

St Cuthbert's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Believe Achieve Inspire

Summer term 2

Message from the Headteacher

As we begin our final half term of the school year, our CHAMPS value of

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reminds us of the difference each of us can make every day. "Let your light shine on yourself and others" encourages us to recognise our own unique gifts and talents, while also using them to support, encourage and inspire those around us.

This half term is a wonderful opportunity for every child to shine – whether through kindness, perseverance, creativity, learning something new, or helping a friend. When we believe in ourselves and in one another, we grow in confidence and character - being a CHAMP!

Through our shared vision to **Believe, Achieve, Inspire**, we encourage our children to believe in their potential achieve their very best, and inspire others through their words and actions.

As we look ahead to a busy and exciting end to the year, I encourage our whole school community to continue shining brightly, celebrating successes, embracing challenges and making a positive difference wherever we can.

In Diamond Class we have had such a lovely month! We went on our trip to Harlow Carr in May and learnt so much about plants. We closely observed many different plants, explored the kitchen garden and planted our own seeds. We have a new mud kitchen in our outdoor classroom area and the children are loving creating storylines around cooking, cafes and shops. We are also very excited to have started our Mystery Reader programme! Every week a special adult from one of our families comes to read us a story, and it has become a point of great excitement. Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to take part.



Thank you to the parents that donated towards Dementia UK and or came to the afternoon tea—we raised £21.50. We added another £7 from the £5 challenge—the total raised £28.50



Collective Worship

Collective Worship – Shine: Let Your Light Shine on Others

This half term, we are focusing on our school value of **Shine**. We are encouraging children to think about how their words, actions, talents, and kindness can make a positive difference to the people around them. Just as a light helps others to see, we can "shine" by showing care, respect, encouragement, and helping those in need.

Questions to discuss at home:

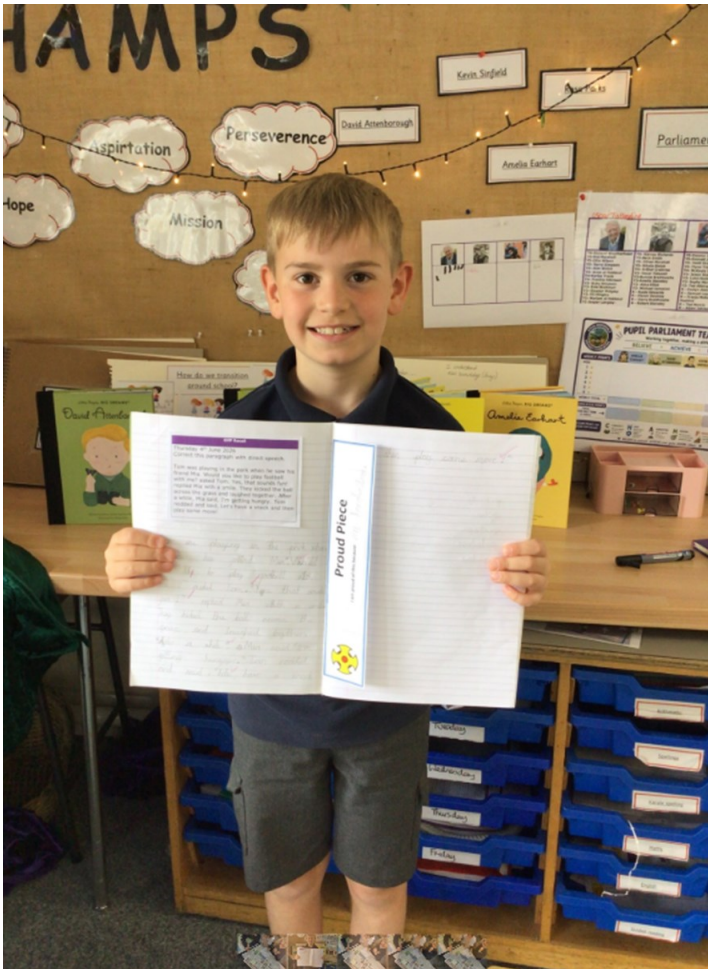
- When have you seen someone "shine" by helping or being kind to another person?
- What is something special about you that could make someone else's day better?

How could you let your light shine at home, at school, or in your community this week?

We encourage families to talk together about small acts of kindness and the positive impact they can have on others. Every act of kindness helps our light shine a little brighter.



This half term in Ruby class, we are shining a light on all the amazing CHAMPS who are persevering with their handwriting. We are trying our hardest at ensuring it looks amazing through all our subjects not just in English! We have been looking at sharing our 'proud pieces' within the class and within the federation to celebrate all the hard work that is going into this. In English, Ruby class have been looking at newspaper reports and what features go into this to write our very own reports later on in the half term based on the story 'The Paper bag Princess.' In maths, we have been looking at number and place value. We have focused on 100s, 10s and 1s as well as estimating numbers up to 1000 on a number line!



In Emerald Class we have had a good start to the new half term and have settled into new routines and ways of working.

In Maths we have been further developing our understanding of place value and number and have used these to develop our understanding of the four operations. In English, we have been studying a famous poem called The Highwayman and, using the language, structure and techniques used to build tension, we have started to write this as a narrative.

This term, Year 3 have been learning about the fascinating Ancient Egyptians. The children explored the importance of the River Nile, discovered what life was like in ancient times, and learned about pharaohs, pyramids, and mummification. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the topic. This term, Year 5 have been learning about the Great War and its impact on people around the world. The children explored life in the trenches, the experiences of soldiers and families, and the significance of remembrance. We have been impressed by their thoughtful questions and respectful approach to the topic.

£5 Challenge

