



# Cathedral Primary School

## Newsletter



'Many Voices, One Harmony'

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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 we have followed the theme of a Natural Winter Wonderland and the children have made decorations with things we already have in school. The children have been wonderfully creative and made lots of beautiful decorations from recycled materials! 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 donations we managed to raise £595! We are looking forward to our Christmas Jumper Day that will be coming up on Wednesday 8th December (no donations needed for this day).

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.

This year we have again taken part in Anti Bullying Week. Miss Bailey led an assembly which focused on how to be united against bullying. The theme of 'One Kind Word' allowed us the opportunity to think about the importance of kindness and how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. 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.

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 Dinosaur workshop in Reception and a visit from a Viking in Year 5. Year 3 went to the museum and handled Stone Age artefacts. Children also learnt about Remembrance Day; Year 6 studied the poems of Wilfrid Owen, building up to them writing their own very emotive poems.



This year we have been able to return to the school tradition of all the children experiencing a theatre visit or travelling theatre company visiting school. Last week Reception and Year 1 children went to see The Very Hungry Caterpillar at the Redgrave Theatre. The children experienced Eric Carle's bright and colourful world as his beloved stories were transformed from page to stage using a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets and charming music. The children all returned with very big smiles! Years 2, 3 and 4 watched the performance of Snow White in our school hall, there was lots of laughter! This week Year 5 and 6 children will be going to Bristol Old Vic to see Robin Hood. It is so wonderful that our school location, in the heart of Bristol, allows us so many enrichment opportunities.



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Last week we were able to invite parents to a piano recital. It has been so long since the children experienced having an audience and this allowed the children to share their progress. They all performed with such confidence and courage. We hope to continue to invite parents/carers to school events.

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@primarybristol](mailto:Cathedralprimaryschool@primarybristol)



Finally, last week we communicated a change to the leadership team. From January I will be working at Hotwells Primary school three days a week. Mrs Gerolemou will be the acting head teacher whilst I am at Hotwells. This is a temporary arrangement and I will still be at Cathedral Primary School two days each week. I am looking forward to this new challenge but plan to keep fully connected to our school community. Mrs Gerolemou is very much looking forward to this new role.

As we start the month of December we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Christmas performances. The PTA have once again worked hard to keep up the traditions of Christmas trees, cards, wreath making and of course the raffle! We look forward to sharing these festive activities with you all.

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

Best Wishes

*Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team*

## The Melting World by Leo Y6

### The Melting World

Slumped sadly like exhausted soldiers on disappearing homes,  
Day by day the predator becomes the prey,  
Submerged hopelessly in icy depths;  
All is silent.  
Bears, limp looking for food in their rapidly dwindling world.

Hark! Hope is on the horizon just within reach.  
Crowds swell like the tide,  
Growing louder,  
As they march through the streets;  
Looking; hoping for change,  
In the endless concrete jungle.  
Where the metal monsters live,  
and the trees of stone stand.



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## From the Office

**Christmas Meal** ➤ If you would like to book your child to have a school Christmas lunch, please do this by Thursday 2nd December as the kitchen needs numbers to place their orders. The Christmas meal will be taking place on Wednesday 8th December. This is also the Festive Jumper Day. Children must come to school in full uniform but the jumper or cardigan can be replaced with a festive one. No donations are needed for this day.



**Shine** ➤ Please note. Shine will not be running on the last day of term, Wednesday 15th December. They will be running a holiday club from the 20th December, for more information please go to the [Shine](#) website.

**Information for the Office** ➤ When emailing or calling the office about your child (illness, collection info, school meals, medical appointments etc.) please remember to add which class your child is in. This makes it much quicker for us to get the information to the correct teacher.

**School Meals** ➤ Don't forget, the closing day for meal 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.

**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.

## Green Team

Our first Green Team meeting took place this term and we were excited to welcome some new members; Ivy and Greta from year One and Neave from Year 2. We talked about our priorities for the year which include working with the catering company to reduce plastic waste, introducing plastic recycling bins into classrooms and plans for the upcoming Trust Earth Week in February.

We have already had some success following a meeting with the catering company Innovate, where some of our Year 5 and 6 Green team members discussed how they could reduce single use plastic waste. As a result, the fruit pots are now reusable and the sandwiches are no longer wrapped in plastic film before they are put inside the paper bags. Next on our list is tackling food waste! Well done to the Green







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team members and watch this space for more information about Earth Week

### SENDco & Pastoral

#### Message from the National Sleep Helpline:

One in four children in the UK are not getting enough sleep, this has an impact on their behaviour and ability to learn, as well as their physical health.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors who can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to parents about their own sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm and the number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

### Choristers

Hello. The Chorister parents are selling these Christmas tree decorations in order to raise money for the choir tour. If you would like to purchase any of these lovely handmade decorations please get in touch.

Small £3

Large £4

All profits go towards the choir tour.

Kind Regards,  
Lisa Richardson

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