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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of another academic year. This has most definitely been a year to remember. The school and our community has seen so many changes and I am immensely proud of how staff, parents and carers and most importantly, children have adapted to the changes. Whilst writing reports this year both Mrs Gerolemou and myself have been really impressed with the amount of home learning that has taken place through Seesaw. From Art challenges to Science investigations, our community has managed to keep connected.

On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 class. We would never have expected that we would be saying goodbye in such unusual circumstances. Finishing primary school is a huge milestone which it is customary and enjoyable to celebrate. However, as I am sure you have predicted, the 'usual' celebrations are just not going to be possible within the current government guidelines for social distancing. We would, however, very much like to still mark the occasion by creating a 'virtual leavers' assembly' which they can participate in, watch and enjoy. All children, whether at school or home, will be able to watch a recording of an assembly that Mrs Driscoll has creatively put together. Year 6 are already proudly wearing their leavers jumpers!

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 families. You have all been part of the journey to form Cathedral Primary School. Your children have been incredible to work with and have grown into such confident hardworking children who are ready for the new challenges and learning opportunities at Secondary School. The children have shown leadership and mentored the younger children, they have shown positivity and kindness. Thank you so much for all of your support.

Although our time at school was cut short this year we do still have lots to celebrate. It has once again been a year full of exciting events and learning opportunities. All of your children have once again amazed us! Some of the highlights for me were World Book Day, Christmas concerts and musical events. We are looking forward to hopefully getting back to normal in the next academic year and welcoming back all of the school community. I will of course keep you updated about arrangements in line and give advice before we start back.

Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this year. Your children have been a delight! We will miss them over the summer. Thank you for all your lovely report feedback. We are all very proud of the children at Cathedral Primary School.

We wish you all a very restful, safe and fun summer break.

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



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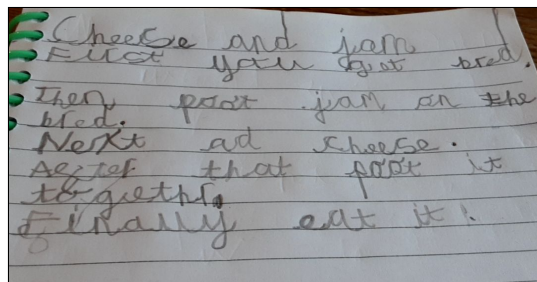
Reception

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Reception and as always the children continue to delight us both with their learning in school and at home. The keyworker children had a fantastic surprise in Abbey House Garden when we arrived to find it carpeted with lime tree flowers. They demonstrated some great teamwork in working together to create a huge pile of flowers which they then had tremendous fun jumping into. They found lots of imaginative ways to use the flowers in their role play.

This week, the children have helped Cookie Monster to make a sandwich by writing instructions, and some have even used their instructions to make a sandwich themselves! In maths, they have been superstars at doubling, halving and sharing.

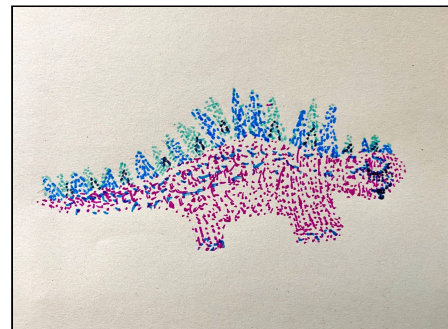
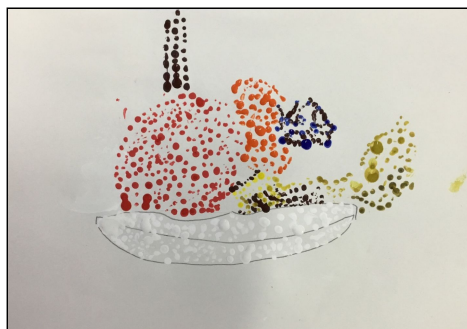
As we come to the end of term, the EYFS team are feeling a little sad that we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Reception children. However, we are so proud of resilient, independent, funny, creative and hardworking learners that they have been this year. Well done everybody, have a fantastic summer!

Take care from, The EYFS Team.



Year 2

How is it almost the summer holidays? This year has really flown by! Year 2 have continued to wow us with their hard work and enthusiasm to Seesaw. In English we have been focusing on Grammar by recapping nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions, different types of punctuation and past/ present tense. We've been busy! In Maths it has been amazing to revisit multiplication and division. In Art we looked at pointillism and the artwork that was produced is on point!





