



# Cathedral Primary School Newsletter



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## A message from Mrs Yarnold & Mrs Gerolemou

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end of term! Project Zulu was such an uplifting day for the children and school community. I hope you managed to catch some of their performance at the beginning or end of the day. Please look at our Twitter and Instagram to see some lovely clips and pictures. We have also recently enjoyed class assemblies and our Annual Trust concert at the Cathedral. The Trust concert is a fantastic opportunity for our children in Choirs and Orchestra to collaborate with others in such a special place. Thank you for your support with your children in learning pieces and for joining us at the Cathedral. A special thank you to Mrs Bebbington-Lewis and Mrs Claridge for all their hard work in organising the event.

As we now move into the final term, we are looking forward to some exciting events. Mr. Baynton has been working really hard with your children to develop their athletic and teamwork skills ready for sports day. The PTA are busy preparing for the annual summer fair at Failand, always so well attended by our families. Year 6 are working really hard prepping dance routines, learning songs and acting out scenes for the musical 'Matilda'. This musical is the story of an extraordinary little girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny. The children are really enjoying working towards this performance.

The children are looking forward to moving up to their new classes and we are carefully planning for that in school. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception families who will join us in September and of course the siblings of those children already in school.

Once again, there have been so many curriculum highlights for this term. These are just a snapshot of some that the teachers would like to share:

★ **Reception** - This Term, we dived Under the Sea to explore all things Aquatic! We have learned about different habitats, made an Under the Sea fact book, channelled our inner pirate and even made our very own Aquarium dioramas.

★ **Year 1** - This term Year 1 have been really busy doing lots of musical collaborations! Our trip to Bristol Grammar School for a Key Stage Summer Sing Workshop was a huge success and the children got to show off their creative skills, joining in with a range of music. A few of our children were selected to take part in the Ocean Adventure musical enrichment day with Year 1 students from other schools. And to finish it all off, they were busking to raise money on the last Wednesday of term, showing off their growing passion for looking after our planet!



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★ **Year 2** - We have been learning about what plants need to survive and thrive. We have even conducted an experiment to discover what beans need to germinate!

★ **Year 3** - We have done amazingly well with their MEGA Mondays so far this term. Their Ukulele lessons have been so much fun and all the children have shown resilience and perseverance. Learning the fiddly fingering for these stringed instruments is not always easy! Swimming has been action-packed too! The children have loved practising their skills in the water and developing their confidence.

★ **Year 4** - We have been learning about electricity. We had a go at making our own circuits with lightbulbs and buzzers.

★ **Year 5** - Year 5 has been waiting for this term for the opportunity to go to Forest School. We have been learning how to tie knots and created our own Mayan inspired eye, using weaving and knots.

★ **Year 6** - Year 6 worked incredibly hard in the lead up to and during SATs week this term, we finished the week with a lovely trip to Brandon Hill to celebrate!

We look forward to seeing you all at our summer events,

Wishing you a restful half term.

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold, Louisa Gerolemou and the CPS Team

## Values and Focus

This term throughout collective worship we have focused on **Friendship**. The children have thought about what Friendship means to us and what skills make up a good friend. Our poem this term helps us to think about what friendship is:

- Finding things to do together
- Relying on each other
- Impossible on your own
- Enjoying being together
- Never selfish
- Depending on someone else
- Sharing hopes and dreams
- Happiness and laughter
- Including others
- Precious

The children have been showing friendship throughout their learning this term, with a clear link to our Jigsaw learning. EYFS have been finding out ways to solve problems in friendships when they arise. We talked about how we can use our words to negotiate to find a solution. Year 1 have been focussing on their friendship with the planet, thinking selflessly about what they can do to help save our planet! Year 2's and 3's have focussed on relationships in their PSHE learning, using different systems to help repair friendships and learning different strategies to solve conflicts. Upper KS2 have been applying their skills to work collaboratively at Forest School and by celebrating their friends during weekly raffles!



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Collective Voices have continued to inspire the children with their support in Collective Worship. They have also joined the Canon Missionaire to deliver worship on Thursday mornings with KS2. The team have helped to run 'friendship bracelet' workshops for different children across the year groups. They have celebrated those who showed the many attributes of a good friend! Next term, the team will be recruiting a new group of collective voices from Year 5, who will be taking over their duties when they move on to secondary school! They are looking forward to training up our Collective Voices apprentices!

Next term our assemblies will be focused on our school value **Respect**.

## Staff Spotlight

**Hannah Sheahan** - Hi, my name is Miss Sheahan and I am very excited to be joining Cathedral Primary School. I am from London and am currently working in an SEN school, whilst having previously worked in a primary school in Tring from Year 1 to Year 4. I am looking forward to moving to Bristol in the Summer. In my spare time I enjoy trips to the theatre, swimming and exploring new places. I can't wait to meet you all in September!



