



St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School



Year 4 – Autumn 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge Welcome back!

What a joy it is to finally meet and begin teaching such a lovely class that St Bernadette's are. As a parent myself, I must say it is wonderful to see the return of routine and structure that a school provides. Since I've started here at St Cuthbert Mayne I have felt a great warmth of welcome from all the staff, parents and pupils. I'm excited to be working under the fantastic headteacher Mrs McCarthy. I will strive to make your child's return to school a reassuring and positive experience. I'm keen to crack on with good teaching and learning so that your child becomes a resilient and independent learner. High expectations will be evident but all within a nurturing atmosphere. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Please pay attention to some housekeeping below.

School Uniform and PE

We have been delighted that the children continue to look smart. Please ensure that you follow the school uniform policy (including hair accessories) and all items of uniform are labelled. Please ensure that your child comes to school in a waterproof coat. PE is provided by Planet soccer and with PE lessons on Thursday & Friday mornings. Please ensure all kit is labelled and due to COVID-19 protocols, please ensure PE kit is brought to school on the Monday and taken home to be washed on the Friday.

Fruit and water

Children need to stay hydrated, so please ensure they have a named water bottle in school. This will also be taken home daily to be washed. They may bring in fresh or dried fruit or vegetables to eat at break times – no nuts please.

Home learning

Reading: Children should read daily for at least 20 minutes and be encouraged to read books they enjoy, but also attempt different genres and authors. Children have opportunity to choose a book from our classroom and will be using the new Accelerated Reader Scheme as well, with further details to follow. We would encourage you to continue to take time out to read with or to your children, so they enjoy stories and learn to love reading throughout their life.

Multiplication Tables: Please practise quick recall of multiplication tables, including Times Table Rock Stars. Your child has been given a log in for this which is stuck into their home-learning book, along with their Accelerated Reader and TTRS logins. There is a statutory Year Four tables test in the summer term testing these facts and further details will follow.

Weekly Task: The children will continue to receive an English (comprehension or grammar) and maths task each Wednesday to be returned by the following Monday. These should take about 20-30 minutes if children are focussed in a quiet environment. Please do not let them go beyond 30 minutes per piece of home-learning or leave it to Sunday evening as this will only create anxiety for your child and create a negative attitude towards home-learning.

Communication

If you would like to contact me, please advise the school office by email or telephone. I will endeavour to call you back at the earliest and convenient time. We will always contact you if we have concerns about your child.

Thank you for support in your children's learning. All the best for the term ahead.

God Bless,

Mr Dowling.