant that all pupils are making an extra effort to ensure that their cloakroom areas are tidy. However, we seem to be accruing a lot of lost property which we do not have the space to store and also I am sure that you would prefer it to be with your child. All named property is returned to its rightful owner by our office helpers but it is increasingly difficult to do this as so many 'found' items are unnamed.

Well done to Year 4 who are currently in the lead with the tidiest cloakroom!

### Year 6 fundraising quiz night

Thank you to the Year 6 team of parents who organised a fantastic fundraising and social night. Last Friday. £1164.30 was raised at the event which goes towards the cost of the Year 6 trip to CYE. It was a really enjoyable evening and I'm sure (like me) that you'll be relieved to hear that the teachers won!

### Attendance reminder

Our attendance shows improved attendance across the school. Thank you to parents for ensuring that your children are in school as much as possible and are only absent from school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

### Safeguarding training for our school volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help within our school and are grateful that so many parents and grandparents are able to commit some time each week to help run clubs, support in school and go on school visits. As part of our Safeguarding policy and practice all volunteers are required to attend Safeguarding and Child protection training at St Cuthbert Mayne.

Please let the School Office know if you are able to making the following training date:

Wednesday 26th April 1.30-3.15pm.

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

I would like to thank all the parents who are following our Safeguarding procedures. We continue to be concerned about the number of children who are not collected promptly at the end of the day. Please can you ensure that your child is picked up on time or that you make arrangements for someone else to collect your child and let the School Office know. Please sign your child in at the School Office if they arrive at school after the gate is closed and do not allow them to enter the building on their own. Please can I also remind parents that they should not be entering the school without signing in.

### Building works update

As you may be aware the building works have begun. It is a very exciting project and one which we hope will be completed before half term.

Over the Easter break the main entrance to the school will be blocked off and our School Office will be relocated to the old kitchen. If you need to go to the School Office then you will be redirected to the left hand side of the building via the school car park.

Access for the children will remain through the church car park and into the school playground. We hope that there will be minimum disruption during these works and will keep you updated as they progress.

### Diary Dates 2017

#### April

- 18.04.17 Children return to school 8.50am
- 26.04.17 1.30-3.15 Safeguarding training for volunteers
- 21.04.17 Easter Mass 1.45pm
- 21.04.17 The Friends Race Night
- 27.04.17 Year 2 Parents' Evening 4.30pm-6.50pm

#### May

- 01.05.17 BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
- 03.05.17 3.30pm Sports Committee Meeting
- 04.05.17 Year 2 Parents' Evening 4pm—6.20pm
- 15.05.17 Y3 to Painshill Park
- 16.05.17 Y5 to Henley Fort
- 17.05.17 Reception class to Dapdune Wharf
- 20.05.17 First Holy Communion Mass
- 22.05.17—26.05.17 Year 6 to CYE
- May 29th—June 2nd Summer Half Term

### Office opening times

Our School Office is open each day at the following times:

8:30-9:15

10:15-12:30

### Attendance figures for w/e 24th March 2017

Reception -	98.6%
Year 1 -	95.0%
Year 2 -	97.3%
Year 3 -	99.2%
Year 4 -	99.7%
Year 5 -	99.0%
Year 6 -	98.2%

**Well done to Year 4 on having the highest attendance this week.**

**Overall attendance 98.1 %**

Kind Regards,



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