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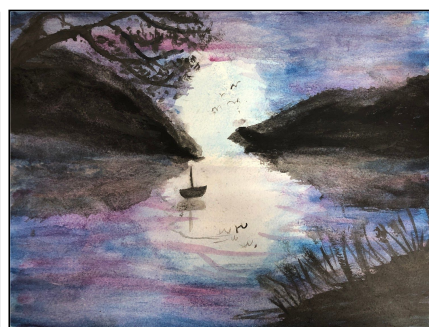
Year 4

Year 4 have shown incredible commitment in keeping up their home learning right through towards the end of term. In maths we have been consolidating our learning on fractions and in English the children have produced wonderful sequels to "Hermelin - the detective mouse". Alongside this, the children have continued to show great creativity in their art work and dedication to improving their scores in the virtual summer games. On top of this, they have also shown off their map work skills in creating maps of their local areas. Great work, year 4! We are so proud of what you have achieved!



Year 6

It is with so much sadness that I write this message - the last one for Year Six! We have an incredible few weeks back at school and have enjoyed every minute. The children have had wonderful Mondays up at Forest School and even had some pizzas on the fire last week! They have produced phenomenal artwork, sang their hearts out and written incredible speeches. We are very proud of them all - in school and at home - for always working so hard and being such a pleasure to work with! From all of us in Year Six, well done! Have a fantastic summer!





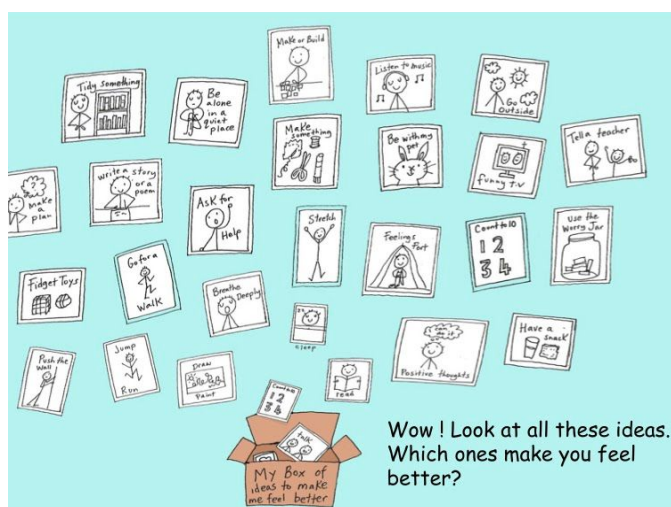
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Pastoral Team

As we approach summer the pastoral team have thought about how we can support the children with transition back to school. We hope the bank of pastoral activities every Monday has supported the children with expressing their emotions. Our last activity this Monday will be for the children to design a toolbox. A toolbox is things to do/objects that help them feel calm. Such as colouring/dens/counting to 10. We will be looking at this in more detail in September and creating our own school toolbox.



Once the children return to school we will begin by following a nurture based curriculum to help them return and will focus on the children feeling happy and comfortable. We understand that for some it will be challenging to adapt. The pastoral team will be on hand to support with settling the children back and to answer any questions you or the children may have.

Please continue to contact us through pastoral@cathedralprimaryschool.org

Take care,

The pastoral team.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is 'Silly Squad' and it's all about stories that make us LAUGH. We'd love as many children as possible to get reading and take part. This year's challenge is digital and your child can submit their reviews, collect rewards and access free e-books online, plus they will receive a certificate when they complete the challenge. To take part, you need to create an account on the website and your child needs to read 6 books over the summer holidays. For more information please visit the website: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk There is also a Seesaw activity with all the details and links.



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From the Office

Reading Books: If you have any school reading books at home, please could you kindly return them to the office before the end of term, if you are able.

Message from our uniform suppliers The Famous School Branches.

Our booking system is being opened up for further dates into late July. Please can all parents book an appointment online otherwise you may not be able to get a place.

THE ONLINE PORTAL FOR BOOKING APPOINTMENTS IS:

<https://store.famousbranches.com/>

PE from Mr Baynton

I would like to say a HUGE thank you and WELL DONE to you all for your efforts with our Virtual Summer Games this term. It's really brightened up my week to see you practising your challenges and having so much fun. Maybe you could carry on practising all these different challenges and even create some of your own during the summer holiday so you're ready to wow me with your skills in September?! There are also lots of activity ideas on the CPS website that you could use:

<https://www.cathedralprimaryschool.org/children/sport/pe-at-home-2020>

Your catching skills during the 'catch and clap' challenge have been brilliant, don't forget to enter your best score using the online form before Sunday night.

