



Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well.

PTFA Fundraiser

Thank you again to our PTFA (lovely to see we have some new members!), to everyone who donated, helped prepare or was able to attend our first ever Summer Fun Day. The event was a huge success and we raised just over £1,200.00 for School Fund. We will be using some of this money to develop our new Emotional Well-being Centre at St Cuthbert's which will be based in the rooms above the main entrance at the front of the school next to our wonderful school chapel. We will be running a competition in September with the children to create a name for the centre and we hope to have it up and running at the beginning of the new academic year.

Sports Day Monday 18th July

We are pleased to share our confirmed Sports Day at St Cuthbert's for 2022, weather permitting. We are going to try out a more traditional approach this year with parents in a designated space so that they can watch all of the races take place in a central area. All of our parents/carers are invited to the event.

We will be hosting Sports Day across two sessions:

Session 1

From 1pm for Reception to Year 2 children (any children without siblings in Key Stage 2 can then be collected and taken home)

Session 2

From 2pm for Year 3 to Year 6 children (anyone who has children across both Key Stages can attend both sessions if they wish to)

The gates on Stapeley View will open half an hour before each session is due to start. There will be refreshments on sale and we have some goodie bags and crisps left over from the Fun Day which we'll also be selling on the day. I might even be able to persuade Jane, our fantastic cook, to bake some of her fabulous cookies!

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform for September 2022. School uniform is an integral part of our school identity and ethos. It is really important that children feel that sense of belonging and unity and are prepared for the school day ahead and wearing school uniform goes a long way to achieving this. Please visit our school website for more information on [school uniform](#) or contact our school office if you wish to discuss further or you would like some support with school uniform items. We have a lot of pre-loved uniform which is in excellent condition which families can collect from the school office for free.

Attendance

The Department for Education has introduced a new document, [Working together to improve school attendance](#), which is to be implemented from September 2022 which gives more legal powers to schools and local authorities. Please consider your child's education before you book holidays during term time. The children have already missed so much school time, learning and time experiencing school life. It is important that they attend every day they are well enough and able to do so.



Cashless Payments into School from September 2022

From September 2022 St Cuthbert's will be going completely cashless. You will be able to pay for school meals, trips etc. via SIMs Pay360, our online payments system. You will receive a survey before the end of the school term and registration codes will be emailed out over the Summer Holiday and early in the Autumn Term. Any queries please speak to Mrs Summerson in the School Office on 0191 2860129.

Poverty Proofing the School Day – No Gifts Sent into School Initiative

Please remember as part of our **Poverty Proofing the School Day Initiative**, we will not be accepting any gifts into school for any of the adults from the children or families.

In agreement with all staff, any gifts which are sent into school will be donated to local charities. Please support St Cuthbert's and all of our children and families – please do not send any gifts in.

If parents/carers want to express thanks to staff then please send in a card, a letter or an email. This feedback is so valuable to our well-being and has such a positive impact on our morale and really is very much appreciated. We will also be providing all of the children with the necessary materials and the opportunity to make a card for any of the adults in school if they wish to do so.

Reception/Year 6 Buddies - No Gifts Sent into School Initiative

Please note, our No Gifts into School Initiative also extends to our children, with particular reference to our Year 6/Reception Buddies. Please do not send any gifts into school to be shared between the children so that we can ensure no children are left out. We will be giving all of the Reception and Year 6 children time and resources to make cards for each other before the end of the Summer Term.

Please contact the school if you wish to discuss any of the above or any other matter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Anne Bullerwell
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary July 2022

Monday 11 th July – Friday 15 th July 2022	Kenton High School Transition Week
Monday 11 th July	Year 2 St Lucian Day – Dress in bright colours
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 – Transition Day for St Cuthbert's, Sacred Heart and St Mary's
Friday 15 th July	Year 6 – Transition Day for St Cuthbert's, Sacred Heart and St Mary's
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th July	Nursery – End of year Celebration Day
Thursday 21 st July at 2pm	Year 6 – Leavers' Assembly
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for the summer holidays
Monday 5 th September 2022	School closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 th September 2022	School re-opens for all children

Please note that we do our best to adhere to the dates set in the diary however the above may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.