



Cathedral Primary School Newsletter

No. 3 – November 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

November has been an exciting month with new topics started and Christmas performances being practised. There is lots of happy singing all around the school! We look forward to seeing you all at your child's performance.

A highlight for us all at Cathedral Primary School this term was our first Musical Achievement event. The choir sang beautifully and many of our instrumental players were supported by their teachers to perform to a large audience. All of the children performed with such confidence, we were very proud of them. The concert finished with the BCCS gospel choir. This was the highlight of the concert for CPS children who were inspired by the older children. We plan to have another concert next term so that other children will have the opportunity to share their musical achievements.

A huge thank you to all the teachers and Learning Support Assistants that have been running clubs this term. So many children participate in these enrichment opportunities. I am particularly impressed with the beautiful cushions the Sewing Bee club made.



It was lovely to see so many of our families attend the Reception and Year 1 Curriculum Evenings. Thank you all for your positive feedback. We will be planning more curriculum events for next term for our other year groups.

This term all classes have focused more curriculum time to writing. There have been lots of exciting creative writing opportunities linked to class themes. Across the school this has been developed through book study. The Year 1 children have completed a number of short book studies, allowing children to access rich texts

whilst practising basic word and sentence level skills. In Year 2, the class teacher has used a key text and investigated the use of Book Power to enrich creative English teaching through immersion. In Year 3, the class teacher has investigated the integration of grammar teaching into lesson planning through book studies. The children are producing some impressive pieces of writing and the strong links to good quality texts has really inspired our children.

The next couple of weeks at school will be busy but lots of fun! We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas events. Many thanks for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

PTA News

Thank you all very much for your support over the last few weeks with the various Christmas Fundraising projects. All the money raised will be used to enrich the education of our children at CPS and we will let you know how much you have raised in the next Newsletter. Thank you to those who have donated prizes for our Christmas raffle. Yet again there are some amazing prizes up for grabs! The raffle tickets will be coming out in the book bags soon with further details and the draw will be held before the Year 2 and 3 school play on 14th December.

The Christmas Tree sale will take place on Saturday 10th December between 9am-1pm in College Square. There will be some 5ft and 6ft trees available to buy on the day (on a first come first serve basis) so if you didn't place an order but would like a tree please do come along on the day.

We will be serving refreshments before each Christmas play and your Class Reps will be co-ordinating helpers to do this.

A final note, you can raise money for the PTA when shopping on-line by registering and clicking through to hundreds of retail websites via www.easypfundraising.org.uk. Please register and nominate Cathedral Primary School PTA as your chosen cause and each time you shop via Easy Fundraising the PTA will get a percentage of your spending at absolutely no cost to you.

Thank you again

Many thanks for your continued support.

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Reception - Forest School Taster Days

Reception have already begun their taster sessions using College Square. The children are working with Jonathan Withers. The purpose of these sessions is to learn the Forest School rules, gain basic skills and safely explore the outdoors. All Reception children now need to bring in a pair of named wellington boots to school. Please put these in a named bag on their peg.

Children in Need

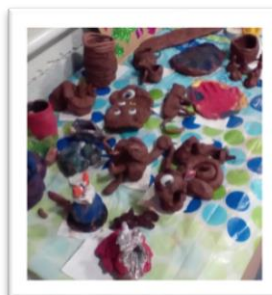
Wow, congratulations to all of our children and parents for a fantastic Children in Need. There were so many super 'Spotastic' outfits and great fancy dress costumes that between money raised at the gate and the Friday cake sale we raised an amazing £373.25! Well done to you all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2 nd Dec	Rec & Y1 Trip to the Colston Hall
Monday 5 th Dec	Year 1 Forest School Mrs Gerolemou & Miss Cameron's class
Tuesday 6 th Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.30am
Wednesday 7 th Dec	Year 1 to Bristol Cathedral
Friday 9 th Dec	Y2 to the Colston Hall
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
Wednesday 14 th Dec	Wear a Festive Jumper Day
Wednesday 14 th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th Dec	Year 3 Trip to Tobacco Factory
Monday 9 th Jan 17	Year 1 Forest School Mrs Gerolemou & Miss Cameron's class
Monday 16 th Jan 17	Year 1 Forest School Mrs Gerolemou & Miss Cameron's class
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.	

SHINE

We are halfway through Term 2 here at Shine and our classes are ever increasing - which means only



one thing we've been super, super busy! We said goodbye to Angela and hello to Chevonne who has settled in very nicely with the children. The children themselves have been enjoying our new clubs too. Mondays have now changed to Design and Create where we have

certainly seen some creative art and some impressive designs (especially the masks). Tuesdays welcomed Pottery for the first time at Cathedral and we have already had to order in more clay due to the high demand from the children! We have had some very creative results, from bowls, teacups, caves, cars, dinosaurs, even ladybirds, lions & cats - basically you name it the children have had a go at it! Once dried they then get a chance to paint their masterpieces!

Wednesdays we have a Cartoon Club & a Model Making Club. I think the world has gone Pokemon mad lately & the staff here at Shine have been put to the test to name the Pokemon's - we're trying! The Model Makers are busy crafting rockets, spaceships etc while the others use the play-doh to craft & then we'll have a few who like to chill out reading books.

Cookery Club has continued on Thursday's & is always a favourite with the children - we made pizza pinwheels & strawberry & banana puff pastry tarts with chocolate & also we did cupcake decorating. Buon appetito! On Fun Time Friday the children wind down the week by playing games & doing some painting! For the not so Arty or Creative types you'll be glad to hear we run Lego Club on Tuesdays & Thursdays. We like to say variety is the spice of life after all!

Thank you, Jack

