



St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School

Newsletter 06/09/24



Welcome back! The holiday seems to have gone by very quickly indeed and we are back to school and ready to learn.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our families and wish a warm welcome to families who are new to our school.

I would like to say a particular welcome to our new Year 3 children who looked very smart indeed in their new uniforms. It is quite scary starting a new school with different teachers and children. It always makes me smile when in 2 weeks or so, our Year 3 children look like they have been here at the juniors forever. They settle in so quickly. I would also like to say a huge well done to our older children as they are doing a great job nurturing our Year 3 children and making them feel welcome.

We look forward to an action-packed term ahead and lots of exciting learning!

Changes

I would like to welcome our new staff who have joined us this year. Mrs Turner is working in Snowdon class and Mrs Ramsay has returned to St Cuthbert's and will be working in Alps class. We also have Mrs Sarjant who is working with children in Rockies class. A very warm welcome to all of you.

During the holiday, big celebration took place when Miss Faulkes was married. Miss Faulkes' new name is Mrs Sambles.

Parents Evening Meeting

We have set the dates for parent meetings this year for Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October. This will give parents the opportunity to speak to school staff about how their children have settled into their new class and to see the work they have been doing.

IMPORTANT Hot Meal Changes

Currently, you are able to order hot meals and pay for them at a later date. Unfortunately, we have found over the last few years parents are running up large bills and not making any payments. At the end of this school year, the school was out of pocket by hundreds of pounds.

Because of this we are having to change our process around ordering.

When you order the meals for your child you will need to pay for them at the time you order them.

A reminder that if your child is off sick and is due to have a hot meal that day, you must let us know when you report the absence otherwise the meal will not be cancelled and you will have to pay for the missed meal.

Deadline for ordering hot meals is always 9am on a Tuesday for the following week. Please speak to either Helen or Hilary in the office if you have any questions. This process will start for meals ordered for week commencing 23rd September. Can we please ask that if you have an outstanding balance you clear it ASAP.

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.

Pyrenees (Mrs Hazell) and **Alps** (Mrs Ramsay) – Monday

Rockies (Miss Shimmin) and **Atlas** (Mrs Sambles) – Tuesday

Himalayas (Mrs McKie/Mrs Hanks) and **Snowdon** (Mrs Tate/Mrs Turner) – Wednesday

Swimming Lessons

We are very pleased to say that swimming will resume again this term. It will however only be for Year 3 and 4 children. Each class will have 10 sessions in the pool and lessons will be every Tuesday morning.

Swimming will start on Tuesday 17 September and will continue until 26th November.

The first class to start swimming will be Rockies. Parents in this class will receive further information via ParentMail.



Autumn Term Christian Value



Our Christian Value this term is endurance.

Endurance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity. Endurance and perseverance are only possible where there is hope and that hope is based on the enduring nature of God's love and faithfulness.

In our school, this means that we don't give up as soon as things go wrong. We know that we can learn from mistakes and keep improving. Even when we are faced with challenges, we remember that we are not alone. Please encourage your children to keep trying at those things they find difficult.

Support Wells Fire Station Open Day

Date: Saturday, September 7th, 2024

Wells Fire Station are excited to announce that they will be hosting an Open Day on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event is a fantastic opportunity for families and children of all ages to learn more about the vital work of our local firefighters and enjoy a fun-filled day out!

Event Highlights:

- ~ Buy a raffle ticket and win fabulous prizes! All kindly donated by local businesses. Win a blaze bear. (You can see him looking great in his uniform in the photo!)
- ~ Fire Engine Tours: Climb aboard and explore the fire trucks up close!
- ~ Firefighter Demonstrations: See live rescue and safety demonstrations, including the use of fire hoses and other equipment.
- ~ Meet the Firefighters: Talk to our local heroes and learn about what it takes to be a firefighter.
- ~ Fire Safety Education: Learn important tips on fire safety and prevention.



This is a free community event, and everyone is welcome. It's a great way for children to be inspired, have fun, and gain a deeper understanding of the importance of fire safety.

Find out more on their Facebook page.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/wells-fire-station-open-day/515832521038168/>

Thank you very much for your continuing support,

Helen Mullinger

Head Teacher