



# Cathedral Primary School Newsletter

No. 5 – January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term had a busy start with the news of the flood in the Deanery. The Year 1 children have been exceptional at settling quickly into a new learning space. The transition to the Cresswell theatre went very smoothly. The Year 1 team have worked very creatively to plan and organise exciting learning spaces. A huge thank you for the parental support we received at this difficult time.

All of the children have enjoyed telling us their New Year's Resolutions. Lots of them related their ideas to our School Values and talked about kindness and showing respect. Reception made some New Year wishes. I particularly liked the one which was about wishing to be a unicorn!

We have been really proud of how seriously the Year 3 children have taken their role as a mentor for the Reception classes. Miss Bailey has been particularly impressed with the support mentors have given Reception children with their reading. There will soon be an opportunity for new children to apply for new mentor posts and Miss Bailey will be working with Miss Courtenay to select these.

This term the Reception children have been busy finding out lots of ways to celebrate through a focus on festivals celebrated around the world. The Museum came and visited to immerse the children in ways in which Chinese New Year can be celebrated. This included a Lion dance and trying Chinese food. Next week all of the classes will be celebrating Diversity through workshops and curriculum activities. Please check out the Class Pages and Gallery on our website over the half term holidays to see snapshots of these activities.

We are delighted to welcome SHINE to the team for lunchtime sports. Each lunchtime there are now an additional two members of staff leading Sport. SHINE run a different sporting activity each day and so far this has included football, cricket, netball and hockey. We have received very positive feedback from the children who are really enjoying these organised activities.

We are now looking forward to next term. We hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Many thanks for your continued support

**Best Wishes**

*Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team*

## PTA News

We are delighted to let you know that the Christmas fundraising events (Tree sale, Raffle, Cards and Refreshments at the plays) raised just over £2100 which is absolutely amazing - thank you all so much. Together with the school, we have been looking at a possible project to help fund and will let you know more details of this over the next few months.

The PTA AGM has been rescheduled and will now place on Monday 6th March at 2pm at The Volley on Kings Street and everyone is very welcome. We will be electing a new committee for the next year so if you are interested in becoming more involved please email us for more information:

[cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com)

Alternatively please speak to any of the current committee or your Class Reps who will be able to answer any questions you have.

Cake sales will continue every Friday - thank you also for your help with these.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## CPS PTA

### Staff Spotlight:

Katie Domingo

I grew up in North Cornwall. After graduating from Plymouth University achieving a BA in Early Childhood Studies, I decided to venture out to the big city of Bristol. I started my new role as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 1 in September.





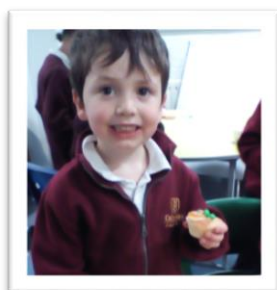
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Already I have gained so much knowledge and understanding of my role towards supporting and inspiring children's learning and development. Straight away I was able to recognise Cathedral Primary School's great support network for staff, children and their families providing an enriching experience for all which is a great team to be a part of. One of my passions is Forest School which I experienced a lot of back in Cornwall, enabling me to understand the importance of children connecting with the natural environment. It is great to see Cathedral Primary School encouraging outdoor learning and providing children with exciting hands on experiences. I have really enjoyed being involved with the Year 1 Forest School sessions. I have also been involved in creative after school club activities, such as Christmas Paper Village and Button Club which has enabled me to build positive relationships with children of different year groups.

## SHINE

It sounds mad to be saying this but Term 3 has nearly come to an end here at Shine - I know! Already! We have had record numbers joining us at After School Club. We said hello to Sam who has settled in nicely with the children especially when they found out that he



is crazy about Pokemon too! Due to the success of Term 2 we kept the same schedule for Term 3. So on Mondays we run Design and Create, where we have certainly seen some creative art and some impressive designs. The paints often come out and the children get to work painting anything they fancy. Also, the Pottery that they made the week before has now been painted! Tuesdays are Pottery Club and one week a child made 5 different sculptures in one session! What a superstar! Wednesdays we have a Cartoon Club and a Model Making Club! So basically that means loads of Pokemon pictures! The Model Makers meanwhile craft their sculptures from boxes, tubes, plastic bottles, anything they can get their hands on. Cookery Club is a Cathedral favourite on Thursdays. So far this Term we have made pizzas, fruit skewers and decorated cakes. We end the week with Fun Time Friday The children wind down the week by playing games and we even managed to get outside for some football! For the not

so Arty or Creative types you'll be glad to hear we run Lego Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays as we like to keep as many options for our children as possible.

Term 3 bookings are still available online and spaces fill up fast so please start booking up now! Keep an eye out for Term 4 bookings shortly too!

Contact Jack for more info on 07845421021 or email me on shinesasc\_cathedral@hotmail.com

Thank you, Jack

## Uniform

Please can all children come to school wearing polo tops with our School Logo. Hair accessories should also be in our school colours and shoes must be black. For a full uniform list please go to our website and go to, 'Parents' and 'Uniform' in the menu.

Our uniform shop in Bedminster 'The Famous School Branches' will be changing the day they close. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February the shop will close on a Wednesday and will be open on a Monday.

## Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are now collecting Active Kids vouchers. Please bring them into the office.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y2 trip - ss Great Britain
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Y3 Swimming – Group 2 starts
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Y3 Viking Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	CAKE SALE – Reception
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 Forest School Mrs Cummins
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y1 Harbour Boat Trip
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA AGM
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Swimming Group 2
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	CAKE SALE – Year 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Begins
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 Forest School Mrs Cummins

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.