



Newsletter No. 3 - November 2019



Dear Parents & Carers,

We all can't quite believe how quickly this term is going. There is much festivity around the school today, the Christmas tree is up and once again the children have worked hard to make some beautiful decorations. We look forward now to the Christmas celebrations that will take place over the next ten days.

A big thank you to all parents and children for making the Children in Need day so much fun. The children all looked wonderful and the staff impressed us with their colourful outfits. Through the cake sale and donations we made an amazing £557.42. We look forward now to our Christmas Jumper Day that will be coming up soon.

This year we have again taken part in Anti Bullying Week. The children attended a class assembly led by the Anti Bullying Alliance and this was followed with some workshops. All children were introduced to 'Change Starts with Us' and the workshops allowed children opportunities to express their views and to discuss in detail what we mean by bullying. The children and staff also all took part in Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day supports us with encouraging acceptance of individuality at an early age and can help prevent bullying later in life. Once again children and staff has some very colourful combinations of socks.

It was lovely to see so many parents at Parents Evening. We are very proud of the children and the progress they have made so far this term. If you haven't yet met with your child's class teacher please ring the office to make an appointment.

We are delighted this term that many of you have taken up the new clubs that we have on offer. Art Club, Little Squirrels, Drama and Yoga have all proved to be very popular. We are hoping to run these clubs throughout the school year and continue to look at additional paid enrichment clubs. A huge thank you to our staff who are running a variety of clubs this term.

We were delighted to hear last week that we have received an award through the Bristol Library Summer Reading Challenge. This year 85 children participated in the 'Space Chase' reading challenge. The school has received a certificate and story book.

Many of you will have noticed that we now have a new sign outside the school '*If You Care Park Elsewhere*'. Many of the children have commented on this sign and so many of you are supporting our *Living Streets* campaign. Thank you to all parents and carers who arrange transport that doesn't involve driving into College Square. There are still a small number of cars that enter the square to drop off or collect. We would like to remind you that we really need your support with safety during these times and ask you to please remember to park elsewhere.

You will now all have received the information about consultation on whether Cathedral Primary School should adopt a faith designation. We have added this consultation paper to our website. As we receive more questions about this consultation we will add the responses to the Q & A section of this paper.

I had the pleasure today of seeing the reception children when they returned for the production of 'Boing' at the Bristol Old Vic. The children were so happy and excited and returned with big smiles on their faces! The tradition of a theatre visit for all children at Christmas is one which is very special to us all at Cathedral Primary School.

We are very much looking forward to the last couple of weeks of term. There are lots of performances and special events for the children to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



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Staff Spotlight

Hi, I'm Vickie Morris and I can't wait to start a new adventure at Cathedral Primary School in January. I have lived in Bristol for 20 years and live with my husband, eight year old daughter and our two rabbits, Pickle and Jenny.



I have a passion for taking learning outdoors and look forward to getting stuck in to the Forest School sessions in Reception.

In my spare time I enjoy lots of outdoor activities including, walking, cycling, camping and wild swimming and will often take the opportunity to head off for the weekend in my lovely yellow camper van.

See you in the New Year!

Cathedral Primary School PTA

Welcome to the crazy Christmas countdown with the PTA and this year is no exception!

This month has involved:

- ★Working through the volunteer forms and co-ordinating all the various offers of help and sending out emails (thank you again to everyone who returned their form);
- ★ Christmas Card design, ordering, arranging sponsors, proofing and printing (thank you Folio Print for your help with our cards again this year!);
- ★Christmas Tree Sale preparations, orders and payments;
- ★Christmas books being ordered and wrapped by some helpful parent elves(!);
- ★Christmas Fair bar (thank you to The Volley) and food order (thank you Tesco);
- ★Christmas Fair stall logistics, risk assessment, set up and stall coordination etc.
- ★Christmas wreath workshop booking, sign ups and payments;
- ★Managing donations for the Christmas Fair including a huge donation from AboutFace of grotto gifts and other goodies (thank you!);
- ★Collecting and co-ordinating donations of Christmas jumpers, nativity costumes, and used uniform;
- ★Tidying up the pta storage area in the garage (literally couldn't get in);
- ★Sourcing raffle prizes and collecting them in;

- ★Raffle tickets designed, printed and distributed (and then the reverse!);
- ★Clothes drive appeal supported;
- ★Thank you to Elaine Hayes for collecting, sorting and sending off this months Terracycle collection (another 14kg saved from landfill!);
- ★Children in Need cake and hot dog sale (we raised a fantastic £195.42! Thank you!); and of course... not to mention
- ★Cake sales every Friday.... Phew!!!

Without your support, time and generosity none of the above could happen. Thank you so much. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December, 11am-1pm at school.

All the best,

CPS PTA

Contact us on: cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com or on facebook: CPS PTA.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2nd December	Y4 Forest School
Tuesday 3rd December	Reception Nativity 9am
Wednesday 4th Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 9am
Friday 6th December	World War 2 Day in Y6
Saturday 7th December	Christmas Fair & Christmas Tree Sale 11am - 1pm
Monday 9th December	KS2 Carol Concert 10am
Monday 9th December	Y4 Forest School-Country Class PM
Tuesday 10th December	Y2 Christmas Play 9am
Tuesday 10 December	Y4 Forest School-Soul Class AM
Wednesday 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch - children must wear full uniform but can swap their jumper/cardigan for a festive jumper
Thursday 12th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 7th January	Term Begins
Please check the school website calendar for any updates.	



From the Office

We are aware there has been a lot of illness in CPS recently. To help the office keep track of any possible viruses in school please remember to leave a voicemail on the absence line (3532052 option 1) or email us on (admin@cathedralprimaryschool.org) before 9am. Please be specific about why your child is off, just saying 'poorly' really doesn't help us!

Please remember to check your spam/junk mail as we've been told that some of our emails have been ending up there.

Coats, coats, coats... We send the children out in all weathers (well, almost all) and we are still surprised to see so many children coming to school with unsuitable coats or no coats at all! Please send your child in with a (named) coat every day.

Health

We would like to remind parents that we made a decision at the beginning of this academic year that birthday cakes and sweets should not be brought into school. We are working hard as a school community to promote healthy eating and ask for your support with this.

CPS Website

Those eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that the homepage of the website has changed slightly. The 'News' section has now been replaced with our 'Twitter Feed'. We use Twitter as a way to celebrate and inform parents of the many different events that take place at CPS. We do not add any names of the children to any photos posted.

Green Team

Earth Week - We are really excited to tell you that in February we will be working together with all the other schools in Cathedral Schools Trust to hold an 'Earth Week' raising awareness of our impact on the planet and finding ways to take action for positive change in our schools, communities and city. We are still in the early planning stages but watch this space!

Friday - Cake Sale Rota

6th December

Year 6 - proceeds to go towards the leavers events

