



Cathedral Primary School Community News



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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and healthy. The last few weeks at school have been very busy and it has been wonderful to have all children back. I have been so impressed with how the children have settled back into routines and learning. The children have once again shown resilience and adapted quickly to being back in school full-time.

Staff have continued to work creatively and collaboratively to deliver learning. I have just attended a wonderful celebration with Reception and Year 1, each class performed from their classroom. Fantastic singing from each class and such an uplifting way to end the term! It has been so lovely to see the learning happening back in school, classrooms and corridors have been buzzing. We've had hatching chicks, mummification, jazz composition, Blitz drama workshops, visits from an engineer and even a visit from the Easter Bunny!

There were lots of fantastic dance moves around the school last week as all children joined in with flash dances. Once again a huge thank you for your generosity in the donations that you made. The total amount raised was £514 - thank you all so much.

To finish the term off the children are looking forward to the annual Easter activities. Key Stage 1 will do an egg hunt and Key Stage 2 will take part in an Easter quiz. All children will receive a small chocolate egg. Thank you to the PTA for providing these.

Parents Evening this term has once again taken place virtually. Although the children have only been back at school a short time, this meeting is really important. It allows teachers to update you on your child's targets and celebrate their learning. If you have been unable to meet with your child's teacher or had some technical issues during the meeting please do get in touch to book another appointment.

This term we have been interviewing for new staff in line with the growth of the school. This is the final year of growth and the school will be full from September 2021. Once new staff are appointed we will introduce them through our newsletter. We are very excited to let you know that Miss Veuve is expecting a baby. Miss Veuve will be with us for some of the summer term. We will be letting the Year 4 parents know when we have a confirmed finish date from Miss Veuve.

We are now looking forward to the summer days and hopefully more opportunities for outdoor learning. During PE the children will be focusing on the skills needed for year group Sports Days. There will once again be lots of enrichment activities planned. We will update parents about future curriculum events.

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



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Art Challenge

There has been an abundance of creativity this term with our school Art Challenge! The theme was to 'Capture Springtime' and this has been done through collages, photography, watercolour, observational drawings and more. It is brilliant to see how children from Reception all the way to Year 6 take on the challenge in a unique way. All the entries are on our school Art Instagram account @cathedralprimaryart but check out a sneak peak below!



Year 3 Highlight

Year 3 had a great return to school by heading straight up to Failand for PE! The children have impressed us with their attacking and defending in rugby and their dribbling skills in hockey. Check out the talent we have at CPS!



Both classes have been continuing their learning on Ancient Egypt by researching all about mummification. The children even tried out this gruesome method on tomatoes using salt and bicarbonate of soda. They can't wait to see what happens to them after Easter!

Enjoy the Easter break.
The Year 3 Team



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Thank you for all the amazing donations towards Comic Relief. We raised over £500 (as well as having fun dancing) which is fantastic!





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Music

Since we returned to school, it has been wonderful to hear so much music around school again. We are delighted that our peripatetic music teachers are back providing instrumental and vocal tuition, and children have been participating in a number of exciting musical projects.

Year 1's have had the opportunity to learn 4 uplifting songs in preparation for a Zoom performance with Bristol Plays Music. The children have worked hard to learn how to sign to each song as well as being able to sing! It has been fantastic to see so many schools in Bristol on the zoom call with us. A real musical community!

In Year 4, we have been very lucky to have previewed a new jazz composition, retelling the story of Orpheus in the Underworld, which had us dancing along with the goblin groove! Last week we were able to meet online with the composer John K Miles for the children to share their reactions to the piece and ask him lots of questions about it. John was hugely inspiring and encouraged the children to get playing jazz!

As part of a city-wide project entitled "A New Song for Bristol", our Year 5 bubble have worked with a tutor from Bristol Plays Music to compose their own songs to reflect their experiences of life in Bristol during 2020. They showed great creativity and fantastic teamwork in their performances.

We have a number of exciting music projects lined up for next term across the school, so are looking forward to a musical rest of the year!

Thanks

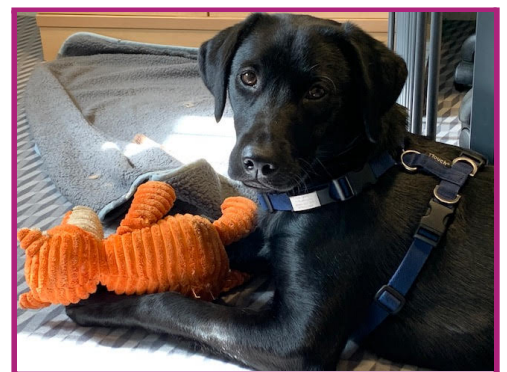
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School Pupdate

It has been lovely now that all the children are back in school, for more of them to see Bramble as she is being walked through the corridors as part of her training. Bramble particularly enjoys laying calmly on her settle mat on the upstairs landing and watching breakfast club and PE going on in the main hall downstairs.

