A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all well and that you enjoyed the wonderful warm sunshine over the half term holiday. I am delighted to start this newsletter by telling you that Mrs Pill had a healthy baby girl on Tuesday. Mrs Pill and her family are doing well and baby Pill is beautiful. Mrs Pill will be sending her class a message through Seesaw. We are also very excited to let you know that Mrs Perryer is expecting a baby. Mrs Perryer is very sad not to be able to come into school at the moment but is keeping up lots of contact with her class through Seesaw.

As many of our school community will know Mrs Peat has been with Cathedral Primary School for nearly four years and led the school through many musical achievements and performances. Mrs Peat will be relocating in September and has successfully got a new post as a Music Lead. I am sure you will all agree that Mrs Peat has played a huge part in the development of music at CPS and will be greatly missed. We are very sad to see Mrs Peat leave but wish her lots of success in her new post.

Now that we are planning to open the school to some year groups you will notice that there may be a slight reduction in the amount of work set on Seesaw. As we increase the number of children at school we need more staff to work with the smaller groups. As teachers will be in school more it may also take them longer to respond with feedback. Please bear with us, we will endeavour to make it work!

On Tuesday we are planning to welcome back some of our Year 6 children. We are really looking forward to seeing Year 6. Miss Driscoll and team are planning some exciting activities for the children, she will continue to plan home learning tasks for the children who are unable to return. Most importantly we will be planning how we can make their last few weeks of learning as memorable as possible before they move onto secondary school.

With more children returning to school and increased numbers on site you will notice that there are social distance markings and signage outside the school. These measures will support the school to keep all of the community as safe as possible. Please can all parents remember that for safety we are asking that you do not drive into College Square to drop off or collect your children. Please note that the paid parking has now been removed and there will soon be some roadworks taking place in this area.

A huge thank you to all the children who have given us some lovely feedback on the staff song. Miss Kelly did a wonderful job of writing the words and creating the CPS version of 'One Day More'. If you haven't yet watched it have a look on your child's class page on Seesaw.

Kind regards,

Mrs Yarnold

Top Tip

Breathe!

Reception

What a flying start to Term 6! You have really embraced our new topic of 'People who help us' and we have seen some amazing doctor and nurse role play. You have created fantastic medicine recipes, with tomatoes, chocolate, potatoes and ice cream just some of the ingredients going into your medicines. Some of you have even made your medicine using your ingredients and instructions!

You have been showing us your amazing maths investigation skills by comparing weight, lengths and capacity and we have also really enjoyed seeing you take part in the Virtual Summer Games Challenge. Keep up the great work everyone!

Take care from, The EYFS Team.





Year 2

Year 2 have had a ROARING first week back! We were slightly shocked to find out that a gigantic tyrannosaurus rex had arrived at school for our new topic: What do Dinosaurs have for their dinner? In English we've used Predicting Pip and Inference Iggy to help us with our new book 'The Wondrous Dinosaurium' and in Maths, we've been busy exploring measure. In Art we made our own paint using spices, coffee granules and other things from our homes! Check out our sweet smelling creations below!







Year 4

This week we have been doing some fabulous poetry based on our new book. We've also been thinking about division in our maths lessons. This term we have also looked at states of matter. Some children sent in some great videos explaining the differences between solids. liquids and gases.





Year 6

Year six have been exploring the food of the Maya and making their very own Mayan hot chocolates! Although they had some spice and cinnamon, we generally quite liked them! We have also begun thinking about writing a balanced argument, asking ourselves 'Would we rather be an adult or a child?' and thinking about different scenarios and situations we come across; we were inspired by Mrs Gunn's illustrations and made some drawings to show some of the pros and cons, too! Year 6 continues to work extremely hard daily, and make sure they are enjoying themselves. We have thought lots about what life will be like back at school, too and shared some feelings and questions we have.











Pastoral Team

Welcome back after half term. The children may be finding things difficult and struggling with the amount of time they have been away from school and their friends. I hope as the weather continues and the measures change that you get to spend time with some of your friends and family.

I have had a few emails from families about their child's motivation to do work and access Seesaw and this is completely normal. For the children, the lack of face to face interaction can be challenging. Please use the content on Seesaw at your own pace and the pace of the child. If they are struggling that day let the teacher know and we can try to support. It may be time to introduce reward systems or extra incentives. In school we use a point system and once they collect enough points they are rewarded with certificates, stickers etc. This may be something you can adapt for your home.



