



# Cathedral Primary School Newsletter



'Many Voices, One Harmony'

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## A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The start of the term has gone so well and the children have settled very quickly into their new classes and routines. A huge thank you to parents and carers who have supported us with this. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families into our school community.

At the start of this academic year we launched our new vision and values. Our collective worship this term has been linked to our new school strapline 'Many Voices, One Harmony'. The children have been focusing on stories that link to this theme to explore ways in which we can use our voice. Once again class teachers have revisited our values and linked this to our behaviour expectations at school.

There was much excitement at the start of term when Jacqueline Wilson visited Years 4, 5 and 6 to talk about her life and how she became a writer. The children asked some very thought provoking questions. I am sure this visit has inspired the children to read and write lots. Also this term the Roustabout theatre company visited to perform the production 'This Island's Mine'. This production is set in the extraordinary world of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Roustabout presented a playful and daring exploration of the place we choose to call home. Filled with magic, music and mayhem, the show explored themes of colonialism, identity and place, encouraging young people to ask: Where do I belong? Where is my home? Is it truly mine? The children really enjoyed this production in the Creswell theatre and completed follow-up work in their classrooms. We are also very interested to discuss the new Luke Jerram installation on College Green in the coming weeks with our Year 6 children at school. The display of flags is designed to offer a space to reflect on covid. You can find out more about the [installation here](#).

As you will know from the communication we have sent out we are dealing with Covid at school. I would like to assure you that we are continuing to follow Government guidance and regularly reviewing measures put in place. We really appreciate once again the support of the school community during this time. We wish all families and staff a speedy recovery if this is impacting them at the moment.

As the school is now starting to go back to normal routines we are looking forward to planning events where we can welcome parents into events at school. Mrs Bebbington-Lewis is the school's new music lead and is planning exciting lessons and events for the children. We look forward to sharing more news and updates in our next Newsletter and working with you all this year.

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

#### Kathryn Ramkissoo:

Hiya! My name is Mrs. Kathryn Ramkissoo (say that 10 times fast!) - I hail from the warm, breezy tropics of Trinidad and Tobago (West Indies) where I've taught for four years. I used to work in business & marketing, but one day I had the opportunity to teach and was astounded by the passion which unfolded. I've been in Bristol for just one year and I'm so happy to have joined the CPS family in Year 5. I'm a Christian; resolute in my faith and purpose. In my spare time, I make efforts to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home cats and I have 5 of them back home! I also enjoy Latin dancing classes, cycling and cooking. I love to engage in witty banter and making people laugh is my specialty! Say hi sometime!



#### Eve Panton:

Hello, my name is Miss Panton. I've really enjoyed my first few weeks at CPS in Year 6, and have loved meeting all the staff and students. I'm new to Bristol and moved here only the day before school started, so I've been busy exploring the area as well. When I'm not in school I really enjoy yoga, dancing and decorating my new flat! I can't wait to get to know more of you better and see what the rest of the year has to bring!



#### Lily Bascombe:

Hello! My name is Miss Bascombe and I am so happy to be returning to Cathedral Primary School this year, this time as Year 1 (Hip Hop) LSA. I already know lots of children from working in Reception last year, so it's great to move up the years with them. I love being outdoors, so I always look forward to Forest School and in my spare time I love to hike, ride my bike and have the odd wild swim. For two years I was an LSA in Japan and so I love exploring cultural differences, as well as trying to cook Japanese food. I really look forward to a fun filled year with you all, Hip Hop Class!





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## Year 3 Highlight

Year 3 have had an exciting start to the new term! We have truly embraced our new topic of 'Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age: When was the best time to live?' by dressing up and creating a fabulous whole-class cave painting!



## From the Office

**CPS Art Instagram and Twitter Accounts** ➤ Don't forget to check out all the amazing Art going on in school on our Instagram page: @cathedralprimaryart and news updates on our Twitter feed

**Sickness/Absence Reminder** ➤ Can we remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to stay off school for 48 hours from the last bout. All absences must be reported to the office by email ([admin@cathedralprimaryschool.org](mailto:admin@cathedralprimaryschool.org)) or answerphone (0117 353 2052 option 2) by 8.45am every day of the child's absence.

**School Meals** ➤ On Thursday 7th October the kitchen will be having a Theme Day. This time it's **American Day!** This will be beefburger/halal beefburger or a veggie hotdog with potato wedges. This ties in with Census Day. Did you know the school receives funding from the government for every child who has a school lunch on this day? Don't forget all school meals must be booked before midnight on Saturday of the commencing week. You can book one week at a time, or several weeks in advance.

