



Cathedral Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have just returned from our first whole school Achievement Assembly at the Cresswell Theatre. It is so wonderful to have opportunities for the whole school to be together. There have been so many achievements this term! It is really wonderful for children to share their particular strengths. Already our Reception children are singing and sharing their learning with such confidence. We were particularly proud of our Year 3 class who took us all back in time for their Roman Assembly.

We continue to forge links with Bristol Cathedral and in particular with The Education Department. Year 3 took part in the 'Big Draw' and were very inspired by the Cathedral. The children enjoyed designing their own stain glass windows and mosaic. It was lovely to hear back how exemplary their behaviour was on this visit.

As we move into the second half of this term we will be inviting you in for some curriculum evenings. Reception parents will be invited to a 'Reading Event'. This will be an opportunity for parents to learn about our reading approach at Cathedral Primary School and how you can support at home. Year 1 parents will be invited to a 'Year 1 Curriculum Evening'. Staff will share an overview of the Year 1 curriculum and give ideas of strategies that can be used at home to help you support your children in Maths and English. This will also be an opportunity for you to look at work in the classrooms. After half term families are invited to our Musical Achievement event. Our Choir will be singing and there will be performances from some of the children who are learning instruments, including some solo performances and some in small ensembles. We are also anticipating a feature performance from the

incredible BCCS Gospel Choir! We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Miss Bailey has been making links with our Year 3 children and developing their responsibility skills. Year 3 children took part in trial mentor sessions where they supported the Reception children in their reading, learning and playtimes. Ten children have been selected to be a mentor for ten weeks. The children are very excited about this opportunity and will be wearing a Mentor Badge. Please do look out for these children and congratulate them on this important role. There will be opportunities later on in the year for other children to apply for these posts.

Thank you all for your support this term with settling your children into new classes and routine. We look forward to sharing lots more success with you next term.

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

PTA News

Thank you to those who have returned their PTA form and offered to help. We are still looking for Class Reps for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 so if you can help with this shared job please do ask for more information.

Next term we will be arranging a Christmas Tree sale on 10th December, Christmas Cards and a Christmas Raffle - please look out for more details in the book bags. If you or your company can donate a raffle prize or sponsor your Year groups Christmas Card please email cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com. Thank you. Cake sales will replace Ice Lolly Fridays next term and Year 3 will start on Friday 4th November. Your Class Reps will co-ordinate these sales but they need volunteers to help set up and sell on the day as well as donations of cakes from everyone in the Year Group. These can be shop bought or baked so please do help if you can. (To those keen bakers amongst us, your contribution to any week's sales would be gratefully received so you don't have to wait until it's your turn!)

The next meeting will be held at the Gloucester Old Spot on 14th November at 7:30pm and everyone is very welcome.

Many thanks for your continued support.

CPS PTA



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Staff Spotlight – Kate Kelly

Having recently graduated from University, I was really looking forward to beginning my first role at Cathedral Primary School, as a Year 3 Learning Support Assistant. I am excited to help and support the children in the school through a number of ways, but am especially enthusiastic about my after-school club – Glee! I have a love for the theatre, as I regularly perform at the Bristol Hippodrome. In fact, this month I performed in “Fiddler on the Roof!” So far I have really enjoyed learning all about the Romans with Year 3 as we have done a lot of acting!



SHINE

The 1st term is nearly over already! We cannot believe how fast it has flown by! We welcomed the Reception children into Shine & there are some absolute gems already & some very talented individuals! We kicked off our week here at Shine with Board Games & as ever some of the Years 1, 2 & 3 head off for the choir halfway through the session & the rest of



you have been playing with our games. Guess who has been the best board game player? Anyway moving on from poor puns to Tuesday which have been Design & Create sessions. The children have been very creative making some amazing clay models, fish tanks, sunglasses & masks! Wednesdays were super sporty. We've played hockey, handball, dodgeball, rounders, tennis, football, basically you name it we've played it. While this was going on the other children have a Lego Club this is for the not so sporty children who prefer making sculptors. Thursdays as ever is cookery and the children made all sorts of things such as pizzas, cupcakes, fruit skewers, mini pizza pinwheels etc. I think we may have our own Jamie Oliver on our hands before long! Fridays we wind down the week playing games, making dens & reading stories as well as going outside & getting some well-earned fresh air.

Term 2 will see some changes to our clubs. Sara is going to be running a pottery club on a Tuesday & we will be introducing a model making & cartoon club also on a Wednesday. Don't fret Thursday will still be Cookery club for all of you Jamie Olivers out there.

Lastly don't forget here at Shine we hold a Holiday Club over half term. Check out our website for details & look out for leaflets!

Thank you, Jack



Year 2's trip to Noah's Ark Zoo

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31 st Oct	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 1 st Nov	Term Starts
Thursday 3 rd Nov	Y3 Swimming starts for Group 1
Friday 4 th Nov	Concert in the Cresswell
Monday 7 th Nov	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 7 th Nov	Reception Reading Event
Wednesday 9 th Nov	Year 1 Curriculum Evening
Monday 14 th Nov	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 14 th Nov	Parents Evening
Monday 14 th Nov	PTA Meeting – 7.30 Gloucester Old Spot, Kellaway Ave
Wednesday 16 th Nov	Parents Evening
Friday 18 th Nov	Children in Need
Monday 21 st Nov	Year 1 Forest School – Mrs Gerolemou & Miss Cameron
Monday 28 th Nov	Year 1 Forest School – Mrs Gerolemou & Miss Cameron
Tuesday 6 th Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.30am
Saturday 10 th Dec	Christmas Tree Sale at CPS
Tuesday 13 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th Dec	Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas Play 9.30am
Please check our Website Calendar for more information	
FOREST SCHOOL	
Please come to school wearing your Forest School Clothes and bring your school uniform in a named bag to change into after.	