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TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 8

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers;

We have reached the end of the first half term of the new academic year, and we are now in a good position as everyone is used to new routines and working with new people. I will repeat what I wrote in the first newsletter in September – St Cyprian's is a unique school filled with caring, committed people and brilliant students. I personally have been made to feel welcome and I thank you all for that.

DEADLINE: Secondary School applications for Year 6 children
Time has almost run out for parents of children in Year 6 to make applications for Secondary Schools. ALL applications must be confirmed online by 31st October.
https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Our School Council
On Monday we had the first meeting of our new School Council. This is an important part of school life. Two children from each class have been voted for by their peers to represent them. Congratulations to Trinity, Luca, Mya, Leandre, Ariana, Ezra, Lailah, Azael, Serena, Yuriy, Gabrielle, Willard, Rebecca, Hamza, Keren, Derren, Olivia, Biruk, Vanessa and Joshan.
Additionally, there will be some adult representatives who will guide the children in their mission. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Papanastasiou, and the Vice Chair Mrs Christou will be invited to meetings and the children will send their minutes to the Governors. His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas and Father George are honorary members.

Safeguarding – what do I do if….?
This weekend British Summer Time Ends and we will lose an hour of daylight in the evenings. Now is the time to talk to your child about safe routines if he or she travels home alone.
There is an excellent link from the NSPCC that offers lots of advice – please make sure you click through to this and read it with your child:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/outside-the-home/at-school/#homealone

Photographs
Please remember: the ***first day back*** after our half-term holiday, Monday 3rd November, will be the day that individual photos of the children are taken. Please add it to your diaries and calendars now! Tuesday 4th November will be the day for family photos with siblings. Please make sure all children wear full school uniform, rather than PE kits, for their photographs.

Class Assemblies – advance notice for parents

Our class assemblies will recommence after the holiday. Please put these dates in your diary:
Assemblies begin at 9.00am.

7th November	Samos Class
14th November	Ithaca Class
21st November	Zakynthos Class
28th November	Crete Class
5th December	Santorini Class

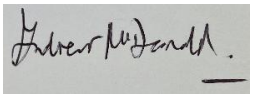
The cultural life of the school

On Monday in our assembly, we celebrated the amazing poetry that can be created from a common theme. We listened to poetry written by children inspired by the book 'The River and The Tree' by Aaron Becker. The range of different kinds of poetry was impressive. We have celebrated poetry all week and the children are very enthusiastic about the poem of the week that is displayed in the corridors. The children also enjoyed some poetry by Michael Rosen and Eleanor Farjeon.

Ohi Day Επέτειος του Όχι

Today we were fortunate to be joined by members of the school community as we commemorated the events of 1940 and how the Greek people rallied against subjugation. This remembrance is both inspiring and poignant and is an important point in the life of our community. Thank you to everyone who supported this special gathering, especially the hard work of our Greek specialists in school who continue to keep the unique ethos of our community at the forefront of our thinking. Thanks to Ms Tsiama for organising the event.

I wish you a restful holiday. School will re-open to children on Monday 3rd November at 8.50am.
Yours faithfully,



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