



## Newsletter No. 4 - December 2019



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful term! There have been so many end of term Christmas celebrations and each one of them has blown us away. The singing around the school and during the performances has made Cathedral Primary School a very special place to be.

Reception and Key Stage One told us the Story of Christmas in many different ways. With the Reception performance, the lovable disorganised angel managed to lead the way to Bethlehem. In Year 1, the children told us the story of a Bethlehem innkeeper who wasn't so sure about babies! Finally, in the Year 2 production of 'Baubles' the children told us about how some helpful mice and a school caretaker created some beautiful baubles for a bare, forgotten Christmas tree. Each one of these plays made us feel so proud of the children.

Key Stage 2 children took part in a Christmas Celebration Concert at the Cathedral. We are so fortunate to have such a magnificent setting where children, staff, parents, family and friends can gather together. This celebration once again gave us an opportunity to witness the talents of all the children. Each one of the children worked so hard to learn some beautiful songs and create awe and wonder moments.

Well done to the PTA on such a fabulous Christmas Fair. Thank you all for attending this special event. This is the first time we have had the fair on a Saturday and lots of of you ventured out to join us to go to the fair and also to collect your Christmas tree. The children had a lovely time and there was a festive atmosphere in the school. Santa's Grotto was very popular and the children were delighted with all the prizes they won. Once again our creative Christmas card designs from each year group have proved to be very popular. Thank you everybody for supporting the school.

Yesterday the children had a fun packed day. The children looked very festive in their jumpers. All staff and children really enjoyed the Christmas lunch. Reception had their class Christmas parties and a special visitor

arrived to deliver some presents! As always our younger children asked our visitor some very good questions. Our favourite question was 'How do we know if you are happy or not with that big beard hiding your face?', Santa answered with a very loud 'Ho!Ho!Ho!'.

We have been working alongside the council to explore options for reducing air pollution and car idling. We will be holding assemblies and workshops for children in January but here is your chance to get involved! We would like to invite parents, governors and staff to join us for an 'Idling action Volunteer briefing' at City Hall at 6pm on 15th January. This will be part of a local community engagement evening and will be great for our school.

Today is Mrs Widgoose's last day. The children have been busy producing some lovely thank you cards and also surprised her this afternoon with a wonderful dance song that they have secretly prepared for her. We will miss Mrs Widgoose lots but know she will continue to flourish in her teaching career. She promises to keep in touch and will still be popping in on Friday to support with dance club.

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*



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### Staff Spotlight

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Allen and I've been a Year 2 LSA in Folk class since September. I'm so delighted to be a part of Cathedral Primary School. This is my first role in a school environment, but everybody here has made me feel so at home and I'm loving every second that this role has to offer. My first 4 months have been fantastic getting to know all of the pupils, staff and parents at CPS. A particular favourite I have about this school is seeing how creative and musical the children are. It's such a lovely learning environment to be in. In my spare time, I love spending time outdoors, reading and volunteering at my local Brownies.



It's been lovely meeting you all!

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to being back in the new year.

### Cathedral Primary School PTA

And so we've reached the end of another busy term... and what a fantastic time we've had! Our Christmas Fair was held for the first time on a Saturday this year and it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and/or helped out in some way - we are very lucky to have such a great school community despite living all over Bristol. Together we raised an amazing £3,054 through the fair, sale of Christmas cards, and the raffle. Such a great result! We hope you all had an enjoyable time. The funds raised through Christmas tree sales is yet to be confirmed.

This week the children received a small gift funded by the PTA to celebrate the festive period and congratulate them on their fantastic efforts in designing such beautiful cards and putting on super end of term performances. We hope they enjoy them.

We also held our 4th winter wreath workshop this year - now becoming a CPS tradition! Such a lovely evening, as always, spent with our friends at Floriography.

