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Dear Parents & Carers,

This term has had a busy start with the children quickly settling back into their learning routines. There is always much excitement at the start of a term when the children are keen to find out about their topics. Year 2 children used their enquiry skills to investigate a strange object that appeared at school and Year 1 were very surprised to find a shipwreck scene. All children use their detective skills to look for clues.

This week some children from Key Stage 2 were joined by other children for our Trust Schools to take part in an Art Project. The graffiti artist Luke Palmer worked on this project with the children. The children worked collaboratively to produce some beautiful pieces of artwork. Once again the children amazed us with their confidence and creativity. The finished pieces of artwork will be displayed in the Cathedral.

This week the children have taken part in assemblies and workshops about 'Idling'. The children asked thought provoking questions and thought deeply about the changes we could make to improve air-pollution. They will be encouraging everyone to change their behaviour and reminding us of how we can help reduce air pollution. Parents, please listen to their messages about turning off your engine whilst waiting and parking away from our school site. A huge thank you to the parents who have already signed our parking pledge. So far 43 of you have committed to this pledge. We hope to see this number increase. The children are really keen that we all continue to work together to make a difference!

Miss Tennant continues to lead our Green Team brilliantly and has worked closely with the children and other Trust Schools to plan an exciting 'Earth Week' (10th - 14th Feb). During the week Bristol Waste will be explaining how we can reduce waste and throughout the week we will be weighing our food waste to see what we can do to reduce it. The Green Team will be sharing a daily top tip to classes of small changes we can make. Children will also participate in eco-workshops. A huge thank you Miss Tennant for organising this week. We look forward to hearing about the changes that our families will make.

It has been lovely to see such fantastic extra-curricular activities happening in school this term. A big thanks to all staff who are running dance club, sports fixtures, games, creative writing, sewing, art, yoga, drama and of course orchestra and choirs.

We were all delighted to hear the good news from Mrs Pill that she will be having a baby. Mrs Pill will be with us until around May time. I am sure that Year 2 will be thinking of lots of baby names!

We would like to congratulate Mrs McLean who had a baby girl! We are looking forward to her coming to visit us very soon.

We are now looking forward to the weather improving and being able to use the outdoor space in the Spring months. Staff continue to plan lots of exciting enrichment activities and trips and we look forward to the longer lighter days.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

Staff Spotlight



Hello, I am Denise Almond. Since September I have had the privilege of working with our lovely Reception children as an LSA in Pop class. I am loving getting to know them all and helping them begin their school lives at Cathedral Primary School.

Some of you may already know me as the mum of my two children who are also at Cathedral Primary. With my daughter in Year 6, I have had the pleasure of being a part of the school in one way or another since it first opened. During that time I have worked as both a childminder and a support worker at Redcliffe Nursery School. Prior to this I was a Primary School teacher and I am very excited to have now returned to Primary education in this new role.



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I like to spend my spare time with my family, making the most of the many wonderful things Bristol has to offer, watching films and playing games. In warmer weather, we also enjoy a bit of camping. I am really looking forward to beginning Forest School with Reception in a few weeks.

Cathedral Primary School PTA

Thank you so much for supporting the cake sales this month – they've been a great success, and all the proceeds raised from the sales go towards supporting the cost of Forest School. Thank you Class Reps for your continued efforts in ensuring these happen every week.

We had a PTA meeting on Monday 27 January, and we are pleased to announce that this year, the PTA will be hosting a number of discos for the children. The first one will be at the end of February for Reception and Year 1 and the Disco Committee are busy planning and co-ordinating this event. Special thanks in advance to Hilary Hardwell for taking the lead on this. We will circulate more information about the Disco as soon as it is available.

The meeting also covered an update on the playground – thank you to everyone who sent in messages of support for the application. These were greatly received. Wow Day spending was approved and details of the PTA AGM were confirmed. Minutes will be published on the PTA section of the school website in due course. If you have any items you would like to raise at the next PTA meeting or would like to get more involved in some way, please drop the Committee a line on:
cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com
We would love to hear from you.

All the best,
CPS PTA

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

From the Office

Uniform: We have noticed some children coming to school not wearing the correct items of uniform. Please can we remind everyone that all children must be in full uniform each day. This does **not** include, trainers (unless needed for PE), skinny black jeans, or jumpers/cardigans without our school logo. We would also like to remind all KS2 children that a school tie must be worn every day.
Emails: Just a reminder that you cannot reply to any emails that come from our bulk email system, all replies must be made to our 'admin' email account. We will do our best to reply to emails as quickly as possible, but

sometimes this is not always possible due to a very busy office!