**Isobel Holloway** - Hello, my name is Miss Holloway! I am really excited to join Cathedral Primary School in September. I grew up in Manchester but have lived in Bristol for the past four years. My favourite subjects to teach include history and reading. I love to spend my time running, walking and outdoor swimming. I also enjoy reading and having a creative project on the go. I can't wait to see you in September!



## Unicornfest

CPS is lucky to have our very own unicorn to design and decorate as part of 'Unicorn Fest', the Bristol Unicorn Trail 2023. We have been given the brief of representing Bristol's past, present and future on our beautiful unicorn. KS1 have been thinking about the 'present' and have explored their family heritage and have been thinking about what they value as part of our 'We are Bristol, We are Cathedral Primary School' poem. Lower KS2 have been thinking of themselves as changemakers of the future, and have explored the actions they need to take in order for us to still have a wonderful world to pass onto the next generation. Upper KS2 have explored Bristol monuments and key Bristol figures and have chosen to represent iconic Bristol landmarks on the unicorn. The children have worked hard to create their own unique designs and we have been so impressed with their creativity. We have taken elements of all their designs and represented these on our unicorn. Every child in the school will have the opportunity to paint our unicorn and we all will truly have ownership of our own CPS mythical beast. Look out for our unicorn on the trail across Bristol later in the summer!







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## Attendance

At Cathedral Primary School we aim for attendance above **96%**

This term our whole school attendance is **95.1%**

Each week the class with the best attendance receives our Attendance Mascot.

**Alice the Axolotl** (KS1) and **Ace the Aye Aye** (KS2)

The following classes have received the Mascot this term:

Y1 Hip Hop - Y4 Gospel - Y6 Motown - Y6 Soul - YR Pop - Y3 Country

## From the Office

**Booking School Meals** ➤ Please remember to book your child's school lunch by **Sunday 4th June** for the start of the new term.

**Don't Forget** ➤ The first day back after half term is very busy. Year 3 have swimming, Year 2 have PE at Failand & Year 6 have Forest School!

## CPS PTA



Hi All,

### Summer Fair

The PTA have begun preparations for the Summer Fair which will be held at Failand Sports Ground on Sunday 2nd July from 12pm - 3pm. This is a highlight in the PTA calendar and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our school community, have lots of fun and raise funds for the school.

You will have noticed some posters and communications starting to appear requesting donations and opportunities to volunteer. We would love as many people to be involved, if you haven't already, please complete this form to let us know how you can help.

This year, we will be selling raffle tickets in a slightly different way. At every ice lolly/cake sale from the end of May, there will be a table for you to purchase raffle tickets for £1 each, we will take your contact details so don't worry if you can't make 2nd July, we will let you know if you win. So far this year, prizes include: a holiday club voucher from Shine, a £30 voucher for Avon Valley, a £20 for Pizzarova, a book and journal bundle from Koru Kids, a bottle of bubbly and a bakery bundle. More prizes are being added so do buy your tickets to be in the draw!

We have already had a couple of kind sponsors offer to support the event including PG Group. If you or your company would like to sponsor part of the Summer Fair, then do get in touch!

The PG Group is a Bristol based development company specialising in quality homes all over the south west. Latest Bristol projects include the regeneration of the Carriageworks in Stokes Croft and previous to that Number One Bristol, Lewins Mead



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## Ice Lolly Sales

Now the sun has arrived (!), we have started the ice lolly sales on the Tump every Friday (apart from Friday 26th May as the sale will be on Thursday 25th). These are run by various year groups with support from the PTA so please liaise with your class reps for opportunities to get involved

## PTA Meetings

Our PTA meetings are not just for the committee but for all to join. We meet once a month for an hour online 7.30pm - 8.30pm (links are sent out the day before). Our dates for the rest of the year are:

- 25th May (Summer Fair Planning)
- 6th July (post Summer Fair/Autumn planning)
- 21st September
- 12th October
- 23rd November
- December (Christmas Planning date TBC)
- 25th January 2024
- 22nd February
- 11th March (AGM)

## Year 6

The PTA are supporting a number of events for Year 6 students including the famous hoodies, and the performances of Matilda on the 29th & 30th June where we will be providing a range of drinks and snacks for a donation towards the PTA.

The PTA is here to build a strong school community, enrich education and raise funds for the school and we welcome anyone to join us and get involved. If you would like more information or to chat to a committee member, then please contact [cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com) and see our web page at: <https://www.cathedralprimaryschool.org/children/pta>

The committee is supported by our amazing Class Reps.

Many thanks for your help!

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