



Cathedral Primary School Community News



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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

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. This year the theme of snowflakes has made the school really feel like a Winter Wonderland! A big thanks to all the staff who stayed behind after school on Friday to help decorate.

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 your generous contributions we managed to raise over £700! We look forward now to our Christmas Jumper Day that will be coming up soon.

It was lovely that so many parents joined us for the virtual Parents Evening. We are very proud of the children and the progress they have made so far this term. If you haven't yet managed to have a discussion with your child's class teacher please email the office to make an appointment. We also value your feedback. An evaluation Google form was sent out today but can also be accessed from this link: [Parents' Evening System Evaluation](#)

This year we have again taken part in Anti Bullying Week. Miss Bailey led a class assembly which focused on how to be united against 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 had some very colourful combinations of socks.

I am delighted to report that the Department for Education has approved that Cathedral Primary School is to adopt a Faith Designation and become a Church of England School. This will come into effect from 1st December 2020. As part of this change we are working with the school community to review Cathedral Primary School's Vision and Values. Thank you for all your support throughout the consultation process. As you probably know we now have a new Dean of Bristol, the Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford. The Dean is looking forward to working with Cathedral Primary School and will be meeting the children through an assembly later this term.



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This term has seen some exciting experiences in school to really immerse the children in their topic learning and to provide great stimulus for writing opportunities. We've had a Stone Age workshop in Year 3, a visit from a Viking in Year 4 and we've seen the night sky through the Explorodome in Year 1. Children also learnt about Remembrance Sunday in all year groups, with Year 6 studying the poems of Wilfred Owen, building up to them writing their own very emotive poems.

As always, there are so many things to talk about, so please follow us on twitter if you would like to hear about the learning happening across the school each week. If you are not currently following us, please do at [@Cathedralprimaryschool](https://twitter.com/Cathedralprimaryschool)

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support during this term. We have been faced with the challenge of staff and year groups needing to isolate. I know that lots of you have had to juggle your lives and work commitments to manage home schooling. I would like to thank you all for the support you are giving to your children as we all try to ensure that we are able to continue with the 'new normal' in school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

Poppy Day by Elodie Y4

To remember all those soldiers
Out there aged young and old,
Who fought and died so bravely
Out there in the cold.

Unknown soldiers far and wide,
Dying by the river side.
Their last words clear and bright,
Remember me and this brutal sight.





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Pastoral

Hi there!

As many of us are having to isolate for anything from a few days to longer we thought that it would be nice to share some resources from the Red Cross.

★ Your song, your story

A happy playlist for lonely times. Young people around the world choose a song and share a story about why it helps them.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-with-loneliness/tackling-loneliness-in-young-people/your-song-your-story>

★ Six ways to tackle loneliness

Tips and advice for young people who are feeling lonely

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-with-loneliness/tackling-loneliness-in-young-people/six-ways-to-tackle-loneliness>

If you put together your own playlist or do some of these activities we would love you to share it with us! Me and Miss Bailey have just been chatting about what would go on our playlist, I would definitely choose George Ezra Shotgun because it's so happy and upbeat. Miss Bailey "I would choose dancing in the moonlight by Jubel , it's a catchy remix of Toploaders song and a good sing along!"

Take care,
Mrs Lewis



Welcome to Bramble



This is Bramble who has come to live with Mrs Snelling. The children will be having an assembly before the end of term to teach them about interacting with dogs when they are out and about and Mrs Snelling will be telling them some more about Bramble and her role in school.

Lizzie Snelling
SENCO



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CPS PTA

The CPS PTA Virtual Christmas Fundraising is in full swing and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has placed an order for a Christmas Tree and/or the fantastic Christmas Cards beautifully designed by our children or signed up to any of our other activities! We hope these events will go some way to create some festive cheer, raise some funds and continue to bring our community together. Special thanks to our wonderful Treasurer, Mary Hodges, for processing all the payments for the PTA – we can't thank you enough!

In case you missed our email sent via school (on 23/11/2020) here is a summary of some further ways you can take part in our Christmas activities this year:

- ★ **Give the Gift of Creativity this Christmas** - Chandos Atelier is offering the opportunity for the children and families at CPS to get crafty and creative at home. 'Crafternoon Packs' are available for just £10 and for every pack purchased £1 will be donated to the PTA. Orders must be placed before the 4th of December and will be ready for collection at school by 11th December.
<https://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/pta-support-packs/cathedral-primary>
- ★ **Christmas Wreath / Circle of Hope Workshop** - This year's wreath making workshop will be held on Tuesday 15 December from 7pm-9pm on Zoom. All materials will be supplied in advance, together with a little festive treat. This exclusive workshop, now in its 4th year, is £26. Please complete this form to secure your place Wreath order form. Payment for the workshop must be received in full by no later than Friday 4 December.
- ★ **Christmas Virtual Disco** - Following on from the success of the half term disco, we have booked DJ Jay for another end of term boogie on Friday 18 December at 3pm! Aimed at Reception and KS1 children, but everyone is welcome subject to capacity limits on Zoom. This event is free and more details will be sent via email closer to the time.

Thank you very much for all your support and engagement, we hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

All the best,

CPS PTA

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



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Brilliant Books

All the staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA as thanks to their fundraising, we have been able to purchase lots of new books for the school this year! We have used the money to replenish our stock of books for children to bring home and read as well as a range of books which feature characters to better reflect our diverse school community.



From the Office

Festive Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day - Wednesday 16th December

Christmas lunch will be a little different this year. As we are unable to use the dining hall at present, we have had to be inventive with the food the kitchen is able to provide. While not a 'classic' Christmas lunch, we hope the children will still enjoy the selection on offer. This meal will override what is listed on Parent Pay.

- ★ Southern Fried Chicken Fillet OR
- ★ Southern Fried Quorn Pieces
- ★ served with Chips & Corn Cobettes
- ★ Homemade Chocolate Muffin
- ★ Orange Juice Carton
- ★ Christmas Cracker & Christmas Napkin



On this day your child can replace their school jumper/cardigan with a festive jumper. Other than the jumper, full uniform is to be worn.

COVID-19 Information Updates

As noted in the email that was sent out last week. We have taken the decision to continue with the current earlier timetable for at least the rest of this term. We will continue to monitor and reassess but at this stage we feel that social distancing must be prioritised in order to protect the whole of our school community.

Thank you for your continuing support of our school.