



Cathedral Primary School

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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great first term! The children have worked really hard and have once again impressed us with their wonderful learning. It has been lovely to see how responsible and kind our children have been with the way in which they have welcomed the new Reception children. We have been particularly impressed with how the children have embraced the new school vision 'Many Voices, One Harmony'. Alongside this the children have day in day out shown us how they can demonstrate our school values of Creativity, Respect and Courage.

On Tuesday this week we gathered together for the first time for a whole school assembly in the Cathedral. We celebrated the beautiful voices of the children and Mrs Bebbington-Lewis led the singing with some wonderful Harvest songs. One of our talented pianists from Year 6 played whilst we entered the Cathedral and another child did a solo for us. The focus on Harvest allowed us the opportunity to reflect and be grateful for what we have. Children were selected for Value Awards and there was a feeling of celebration throughout our school community. It is really special to use this wonderful space to bring the whole school together.

Subject Leaders have continued to focus on the development of Black History and how this links to our curriculum. This month is traditionally Black History Month and as part of our work we have been learning about important events and people. In a whole school assembly we focused on how greater attention has been paid to the importance of the Windrush generation and the Black Lives Matter movement, especially since the death of George Floyd in May 2020. The focus in the classroom allowed us an opportunity to look at how as a school we try our hardest to make sure we recognise everyone and their contributions and how this links so closely to our school strapline 'Many voices, One Harmony'.

At the start of next term Mr McFarlane will be joining our teaching team. Mr McFarlane will be taking over from Mrs Ferguson as she will be starting her maternity leave. The children have already started to write some messages of advice for Mrs Ferguson and we will share these top tips with her before she leaves!

A huge thank you once again for the contributions made for the Food Bank. Each year at an assembly we discuss the challenges that some people face and how these food parcels can support people in times of need. The Trussell Trust will use the contributions to provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty. Their aim is to end poverty and hunger in the UK. This year the table in the hall was piled high with contributions made!

If you haven't already, please do follow our [Twitter](#) account for photos and updates from across the school. We are going to use it more and more as a way of providing a window into the school and also to enable us to share the wonderful learning taking place at school. You can also find our Twitter feed on the homepage of our [website](#). We will shortly be sending out an updated permissions form which we would like all families complete. This is particularly relevant with upcoming Christmas events due to take place.

As we head towards Term 2, we are looking forward to the many events leading up to Christmas. We are particularly looking forward to the Key Stage 1 plays and Key Stage 2 carol concert. Mrs Bebbington-Lewis will also be planning some opportunities to share some musical achievements and we look forward to seeing you at some of these events.



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As we reach the end of our first half term, I would just like to take this opportunity to express my pride and gratitude in how brilliantly everyone in our school community has managed this term. As many of you are aware we have once again been hit with Covid cases at the start of this academic year. Despite many staff having Covid the school has pulled together to make sure that high quality teaching and learning takes place. 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. Wishing you all a great half term.

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

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



New Staff Spotlight

Aidan McFarlane:

Hello, my name is Mr McFarlane, and I am absolutely delighted to be joining the CPS team in November. I am originally from Bristol, but I've also lived in Tanzania and in Plymouth where I completed my teacher training. I am so glad to be back in such a vibrant city. I have spent the last two years teaching Year 1 in Brixham and in North West Bristol, so have a real enthusiasm for reading and whole child development. I can't wait for a new challenge, teaching in Year 5. When I'm not at school, I enjoy playing rugby, football and exploring places of outstanding natural beauty. So, it won't be a surprise that I love teaching PE, geography, and forest school. I am looking forward to meeting you all in November and wish you a happy half term.





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From the Office

Christmas Performances ➤ The Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert will be taking place at Bristol Cathedral on Tuesday 14th December at 6pm. Dates for the Key Stage 1 Christmas performances will be sent out next term. Don't forget to check the Parent Calendar on the website for updates as some of Christmas theatre trips have just been added.