**Uniform Shop** ➤ Please note, the uniform supplier Monkhouse has changed the times they open. For the latest information please click here - [Monkhouse](#)

**Attendacne** ➤ A new Cathedral Schools Trust Attendance policy has been 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 is available to view on the school website. Below is a link to the 'what you need to know' leaflet

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





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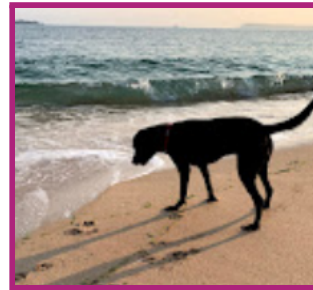
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## SENDco & Pastoral

Bramble our trainee school dog has grown up, she is now a year old. Bramble had a lovely summer with Mrs Snelling and her family and enjoyed paddling in the sea.

Bramble is continuing to be 'puppy walked' around school for part of the week under the guidance of 'Paws and Learning' the school dog training organisation which are working with Mrs Snelling. We will be sending out a google form this term, which is part of our risk assessment, to gather information on any pupils with phobias or allergies to dogs.

The children really enjoy seeing Bramble and she loves watching them; she was particularly interested in the PE lesson last week where the children were bouncing the footballs as high as they could!



Lizzie Snelling  
SENDCo

## CPS PTA

A big HELLO to all the parents, carers and pupils from the PTA. And congratulations to all our new parents/carers - on joining the school you've also all automatically become members of the PTA and we are delighted to welcome you! By way of introduction, the PTA is made up of a Committee (comprising Vanessa Searle as Chair, Karen and Al Norman as Vice Chair, Cherene Whitfield as Secretary and Mary Hodges as Treasurer) supported by class reps (listed below). Together, we help raise funds and put on various activities to enrich our children's school life. Past contributions include: an amazing £20,000 raised over several years towards the development of the Tump / play area; living eggs; WOW days; Easter & Christmas treats; virtual discos, regular contributions to the running of Forest School; Book Authors; Art workshops and much, much more.

We work closely with School to set fundraising objectives annually and this year the main focus will be on developing and supporting the school's literacy programme as well as continuing to support things like WOW days, living eggs, Book Authors and Art workshops and Forest School.

Fundraising ideas are already in progress and we were thrilled to have been able to hold our first Ice Lolly Friday in a long time a couple of weeks ago. We are of course mindful of covid-rates in school and so we are not able to commit to holding these weekly just yet, but please do come along and enjoy a lolly with us on the weeks we can. We hope to switch to Cake Fridays after half term. Updates will filter through the Class Reps and on our Facebook Page – CPS PTA.



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We hope to be able to put on more events and activities this year, including a bumper used uniform sale, our joint Christmas Tree sale with BCCS, Christmas Cards, and a Raffle to name a few. We also have a number of family events we hope to host too – look out for emails and messages from us over the coming months – we really appreciate your support, contribution and engagement and we look forward to getting to know each other better as a community through the events and activities we will be running this year. We would also love to hear from you if you have any ideas to boost our fundraising or if you would be happy to help out with anything already planned. Please either drop the PTA an email or when the call for volunteers comes out please make yourself known – we will need helpers for all sorts of things on the run up to Christmas – from baking / selling cakes, wrapping book gifts, helping with Xmas trees and if it's safe enough to put on a Christmas Fair.... well! Jobs for everyone! 😊

#### Class Rep:

Reception = Karina & Anne (Pop) Manisha (Rock & Pop)  
Year 1 = Mezz (Disco), Stefanie (Hip Hop)  
Year 2 = Susan (Jazz), Lizzie & Jonathan (Folk)

Year 3 = Rebecca, Jessica, Lana (& Elaine)  
Year 4 = Stacey, Zoe  
Year 5 = Laura & Troy (Choral), Hilary (Blues)  
Year 6 = Elaine

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to a fantastic academic year!

All the best,  
CPS PTA.

Contact us on: [cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook: CPS PTA.

#### Governors

The governors are looking to recruit a new community governor from outside of school, so if you happen to know anyone that might be happy to volunteer as a governor please get them to contact Paula in the School Office or at [clerk@cathedralprimaryschool.org](mailto:clerk@cathedralprimaryschool.org)

#### The Governors at CPS are:

- Will Shield - Chair of Governors and Children In Care
- Tim Gear-Evans - Vice Chair and Health & Safety
- Fiona Dorman - Foundation Governor, Pupil Premium & Safeguarding
- Troy Roe - Parent Governor, Safeguarding
- Lucy Ryder - Parent Governor, SEND, Equalities and Inclusion
- Becky Wright - Staff Governor
- Sara Yarnold - Headteach