Drop off and collection: Please remember the doors open at 8.45am and you have a 15 minute window to drop your child off before they close at 9am. We are aware that city centre traffic can be unpredictable, so please make sure you give yourself enough time each morning to get to school. Late arrivals can be disruptive for the class and teachers and unsettling for the child who arrives late. We will be adding a monthly attendance update each month - see below. We also ask that you arrive on time to collect your child at the end of the day.

Attendance

We believe that good school attendance gives children the opportunity of success and helps develop skills for life. We believe it is vital that all children attend school every day unless there is an unavoidable cause like illness. Every child should end the year with attendance above 97%.

☆☆ Attendance This Month ☆☆	
Ths School Target is 97%	
Whole School this month is:	96.4%
The Classes that achieved the school target are:	Y2 Jazz Class Y3 Reggae Class Y4 Country Class Y5 Blues Class Y6 Choral Class
Special mention goes to Reception Pop Class whose attendance this month was an amazing:	99.3%

CPS App

Do you know we have a school app? If you have a smartphone or tablet you can download this app from the app store, just search for 'School Jotter'. Once downloaded, search for Cathedral Primary School. The app is linked to our website and has a selection of information to choose from, such as; the Calendar, Newsletters, Contacts, Links and our Twitter page. It's a quick way to keep up to date with the latest news and events.





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Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3rd February	Y5 Forest School
10th - 14th February	Earth Week
Monday 10th February	Y5 Forest School
Thursday 13th February	Y2 Class Assembly 3pm
Thursday 13th February	Shoe Swap EYFS garden after school
Friday 14th February	Earth Week Dress Up Day Dress as anything earth related eg wear blue, wear green, dress as an animal, a scientist, an explorer. £1 donation
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Term
17th - 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	Term Begins
Monday 24th February	Reception Forest School
Friday 28th February	PTA Disco EYFS & Y1: 4 - 5pm
Please check the school website calendar for any updates.	

School Council

This term the School Council have been helping to plan and prepare for the re-elections that will be happening soon! The Year 6's have been creating a Powerpoint for the school counsellors to share with their classes. They are all looking forward to discussing what it means to be in the School Council and what it involves.

Breakfast Club

ALL Breakfast Club booking must be made via Parent Pay. With the increased numbers it is essential that we have an accurate list for staff each day. If you need to book your child in last minute, you must call the office so we can confirm there is space available.

Green Team

We have had a fantastic week learning about making the air we breathe cleaner. We have worked with the council and the children have really engaged with the workshops. If you haven't already, please remember to sign the 'CPS Parking Pledge' created with the children, the council and the school.

At the end of term, we have our Earth Week. There will be a shoe swap, a dress up day and lots of work on looking after our world. Look out for more information in your inboxes next week.

Thank you

Miss Tennant and the Green Team

CPS Governors

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully filled the vacancy for Elected Parent Governor on the Local Governing Body at Cathedral Primary School.

The school received three nominations for the parent governor vacancy and the ballot closed at 4pm on Thursday 30th January. 148 votes were cast and following the count we are happy to announce that Troy Roe will be our new Parent Governor.

Thank you to all the candidates for putting themselves forward to be considered and to all parents/carers who voted in the election.

Thanks

Paula Parker

CPS Clerk to the Local Governing Body

Friday - Cake Sale Rota

Friday 31st January	Year 3
Friday 7th February	Year 4
Friday 14th February	Year 5 & 6



Project Zulu

Could you be a host family for a Project Zulu child this summer?

In May and June 2020, UWE Bristol will be welcoming 20 children and their teachers from Madadeni Township, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa for the fifth Project Zulu Choir Tour. The Project Zulu Choir Tour is part of a suite of educational development projects ran by UWE Bristol that also includes student volunteering placements and academic research/capacity building work in South Africa.

During the Choir Tour, the children will fundraise for their schools in South Africa through schools workshops – including a day and a half with Cathedral Schools Trust – alongside busking and concerts. The Project Zulu Choir will perform a joint concert with CST on Thursday 4th June at St. George's (tickets available online soon). Their finale concert will be at St. George's in Bristol on Friday 5th June.

We are looking for host families for our Project Zulu children. Such families are key to a successful tour - they provide the children with comfy bed and a loving home where they feel safe, cared for and able to rest during this busy time. Hosting is an incredible experience for all involved. It takes time and effort to accommodate your guests, but the rewards are immeasurable. Many of the families we've worked with since 2013 are still in contact with their guests today and remain long term friends of the project.

The PZ Choir Tour is comprised of English-speaking children aged 10-14 who are accommodated in single sex pairs. Having your own children can make it easier to host other children but is not an essential requirement. You must, however, live in Bristol, have a spare room, and be available from 16 May–8 June 2020.

For more info, contact Sarah Unsworth, Project Zulu Coordinator at UWE Bristol: sarah.unsworth@uwe.ac.uk