



Cathedral Primary School Community News



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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an end to a year! We would like to thank you for all of your messages of encouragement and well wishing over the last couple of weeks. I am so sorry to have not been at school for the end of term celebrations with the children and have really missed being at school. Mrs Gerolemou has kept me updated and I have received some lovely messages.

Term 6 has flown past with more fantastic learning happening around school - Reception have been on a whistlestop tour of the world through a range of exciting books; Year 1 couldn't get to the beach, but were not put off and had plenty of fun bringing the beach to CPS - including an ice cream van! Year 2 had an exciting term "Using their voice" and even staged a Protest for change outside the school; It was fantastic to see the children in Year 3 so engrossed in growing plants and monitoring the effects of different conditions; Year 4 continued their work on the Romans; Year 5 have been doing some fantastic work on Fairytales and Year 6's highlight was their class camp, amongst many other activities in school. All of this with some class' Sports days and Arts Week too!

Whilst our end of term - like much of our year - has been a little disrupted, this week the children have been introduced to their new teachers for September and have watched welcome videos to find out a little more about them.

We are so sad to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 Choral class, but have watched them with excitement in their final days at Primary school, practising speeches and rehearsing Beauty and the Beast. They are so ready for secondary school and we wish them all the best for their transition to BCCS. We'll be looking out for smiles and waves in our direction in September!

We are also sad to say farewell to some staff members at the end of the year too. This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Pill, Mr Skipsey, Miss Santos, Miss Davies and Mollie Hughes. We wish them all the very best with all of their adventures. We have also said a farewell to Miss Edwards who has left for her maternity leave. Good luck Miss Edwards, we are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Mrs Ferguson has some exciting news too, she is expecting her first child later in the year. Big congratulations to her. We are also pleased to announce that Miss Veuve has this week sent us happy news of the arrival of her second son. We are looking forward to meeting him soon and are sure you will join us in sending her huge congratulations!

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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New Staff Spotlight

Mr O'Brien

Hello! My name is Mr. O'Brien and I am super excited to be joining Cathedral Primary School in September. I am originally from Birmingham but spent 5 years teaching in London before moving to Bristol last Summer. I have taught in Years 4, 5 and 6 so I'm really glad to be teaching in Year 3 next year! I am a keen reader and enjoy sharing my favourite novels with my classes; The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and Wonder are two of many examples. My favourite subjects to teach are English, History and Maths, but the great thing about being a primary school teacher is that there are so many other fantastic subjects as well! When I'm not at school, I enjoy playing chess, socialising with my friends and exploring nature. I'm very much looking forward to meeting you all in September. Have a wonderful Summer!



We also have new LSA's (Learning Support Assistants) joining us in September. Watch out for more 'New Staff Spotlights' next term...

Times of the School Day

As you will all be aware, since the introduction of social distancing CPS has been running an earlier timetable, with slightly staggered pick up times, initially to maximise social distancing opportunities across the school.

An unexpected benefit of the earlier day has been the increase in learning time during our morning session, which is typically when our children learn English and Maths, and when concentration levels are best. This has also tied in well with the earlier lunchtimes that we operate at CPS when using the Cresswell lunch hall, which is hoped to resume from September.

As a result, we are proposing that for Term 1 next year, we trial a slightly adjusted timetable, but keeping the earlier start and finish times.

Start of the day	Class	Doors open	Doors close
Reception Gate	Reception	8.35am	8.45am
Main Entrance	Years 1 & 2	8.35am	8.45am
Side Entrance	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	8.35am	8.45am



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End of the day - exit	Class	Time	Pick-up Location
Reception Gate	Reception	3.00pm	Reception gate
Main Entrance	Year 1	3.05pm	Main entrance
Main Entrance	Year 2	3.10pm	Main entrance
Side Entrance	Year 3	3.05pm	The Tump
Side Entrance	Year 4	3.10pm	The Tump
Side Entrance	Year 5	3.15pm	The Slope
Side Entrance	Year 6	3.15pm	Side Entrance

Breakfast club will continue to run from 7:45am with the last children allowed to enter at 8:15am
SHINE after school club will continue from 3.00pm onwards, as it currently runs at the moment

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the pupils and the school community, and will ultimately have a positive impact on your child's education.

We would like to use Term 1 as a trial period, during which parents are invited to provide feedback and ask questions. We will write to you in September to provide details of the feedback process, and at the end of that term we will write again to let you know the outcome of our findings.

We thank you for your understanding in trialling this new timetable with us in September, as we try to balance the best possible learning experience for your children, alongside the logistical considerations that our unique building and school site bring us.

Attendance

From September a new Cathedral Schools Trust Attendance policy will be introduced. For Cathedral Primary School this means that if a parent takes a pupil out of school on holiday during term time and that absence is unauthorised for 8 or more continuous sessions, in any 10 week period the school will request a Penalty Notice be issued by the Bristol local authority. This is currently £60 per parent per child. A session is a half day, so each day has two sessions, morning and afternoon. The new policy will be available to view on the school website from September. Below is a link to the 'what you need to know' leaflet

[Education Penalty Notices - What you need to know](#)



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SEND & Pastoral Support

Here are a few key contacts for support over the summer break.

Families in Focus:

North - 0117 352 1499

South - 0117 903 7770

East Central - 0117 357 6460

Mind- adult mental health:

<https://bristolmind.org.uk/>

MindLine - 0808 808 0330

Young Mind- Children's Mental Health:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

First response - 0117 903 6444 (for emergencies)

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Childline - 0800 1111

Happymaps:

help with children's mental health or behaviour

<https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>

Barnardos- support for vulnerable children

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

From the Office

CAZ (Clean Air Zone) ➤ This has now been delayed until summer 2022.

Information Updates ➤ Don't forget to let us know if you move house, change your mobile number or email address, having the most up to date information is really important for home/school communication.

Lunchtime Support ➤ Would you be interested in helping with lunches at CPS?

We are hoping to return to the Cresswell lunch hall in September and we may need some additional support for 60-90 minutes each day during lunchtime. This would be a fixed term contract, term-time only.

If this opportunity could suit you then please get in touch over the summer and we'll send you some details in Term 1 once we're up and running.

Artweek Workshop

A message from Ella Rice who gave a fantastic workshop to our Year 3 classes.

"Year 3 we're utterly brilliant. Very creative and full of stories about finding fossils and sharing their learning on this topic. They worked hard and were really enthusiastic".





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Forest School

Wow, where did that term go! What a great term with Reception and Year 6 at Forest School. Both Rock and Pop classes were true 'nature detectives' finding out about minibeasts, where they live and how to find them. Forest School Big Arts Pieces were created using a Japanese technique of leaf printing Hapa Zome, with amazing results.



Year 6 had a great few weeks reconnecting with the Forest School skills they have gained at CPS, developing pieces for Big Arts Week. Using skills previously gained, the Hapa Zome prints were framed using split and lashed wood. They learnt how to make charcoal pencils on the fire and sketched with these afterwards. There were also some woodland sculptures taking inspiration from Andrew Goldsworthy. The last Year 6 session was spent at Brandon Hill due to Covid restrictions. We had great fun and learning opportunities creating flying machines, practising flying them and fun and games. Good luck Year 6 in your next adventure into Year 7, you have all been amazing at Forest School over the last 7 years.



Jon and The Forest School Team