



Cathedral Primary School Newsletter

No. 4 – December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful term! I am so proud of all the children and how confidently they performed in all their end of term celebrations. The children have really impressed us with their musical talents and the singing around the school has made this such a special place to be.

Year 3 and Year 4 put together a beautiful singing celebration. They took us on a journey around the world and shared their learning about different traditions. The staff felt very proud to accompany the Chamber Choir in singing a Winter Carol. We were really impressed by the soloists and the harmonies that the children were able to sing.

The School Council are now meeting weekly and are already contributing their ideas and plans for ways in which they want to support the school and represent children's ideas. Most recently, they worked on a project to support a school in Romania. All classes contributed items towards shoeboxes to be sent as Christmas gifts. We are very proud that charitable ideas are at the heart of their Council.

Well done to the PTA on such a fabulous Christmas Fair. The children had a lovely time and there was such a festive atmosphere in the school. Santa's Grotto was very popular and the children were delighted when he revisited us yesterday along with some lovely gifts for them to take home.

As we finish this term it is a time to reflect and appreciate how much we are enjoying the new school building. Staff and Children have commented how much they enjoy being so close to each other and the opportunities this brings to work even more collaboratively. It feels like a very special place to be.

Once again you have been very generous with gifts this Christmas. We are well stocked up with some lovely treats. Many thanks from all the staff. We would also like to thank you for your continued support this term with homework, spelling and reading activities. Please remember that it is really important to keep up with regular reading over the Christmas break.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

PTA News

Wow, what an eventful year! The school has grown in numbers of children and staff, we have moved into a beautiful new building, there have been many successful events, not least of which was the Christmas Fair and associated Xmas projects. On a separate, but whole school community note, the Colston Hall performances involving our children, our sister primary schools and the secondary school brought me real joy and excitement for what the future may hold and how the Trust will evolve. Many thanks have been said so far following the Christmas Fair and I'm not sure I can beat Troy's charming eloquence! Suffice it to say a big thank you to all for being part of this wonderful school community and that over the Christmas period alone we have raised the following funds: @ £850 from Xmas tree sales, Christmas Fair £930, Raffle £897, and Christmas Card sales £768. These figures will be finally reckoned soon but approx. £3,500.00 is a great result! So, to recap a few examples of things the PTA are supporting, and have pledged to support: library books and books for classes, staging equipment for the theatre, forest school, school educational visitors, the new playground project, friendship benches, Quiz nights, and Summer and Christmas Fairs. There are more but rest assured funds are actively being spent and invested in the school and this is great to see. On a personal note though, there will be a change in the PTA Committee as due to a change in personal circumstances, Daniel and Joanne will be standing down at the next AGM in February (date tbc). We will be looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair to continue to evolve the PTA as the school grows and matures. At the end of a very successful year we hope there will be some of you enthused enough to put your hats in the ring and take up the challenge of one of these roles. Feel free to chat to any members of the committee if you are interested in finding out more about what is involved. Responsibilities can be found on the PTA page of the school website. I will be happy to shadow and assist any new Chair until they are settled in the role if they would like that support.



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So, from the PTA Committee thank you for a great year, your sterling support, massive enthusiasm, commitment and graft, and for helping the school mature, evolve and develop into one with a genuinely open and welcoming ethos. Daniel, Chair PTA. (Next PTA meeting date and venue tbc, and date for the AGM will be published next term)

All the best,

CPS PTA - cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4 th Jan 18	Term Begins
Thursday 4 th Jan	Year 3 Swimming Group 2
Thursday 11 th Jan	Year 3 Swimming Group 2
Thursday 18 th Jan	Year 3 Swimming Group 2
Thursday 25 th Jan	Year 3 Swimming Group 2
Monday 5 th Feb	Forest School Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 8 th Feb	End of Term
Friday 9 th Feb	Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 19 th Feb	Term Begins
Monday 26 th Feb	Forest School Year 3 and Year 4

SHINE

Term 2 at Shine After School Club at CPS has drawn to a close & the children here at Shine can have a well-deserved break & enjoy Christmas & New Year! But let me first tell you what we have been up to this December. Mondays at Design & Create we made Christmas cards & Christmas crackers & our sports coach carried on with Football Club - where one of the Footballers won "Star of the Day", also on Monday we have Cartoon Club - a chilled out session full of colouring in! On Tuesday's Pottery Club continued its success & Dance Club too rounded off December in its last week with some fun games! Tuesday is also Lego Club, as is Wednesday & Thursday. But also on these days we have other clubs running too! The hugely popular Dodgeball club on a

Wednesday runs with our Sketch & Paint club which of course had a festive flavour to it! As did our Cookery Club where we decorated some gingerbread men & penguins & made some festive cupcakes! Thursday also has sport again & Tag Rugby has been picked up by the children & been a really big hit, similar to our Archery Club which is run on a Friday with Board Games Club.

I try to make sure that we have plenty of options available for each child daily & looking ahead into Term 3 these clubs will remain the same, with the exception of Friday where Board Games club will change to Fun Time Fridays. As I am hoping the children can get outside more as the days should start getting longer! Once again here at Shine we have seen yet another record breaking Term with yet more children joining us which is great to see! Terms 3 & 4 are up online already so you can book in for those Terms already to avoid disappointment! These clubs will fill up & sell out! Of course you can still get hold of me at shinesasc_cathedral@hotmail.com or 07845 421021.

I'll leave you with another festive joke, "What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?" Answer, "Tinselitus".

Happy Christmas everybody.

Jack (After School Club Manager)

Cathedral Primary School App



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DON'T FORGET:

WE WILL BE A PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER FROM JANUARY!

From January 2018 the Newsletter will be paperless! You will still be able to access the Newsletter via the Website and our App. If you require a paper copy please come to the office where they will print a copy out for you.

No nominations were received for the recent Parent Governor election. The school Governing Body will therefore appoint a parent governor in due course.

If you are a parent/carer at the school and are interested in learning more about the role of Parent Governor please contact the Clerk, Paula Parker on

pparker@cathedralprimaryschool.org