She is beginning to visit the downstairs of the building too and is working hard on keeping self control whilst going slowly up and down stairs. She is finding the wooden floors downstairs rather slippery and exciting, so we are going to be coming in over the Easter break for some extra practice!



Mrs Snelling
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Pastoral Team

The children have done brilliantly at settling back into school and it's lovely to have everyone back. We wanted to reassure you that if your child is not totally themselves at the moment that is really normal. Hopefully over the next month or two as their world becomes more normal and routines become the norm things will begin to feel easier. For now we hope that you all manage to have a lovely Easter with lots of nurture, fun and some relaxation too.

Best wishes
The Pastoral Team

CPS Governors

I'm Lucy Ryder and I've been a parent governor at CPS for almost 3 years. I have just taken on the SEND governor role which I'm really looking forward to getting to grips with. I am also Equalities lead governor. I've lived in Bristol for about 14 years and have enjoyed getting out in the lovely parks and green spaces over lock-down for walks and bike rides with my family. I have worked as a Civil Servant for quite a few years now including more than 10 years in higher education policy.

I have been involved with the school since it started as my daughter was in the first intake (now in BCCS!) and my son is now in year 4. It's been a great experience and privilege watching the school grow and develop into such a welcoming and supportive environment for the children. Also lovely to see the first cohort of CPS children go all the way through the school and into secondary school!

I'm often around at afternoon pick-up so do find me if you would like to have a chat.



From the Office

Parent Calendar ➤ Please check the calendar for upcoming dates. School reopens on Monday 19th April for Term 5.

Bookings ➤ Don't forget to book your lunches and Breakfast Club for next term. You have until Saturday 17th April to book your lunches for the following week.

Water Bottles ➤ Please remember to bring your water bottles into school every day.

Times of the School Day ➤ Times of the day will remain the same in term 5 as they are now.



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CPS PTA

What a fun term it's been so far... the living eggs the PTA fund annually hatched and the little chicks have been a source of great joy for the children – some even having the chance to hold one!

The PTA also contributed to a fantastic WW2 themed WOW day this month for Year 6 which involved a full day of workshops dressed as evacuees and immersing themselves into life in 1942. WOW Days are something the PTA are really proud to be able to support and we thank everyone for your generous donations throughout the year to the PTA to help us bring learning to life for the children. Each year the PTA pledges an amount to each class that the teachers can use towards WOW Days e.g. workshops and other activities and resources which the children really love and we enjoy hearing about – thank you so much for your support.

Happily, we have been able to end this half term with our traditional Easter activities and chocolate treat for all the children, kindly donated to us by Tesco (College Green, Victoria Street and College Square) and Sainsbury's Hippodrome. We are very grateful for the kindness and generosity of these stores supporting our school in providing around 400 chocolate eggs and bunnies to the PTA. The staff there are so lovely and it would really make their day if you have 5 minutes to complete their feedback survey on your next visit to any of these stores and help us say thank you (details can be found on the back of their receipts). Thank you also to our fabulous class reps for collecting and delivering the Easter treats to school – fabulous team work!

Finally, please continue to share used uniform on our Facebook page (CPS PTA) and help us ensure everyone has the correct uniform for school. After half term, we hope to be able to access additional used uniform stored in the PTA cupboards and try to arrange a used uniform sale one day after school (subject to covid-guidance) and as non-essential retail shops begin to reopen. We will provide updates through our class WhatsApp groups, Facebook and email via school closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very happy Easter break.

All the best,

CPS PTA

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Forest School

What a fantastic time Year 1 and Reception children have had over the last term at Forest School.

Rock and Hip Hop classes have become more independent in the woods and getting braver and stronger to take on small challenges. They have been looking for different things on our scavenger hunts and finding out about the wonderful textures we can find in nature. The children were all so amazing and came up with some interesting examples of their own interpretations.

Hip Hop and Disco classes have mastered their mini den making skills for our cuddly toys in the woods and will hopefully move onto some larger den making in Year 2. During free play we have taken the opportunity to learn about balance on the seesaw, we've had some brave children standing up for the first time. We have lots of creative children too, especially noted in the Easter craft activities where they got to use tools for the first time. The Easter Bunny also paid a visit and left a treat hidden in the woods. This was found by deciphering the clues that were left, what great problem solving skills!

A massive thanks to our Reception parent volunteers for your support on the sessions. Also thank you to all parents and carers for getting the children ready for Forest School in outdoor clothing. Both year groups have certainly experienced all weathers this term, character and resilience building stuff.

Have a great Easter, we look forward to seeing Year 5 next term at Forest School.

The Forest School Team
Jon and the Forest School Team

