



## Newsletter No. 3 - November 2018



Dear Parents & Carers,

We all can't quite believe how quickly this term is going. There is much festivity around the school today, the Christmas tree is up and once again the children have worked hard to make some beautiful decorations. We look forward now to the Christmas celebrations that will take place over the next ten days.

As you will probably have noticed we have increased the price of the tickets for our performances. This is to cover the cost of the music, scripts and the license fee. Any money that is surplus will be used for the school music enrichment fund.

A big thank you to all parents and children for making the Children in Need Day so much fun. The children all looked wonderful and the staff impressed us with their colourful outfits too. Through the cake sale and donations we made an amazing £546.32. We look forward now to our Christmas Jumper Day that will be coming up soon.

The children produced some creative work about Anti-Bullying Week. From posters to cartoon scripts. Children confidently discussed this theme and were able to respond to scenarios that were given to them. Many of the children and staff also participated in Odd Socks Day! Miss Bailey led two assemblies and the children really impressed us with their understanding of bullying. The message in the assembly 'Choose Respect' is being used by the children.

It was lovely to see so many parents at Parents Evening. We are very proud of the children and the progress they have made so far this term. If you haven't yet met with your child's class teacher please ring the office to make an appointment.

Once again the children have been enjoying many enrichment activities to support their topic learning. Year 5 have been in charge of some very special space samples and used their observational skills to work scientifically to determine the samples and decide whether they were from earth or space. The Explorerdome arrived on Wednesday and the children in

Year 4 took part in a hands-on journey to take a look at the form and function of the digestive system. Reception also went on their first trip to Bristol Museum to look at the clown exhibition. I was very impressed with the clown faces the children designed. Year 3 had a wonderful time exploring Cheddar caves. The teachers continue forward plan and organise these enrichment activities which are so memorable for the children.

We are very much looking forward to the last couple of weeks of term. There are lots of performances and special events for the children to enjoy. We look forward to seeing at some of these events.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes  
Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

### Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 4th Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9 - 10am
Wednesday 5th Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 9 - 10am
Friday 7th December	KS1 to Bristol Old Vic to see Chloe and the Colour Catcher
Friday 7th December	Christmas Fair
Monday 10th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert at Bristol Cathedral 10.15 - 11.15am
Tuesday 11th Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 9 - 10am
Wednesday 12th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day. <b>Full uniform to be worn</b> , but jumper/cardigan can be replaced with a festive jumper.
Thursday 13th Dec	Last day of term
Monday 7th January	Term begins
Please check the school website calendar for any updates.	



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### Cathedral Primary School PTA

Cake sales have been really successful this term – thank you to everyone who has been involved in organising the sales each week and to everyone who has either donated or bought a cake on a Friday. We are raising on average around £130 per week for Forest School thanks to your generosity and we also raised just over £150 for Children in Need! THANK YOU!

Christmas Fair preparations are well on the way! The Fair is taking place on Friday 7 December from 3:30pm in the Hall. Thank you in advance to our lovely volunteers and for all the kind donations coming in – please keep these coming, every little helps! It's stacking up to be a great event. We will have lots of games and stalls, free arts and crafts, hot food, cakes, a licenced bar and Santa's Grotto!! We are looking forward to seeing you there for some festive fun and some yummy food!

If you have volunteered for the fair in some way or offered to help wrap books, please look out for our emails. These will be out this week with next steps.

Don't forget, Christmas Trees will be on sale in the Tump on Saturday 1 December from 9am – thank you Christmas Tree Team for all your hard work pulling this together and good luck for Saturday!

All the best,  
The PTA Committee  
Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with PTA news: "CPS PTA"

Contact us on: [cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com) or find us on FaceBook: CPS PTA

### Cake Sale Rota

Friday Date	Year Group
7th December	All - CHRISTMAS FAIR

### Attendance

We are rigorously monitoring lateness. The school opens at 8:45am and the doors close at 9am. Children must arrive between this time to make the morning registration. Thank you to all those families who support the school by making sure their children arrive promptly every day. It is important to note that even 5 minutes of lateness every day in an academic year equates to 3 days of missed learning. Not only does lateness affect a

child's confidence and causes them to miss essential learning, it also disrupts the learning of the rest of the class.

A School day is broken down into two sessions, morning and afternoon. An absence must be recorded in the register if your child misses one of the sessions or is late after the register closes. In the morning the register closes at **9:30am** so any lateness after this point will be classed as an unauthorised absence for the morning.

### SHINE After School Club

Term 2 is well underway here at Shine, and we have seen RECORD numbers here at Shine.

In Term 2 we changed things around ever so slightly from Term 1 and introduced Gymnastics on a Monday. Gym sells out very quickly and is really popular with the children. The superb James has shown that he has another string to his bow!

As well as this we run "My Time" from Monday to Friday. Each day varies from different activities such as colouring in, painting, pottery making, junk model making to other activities such as Lego or playing Board Games. Alongside these clubs, we have Sport on most days too. Monday's of course as you know is Gymnastics, this is held in the main hall. Each week the children progress using different apparatus & skills! Tuesday is Dance club. This is also run in the main hall with the fabulous Lorna. The children have been dancing to music, and learning their routines & dance moves really impressively. On Wednesday it's Dodgeball club. Dodgeball club runs in the upstairs hall & is an ever popular club to work off those midweek blues. On Thursday it's Cookery Club which is another club that sells out pretty much at the beginning of every Term - thus far we have made fruit salad with yogurt & granola, cupcakes with an American twist using white chocolate and pretzels and marshmallow squares. Friday is Archery club in the main hall. The Reception children have really progressed from Term 1. One week we had a Reception child gain the highest collective score amongst all the year groups! Robin Hood in the making!

Don't forget to book in your child well in advance as space's are at a premium and clubs sell out VERY quickly. Also for any late bookings past lunchtime you'll need to contact Head Office & the school so they can then contact myself so I can mark your child on my register.

For any queries please don't hesitate to contact Head Office on:  
[info@myshine.co.uk](mailto:info@myshine.co.uk) or call 01174033033



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Alternatively you can contact myself on 07845421021 or drop me an email at [shinesasc\\_cathedral@hotmail.com](mailto:shinesasc_cathedral@hotmail.com)

I'll leave you with a November joke to cheer us all up in this glum weather, "What does a cloud wear under its raincoat?", Answer "Thunderwear!".

Jack (After School Club Manager)

### PAPAYA

#### Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents

Papaya is about promoting life, wellness and improved mental health in adolescents through the discouraging of unrestricted smartphone use. There will be a talk taking place at Hope Chapel, Hotwells, on 26<sup>th</sup> February. For more information please go to:

<https://www.papayaparents.com/>

### Uniform

As the end of term draws near please can everyone take a moment to check the uniform your child has at home. Please make sure every item is clearly labelled with your child's name and that you have your child's uniform and not another child's by mistake!