The pastoral team will continue to upload activities on a Monday which focus on emotions and well being and we hope this is beneficial.

Below are some resources to support your child's mental well being.

https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51656718

https://www.wiltshirehealthyschools.org/documents/campaigns/Fifth%20WSB%20Activity%20Pack%20

Wellbeing.pdf

https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/simple-self-soothe-strategies/

The pastoral team are here to support you and your family, you can contact us via email:

pastoral@cathedralprimaryschool.org

Or visit our page on the website:

https://www.cathedralprimaryschool.org/parents/pastoral-care

Take care, Miss Bailey

SEND

Speech and Language support can help with a wide range of needs:

- individual speech sounds
- ordering spoken sentences correctly or in the right tense
- support with understanding of instructions and spoken words
- vocabulary development
- support with stammering

If you have any worries or queries about your child's speech and language, we are now able to link with our NHS S&L Therapist Amy Choi again. She is able to take referrals, talk to parents over the phone and provide resources to support children, and in some cases offer therapy sessions over video link.

Please complete the attached form - <u>SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY - PARENT CONSENT</u> - and email it to <u>senco@cathedralprimaryschool.org</u> I will then forward the forms onto Amy.

You can also find information on this website:

https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/childrens-speech-language-therapu

or you can use the hotline numbers below to speak to a member of the speech and language team direct:

| Locality | Time | Contact number for families |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| North Bristol | 9am-4pm daily | 0300 124 5832 |
| South Bristol | | 0300 125 6279 |
| East and Central Bristol | | 0117 3408242 |
| South Gloucestershire | | 01454 862438 |

Lizzie Snelling SENDCo

Staff Spotlight

Oliver Woods:



My name is Mr Woods and I will be joining the school as a Year 5 teacher. I have previously taught Years 4 & 5, and before that I worked in financial services in the City of London. I am a passionate historian having studied Ancient History at university, and I'm enthusiastic about the role that the Arts play in education. In my spare time I enjoy cycling, swimming in rivers, listening to blues music and gardening.

I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Mr Woods

PE from Mr Baynton

Well done to everybody on their efforts in response to our launch of the 'Virtual Summer Games'. If you missed the email that was sent out then you can catch up on all the details here: http://www.wesport.org.uk/active-education/school-games/2020-summer-virtual-school-games/

Week 1 has been the 'speed bounce' challenge and you can keep trying to improve your score up until Sunday evening and then you must remember to fill out the online form with your personal best score on the website above so your fabulous effort can collect points for the school!

So many great pictures and videos of your speed bounce has made it hard to choose the medals this week. The total score is only part of it, I'm impressed with the determination and perseverance you are showing too.

Mr Baynton

PE at Home Medals

V Gold - Stanley (Yr 4 - Soul class)

V Silver - Lataya (Yr 1 - Disco class)

✓ Bronze - Grace (Yr 2 - Jazz class)







CPS Art Challenge

For this week's art challenge, the children had a go at making miniature 3D art galleries. Here are some of the fantastic pieces they have produced:







From the Office

Coming into school - The school has been advised to limit the amount of external contacts entering the school building. We are now asking that where possible, parents/carers email their questions or queries into school. If coming into school is unavoidable, we ask that you wait until all the children have entered the building. This means not entering the school until after 9am. No parents or visitors will be able to enter past the school office without prior agreed arrangement from the school. As you will understand, this is for the health and safety of both pupils, parents and staff.

Google forms - Some of you may feel a little bombarded with Google forms at the moment. We just wanted to say, thank you so much for patience, these forms are vital for us to keep track of things in the office. And just a warning, there may be more forms to come!

Updates - Please don't forget to let the office know if you have any updated contact information, such as a change in phone numbers or email address.

There are some lovely free art activities from the RWA. You can find them here:

Events for Children and Families at the RWA, Bristol

The government have set up this website for fun games and teaching resources about microbes and antibiotics:

eBug Junior

Forest School

Hello everyone, I hope you are managing to get outside and explore the wonderful natural world. If you can make some time to get away from screens being outside will help boost your energy levels and help us in so many ways, nature scientifically increases your mood and makes us happier without us even realising!

We had some great fun at school this week with some of the key workers' children, making these really simple cool kites, check out the youtube link attached and give it a go. They are amazing and so simple, have fun!

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=t96s74TKkMo

Jon and the Forest School team.