<https://forms.gle/TqeWLcTDNx1CSUa89>

Congratulations to my final PE at home medal winners this week:

Mr Baynton

PE at Home Medals



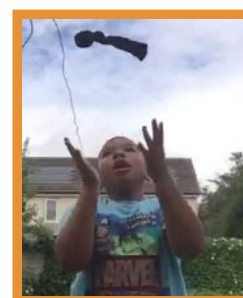
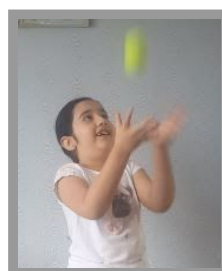
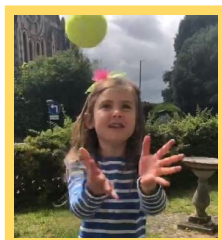
Gold - Averil (Reception - Pop class)



Silver - Isabella (Yr 3 - Opera class)



Bronze - Michael (Yr 2 - Folk class)





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Faith Designation Update

Update on the faith designation for Cathedral Primary School

As you will be aware we ran a consultation from 14th November 2019 until 10th January 2020 to see whether Cathedral Primary School should adopt a faith designation and become a Church of England school. A report capturing the outcomes of that consultation is included as an attachment here for information. In March, the governors of CPS and Trustees of CST decided to continue to the next stage of the process and submitted a business case to the Department for Education for them to consider. We can now confirm that the Department for Education has given their approval for CPS to gain a faith designation and we will commence the more detailed work to formalise the designation. It is our expectation that at some point during the next academic year the change will be finalised and we will be working closely with BCCS, CST and Cathedral colleagues on ways we can further strengthen our relationships going forward. We know that some of you were concerned that the change will impact on the vision and ethos of the school and we want to reassure you that we have no intention to alter these core aspects of our school and community. Similarly our admission arrangements will remain the same and we will continue to value and celebrate our inclusivity and diversity.

Message from the Phase 1 Team

In Reception and Year One, we are regularly looking for new resources and equipment to challenge and motivate our young learners in their play.

During lockdown, many of us have had the time to declutter areas of our homes and we are hoping this may be the case with some of your preloved but now unwanted toys.

We are looking for some specific items and if you have any of the below that you would be willing to donate to our Phase One Team, please can you deliver them to the front of the school after school closure. There will be a box outside the glass doors to collect any donations from Wednesday 8th July until Friday 17th July. Please arrange to drop any donations at this time and when the box has been removed, please do not leave items outside of the school after this time.

- Construction materials (lego, duplo, k'nex, wooden blocks)
- Role play clothes (dressing up, scarves, material)
- Home Corner items (tea set, play kitchen equipment, play kitchen furniture, aprons, chef hats, etc.)
- Small world materials and toys (fake plants, plastic animals, trees, small cars/trucks/trains, astronauts, aliens, rockets, etc.)
- Play dough tools (small rolling pins, shaping & cutting plastic tools, shaped cutters)

Please do not leave anything in the box that isn't listed above.

Thank you for your continued support.
Phase One Team



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PTA

Lovely parents and carers what a historic academic year we have had! One to remember, for sure. Just a note to say a huge thank you to all the Class Reps and all of you for the amazing community spirit and support shown through our Facebook page and WhatsApp groups during lockdown. The PTA has always been more than about just raising funds and putting on events - it's also about making friendships and supporting each other in our school lives. During lockdown, we've seen so many great suggestions and tips from Joe Wicks PE to stargazing and cycling tips, colouring in pages and hilarious memes about home-schooling and of course the fantastic co-ordination of the various end of year gifts and photos. These small gestures of sharing is why our community - although distanced at the moment - is still very much together. Thank you!

Our final PTA meeting of the year happened via zoom this term and we were thrilled to hear that the playground plans are starting this Summer, with a completion date of September. What a lovely surprise the children will have when they return to school. Thank you to everyone for all the efforts and generosity over the last few years to help raise an amazing £25,000 towards the cost of development. It's so wonderful to know it's finally happening.

We've also pledged to contribute funds for more books as part of Miss Rolle's school literacy plan; providing our children with a diverse range of authors and subjects and sufficient copies for every child to allow for all class reading, screen-free.

In addition, this term, the PTA has provided funds towards farewell gifts and activities for our Year 6 leavers. We wish all the children the best of luck at BCCS. The Year 6 parents founded the PTA when the school first opened and created numerous traditions that the PTA continue to support and do today, such as cake and ice lolly Fridays, the summer fun day, summer play dates and Christmas cards (to name but a few). On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to the original PTA committee and all the Year 6 parents and carers for all your time, energy and generosity over the years. It's been a pleasure getting to know you and work with you all on all of the above and more and we will miss you!

In September we hope to be able to return to some sort of 'normal' and look forward to working with our new starters and all of you to create some more special moments for our kids.

Should government guidelines permit, we hope to be able to organise our usual summer play dates before we return to school so please look out for any further announcements during the holidays.

Have a lovely summer and see you in September!

All the best,
CPS PTA

Vanessa (chair), Al and Karen (vice chair), Cherene (secretary) and Mary (treasurer).