These last few months have been a blur of preparation and organisation - none of which would be possible without the support and generosity of all of you. Thank you again to everyone who donated their time and effort helping with cake sales, the Xmas fair, wrapping books and donating prizes. Special thanks also goes to the local businesses who have sponsored and contributed to our

various projects this term - namely, Folio Print, The Volley and Nettle & Rye, About Face, Tesco, Carbon Law, Absolute Finance and Pieminister. We are very grateful for your continued support.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a well earned rest! We look forward to creating more special moments with you in 2020.

All the best,  
CPS PTA

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### Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 7th January	<b>Term Begins</b>
Thursday 9th January	<b>Rec Trip to We the Curious</b>
Monday 13th January	<b>Y4 Forest School</b>
Monday 13th January	<b>Lower/Upper School Choir Begins</b>
Tuesday 14th January	<b>Chamber Choir Begins</b>
Monday 20th January	<b>Y4 Forest School</b>
Monday 27th January	<b>Y5 Forest School</b>

Please check the school website calendar for any updates.

### School Council

This term, our School Council has been focusing on healthy eating at home and in school. They've all done a great job at coming up with ways to encourage peers to eat healthier by making brilliant posters, setting a good example and creating healthy recipes to try at home and share with friends. As an end of term treat, the school council made healthy pizzas and smoothies with Miss Allen and Miss Cheesman to show just how simple it can be to make healthy eating fun! We are looking forward to see what topic the school council would like to explore next term, and want to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to our school council.





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### From the Office

Please remember that bikes and scooters are left at the owners risk when parked in the bike park. We strongly advise that both bikes and scooters are locked every day. While we try to ensure the gate is closed during the school day but we cannot guarantee this.

### Green Team

#### Top Tip:

Change your internet search engine to 'Ecosia'. This search engine plants 1 tree for every search made through the website. A small swap, a big change!

### CPS Governors

#### Parent Local Governor Vacancy

Following the end of the Term of Office for Tracy Davidson we have a vacancy for a parent governor at Cathedral Primary School. Please consider taking on this important role and have a look at the email sent to all parents recently. Deadline for nominations is Friday 17th January 2020.

### Shine

It's that time of year once again, Christmas is fast approaching.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the next year.

All clubs are live and ready for bookings, myself and the Shine team have discussed and thought it would be great if any unwanted board games could be kindly donated for Shine after school Club.

Many thanks,

James Woodman. CPS ASC Manager

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### CPS Music - Autumn Term Overview

It has been a busy and exciting term for us in the Music Department at CPS! From Nativity plays to African drumming lessons, there has been a wide and exhaustive range of activities taking place! Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning several pieces on the African drums with our Bristol Plays Music specialist Edward Hipkins. As well as following western notation, they have been learning how to improvise rhythms and perform as the 'Master Drummer'!

Our instrumentalists have been very busy practising their pieces for several concerts, after school in our Small Hall. Congratulations go to all of our students who performed in our recent Piano concert, led by Anna Sibley and Jusim Park as well as students who performed in our latest Violin concert, led by Tamsin Barrington Winchester.

In Key Stage 1, all of our classes have been very busy rehearsing for our three Nativity Plays that have taken place in the Cresswell Theatre. They have been 'wowing' us with their fantastic singing and engaging delivery of their lines, resulting in some entertaining performances of a high standard.

In Key Stage 2, all of our classes, as well as Chamber Choir, Upper School Choir, Lower School Choir and Staff Choir have been tackling some demanding pieces, in unison, two and three part harmony! Pieces include 'Do you hear what I hear' and 'That's Christmas to me'. Our String Orchestra made their 'debut' in our Christmas concert with 'Walking in the Air'. Everyone was excited about performing in Bristol Cathedral and had been tirelessly rehearsing their speaking parts too!

Next term we are inviting the National Choirs of Great Britain organisation to deliver a singing workshop with some of our Key Stage 2 children and Year 6 children are looking forward to class 'Rock band' tuition in terms 3 and 4.

Very well done everyone!

Mrs Peat (Music Coordinator)



### Friday - Cake Sale Rota

Friday 10th January	Reception
Friday 17th January	Year 1
Friday 24th January	Year 2
Friday 31st January	Year 3
Friday 7th February	Year 4
Friday 14th February	Year 5 & 6