Permissions ➤ We will be sending out a new permissions Google form soon. It is important that one from is filled out for EVERY child in the school. This is particularly relevant with all the Christmas performances coming up where photographs will be taken.

Breakfast Club ➤ Just a reminder that Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am and food service ends at **8.25am** to allow staff time to pack up. If your child arrives after 8.25 they will not be given any food. If you arrive at 8.30 we will ask that you wait outside for the final 5 minutes.

School Meals ➤ The closing day for meal bookings has now changed. All bookings can now be made until midnight on **SUNDAY** of the commencing week. You can book one week at a time, or several weeks in advance.

Children in Need ➤ Children in Need will be on Friday 19th November. Children can come to school wearing yellow, something spotty, or Children in Need related clothes. Donations can be made via Parent Pay.



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) or answerphone (0117 353 2052 option 2) by 8.45am every day of the child's absence.

Reception Highlight

We are so proud of all of our reception children who have made a flying start to the year!

They have settled in brilliantly and we have enjoyed lots of fun learning, getting to know each other and ourselves. We have made self portraits, created 'All About Me' books, fact books about our bodies and talked about what makes us special and how to be a good friend.

Well done everyone, we can't wait for a 'roarsome' Term 2 - hmmm we wonder what our next topic might be?





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SENDco & Pastoral

We will be launching Anti bullying week with Odd sock day and a whole school assembly on Monday 15th. The theme of Anti Bullying week is 'one kind word'. The children will then participate in different activities throughout the week based on the theme.

Some questions you may want to talk about at home:

1. Am I kind to myself?
2. Am I kind to others?
3. Do I understand when people are kind to me?



Reminder of appropriate use of social media

As stated in our [Parent Behaviour Policy](#):

Social media websites (including Facebook, Whats app, Instagram) are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/students. The Governors consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

CPS PTA

How wonderful it has been to actually put on a few PTA events this term. We were lucky enough to be able to do a couple of Ice Lolly Friday's and our first in-person used uniform sale in over 18 months! Thank you to everyone who has helped make these happen and for those that stopped by to buy a lolly or some used uniform. We raised a fantastic £350 from the used uniform and £118 from ice lollies. After half term, subject to logistics, we hope to be able to host a few cake sales on a Friday - yum! (Details to follow).



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In the meantime, the children have been busy designing their class Christmas Card designs and we can't wait to be able to send these to print! If you or your business would like to be a Christmas Card sponsor and see your logo on the back of every card we would love to hear from you! Sponsorship is £100. Please contact the PTA on the email below for more information.

Thank you to those who have pledged a prize for the Christmas Raffle. We do however, still need a few more prizes to make it a really great raffle this year! If you are able to pledge a prize please get in touch – anything from wine/other, chocolates, kids prizes (treats, games, Lego or books), days out, gift vouchers etc. everything is welcomed and we really appreciate your support. Please email the PTA as soon as possible to let us know if you can donate a prize so that we can include the details on the tickets.

After half term, it gets quite busy for the PTA – we will be looking for help with lots of things including wrapping Christmas gift books, order forms for Christmas Cards and Christmas Trees will be sent out, as well as invitations to join us for our Christmas Wreath workshop and our very first festive cook-along! We hope you all have a restful half term break and we look forward to the countdown to Christmas on our return to school.

All the best,
CPS PTA.

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

Forest School

What a fantastic start to Term 1 we have had with year 1, we have been exploring the woods and discovering what has changed since our last visits in EYFS. We have been finding out about bugs and leaves and how the seasons change. Hip Hop and Disco class have learnt how to make trails and maps for others to follow and even make full size bridges to overcome obstacles. We have been making woodland masks using leaves and allsorts of mythical woodland creatures out of clay, well done with amazing creativity.

We look forward to Year 2 and EYFS starting their Forest School journey in Term 2 . Have a great half term and make sure you get out and see those gorgeous Autumn colours and maybe find some conkers.

Mr Withers and the Forest School team.

