



# Cathedral Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great first term! The children settled so quickly into their new classrooms and all of our new children are now very much part of our school. It has been lovely to see how responsible and kind our children have been with the way in which they have welcomed these new children.

Last term ended with such excitement with the official opening of our school. We had a wonderful afternoon and the children were so surprised when our special visitors arrived. The Mayor Marvin Rees was very impressed with the children and has invited us to visit the City Hall. The Choirs sang beautifully and the adults who attended the evening event were blown away with their talent! Andy Day from CBeebies and Laura James our visiting author inspired the children and helped to make this such a special day. A huge thank you to the PTA who provided the book marks, cakes and bunting.

During the month of October all classes did some work to celebrate Black History Month. I was really impressed with the work Year 3 children did when they used frame freezing to act out scenes from the Rosa Parks story. They followed this with some impressive diary entries. The Year 1 children did some research about Nelson Mandela and have some information posters that they have created displayed in their class.

This Friday our School's Council Election will take place. The children have been busy preparing their speeches for class. We look forward to the School Council working with the Staff and Governors to share their views and contribute to the development of the school.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 3 and Year 4 Class Assemblies. The children presented their topic work with such confidence. I was once again particularly impressed with their topic related songs. We are now looking forward to the Christmas Plays.

Autumn has definitely arrived and the leaves are falling in College Square. The children are very creative when playing in this space but it can get quite muddy and wet! We are now planning ways in which we can improve our play spaces. We are very excited to have now begun the planning stage of working with a company called Touchwood to develop the play space in College Square. This will be a large project that we complete in stages. Thank you once again to the PTA for their support with this project.

The new topics have begun and the children entered school this morning with big smiles for us all! Whilst taking some parents on a tour I was lucky enough to be in Year 4 for the launch of the 'Bright Sparks' topic. I entered a darkened but dazzling room full of every kind of electric and battery lights which were flashing and whizzing! I look forward to hearing about all of the other topics across the school. Please do keep an eye on the class pages to find out about the creative learning taking place.

I look forward to seeing you all again at the many events planned for the coming term.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes

*Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team*

## PTA News

43 days and counting until the end of the school term and the PTA have a busy couple of months ahead! Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the Volunteer Sheet last term – such a fantastic response and we can't wait to get started on all the great things that are planned. If you didn't get a chance to fill in the form and would still like to get involved in anything PTA related this term, please do get in touch – we would love to hear from you.

This term Ice Lolly Friday becomes CAKE FRIDAY! Cakes and treats will be on sale every Friday in the school hall from 3:20pm with all proceeds going towards Forest School. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are very excited to announce that a Cycle Event will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm in the Tump/Cage. Bikability and some of our own cycling parents/carers will be showcasing some fabulous bikes and on hand to answer any cycle-commuting questions you may have. Please do come along and have a chat!

The first CPS PTA Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (4-6pm) in the school hall. Troy Roe (Year 1) will be co-ordinating this exciting event – a special meeting will be held for planning soon. Look out on our Facebook page (CPS PTA) & emails for details.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas trees will be on sale at school from 9am-1pm. If you would like to buy a CPS PTA Christmas tree please return your completed pre-order form (link on school website under Parents > PTA) and return it together with your deposit by 24/11/2017 to school.

In addition to these events, with your help, we will be working on class Christmas cards, wrapping books, serving refreshments at the Christmas plays and collating raffle prizes. Phew! We look



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forward to seeing and working with you on these great events and activities.

All the best,

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception Phonics Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Cycle Event 3.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening 4 – 7pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening 4 – 7pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need – children can come to school dressed in spotty clothes. We will be collecting donations on the day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Meeting at School 2 – 3pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Christmas Tree order deadline
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 Forest School
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4 trip to Bristol Old Vic AM – details to follow...
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 & 3 Theatre trip to Colston Hall PM – details to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Fair 4 – 6pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Tree Sale 9am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rec & Year 1 Theatre trip to Colston Hall PM – details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Christmas Play 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Lunch and Wear a Festive Jumper to School Day! <b>Usual full uniform must be worn but you may wear a festive jumper.</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Wreath making 6.45pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 18	Term Begins

### Class Cake Sale Rota

- Year 3 & 4 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Year 2 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 1 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Reception Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 3 & 4 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Year 2 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### SHINE

After a very successful Term 1 at Shine After School Club, Shine returns for Term 2. We are running very similar clubs to Term 1 as they were such a huge success. Monday is Football Club. Due to the England's Under 17's World Cup success at the weekend it would be daft to drop Football from Shine's program. Also on a Monday there is a Design & Create session - get ready for some festive creations as the Term continues! Tuesdays are a busy one with 3 clubs, Dance Club which is really popular, Pottery Club returns and there is also Lego Club. On Wednesdays we hold Dodgeball, this is great for the kids to let off a bit of steam! Also on a Wednesday we have something for the creative kids, Sketch & Paint & Lego Club again. On Thursdays it's Cookery Club, so get ready for some new recipes coming home this Term. There will be Tag Rugby, new into the program which is like Rugby but without the balls, a great way to get exercise in these cold months! Don't forget Lego Club will also run on Thursdays too for the more creative kids! Last of all we round off the week with Archery Club & Board Games Club! These Clubs do fill up fast. To avoid your child missing out on a club get online now to avoid disappointment. You can contact me via email or by phone. shinesasc\_cathedral@hotmail.com or 07845 421021. I'll leave you with a joke, "What do you call an angry Archer?" Answer, "A Crossbow". Happy November everyone.

Jack (After School Club Manager)

### WisePay

If you have not registered with WisePay please let the office know. **ALL** payments for items such as trips, lunches, Breakfast Club, swimming etc. must now be paid via WisePay. Even if you do not have anything to pay for right now, you will in the future, so it is essential that you register. Please email: admin@cathedralprimaryschool letting us know your child's name and class and a username and login will be sent to you. Unfortunately, WisePay only keep this initial login information live for 24 hours so you must register within 24 hours of receiving the email.

### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in the correct uniform. All polo tops must come from the uniform shop and have our logo. All trousers/dresses/skirts must be grey – no jeans. All shoes must be black, no trainers are to be worn unless they are for PE. For a full list of our uniform please go to the uniform page on the Website. This can be found under 'Parents' in the menu.

### Music

- ★ Junior Choir – Mondays, 3.30 – 4.15pm
- ★ Infant Choir – Tuesdays, 12.00 – 12.30pm
- ★ Chamber Choir – Tuesdays, 3.30 – 4.15pm
- ★ Orchestra – Thursdays, 3.30 – 4.15pm

