



Cathedral Primary School Newsletter



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A message from Mrs Yarnold & Mrs Gerolemou

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic celebration of the term we had at our Values Assembly at the Cathedral this week. It was so lovely to be singing & playing music together in such a wonderful building whilst hearing about the children's wonderful achievements. Our newly formed CPS orchestra, the Solo performance and the singing was inspirational, well done and thank you to all.

As we look forward to the well earned Easter break, we've also reflected on what another super term full of really rich experiences we have had:- Reception children went on a trip to Windmill Hill City Farm where they encountered a variety of animals and learnt about how to plant different vegetables. They also had chicks hatching in class, which led to lots of discussion and wonderful writing! Children from Year 1 have been learning all about how plants grow and studying the stories of Beatrix Potter. We were so proud of our Year 2 Children who were brilliant ambassadors for our school demonstrating creativity, respect and courage all at once as they sang and listened fantastically with children from other schools in a CST Year 2 Music event at Trinity School. Year 3 wowed us with their incredible end of topic posters and information booklets showcasing all their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians! Year 4 each made their own bird boxes while at forest school. This involved measuring and using hammers and nails. The classes showed a lot of resilience and perhaps a little courage in using those hammers! In Year 5 we had a head chef come in to cook delicious caribbean food. This was a perfect example of many voices one harmony as they cooked and ate together. Year 6 designed, created and evaluated their own steady-hand games, incorporating DT and science! It has also been fantastic to be able to welcome you into school for class assemblies in the small hall. We hope you enjoyed coming into school again. Those will continue in terms 5 and 6.

Last week we held an online Reading Information Evening for parents to provide information on our new phonics scheme - "Unlocking Letters and Sounds" and reading across the school. Thank you to those parents who attended and for the positive feedback.

We are pleased to announce the following ways in which we have raised money to support the Ukraine Crisis, Red Nose Day and Earth Week. Thank you all so much for your contributions.

The CST Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis has raised over £14,000 so far; Red Nose Day raised £267; Earth Week raised over £500 for the 'wear something green' day that was rearranged because of the storm. .

We wish you a restful and enjoyable Easter break,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold, Louisa Gerolemou and the CPS Team



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Curriculum

- Pupil Entitlement Passport Project -

We are putting together a list of opportunities we would like all children at Cathedral Primary School to experience as part of their journey with us.

We are keen to hear what parents, carers and children feel would be important to them. Some ideas from staff so far include listening to live music, performing in front of an audience, experiences in the outdoors, volunteering in the local community and visiting places in our local area.

We aim to put together a broad range of experiences for each year group to enjoy as they move through the school. Please complete this short form ([link below](#)) to share your ideas.

[Pupil Entitlement Passport Project](#)

- Unlocking Letters and Sounds -



Excitingly, we have chosen a new Phonics Programme at Cathedral Primary School that we have begun using in Reception this term - Unlocking Letters and Sounds. The children have been making rapid progress in their reading journey. You will have already noticed our new decodable books coming home in book bags with your child in Reception and children in Year One and Year Two will start using these amazing resources in the coming terms.

For more information about the details of this scheme and how we teach Phonics and Reading in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 please have a look at the [Curriculum Reading](#) page on our school website. If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Early Reading Lead, Danuta Perryer.

From the Office

Summer Menu ➤ The summer/autumn menu is now available to view on the [website](#). This will run from after the Easter holidays until the October half term.

School Meals ➤ Please remember to book your child's meals by **Sunday evening**. You can book one week at a time, or several weeks in advance.

The Highway Code ➤ Did you know the Highway Code was updated in January? There are many changes such as, cyclists have now been given more priority on the roads and new rules giving pedestrians priority over motorists. Click here to read the full [Highway Code](#) update.

Clean Air Zone ➤ Bristol's Clean Air Zone is set to begin later this summer. For the latest information please go to the Council website to see how this may affect you. [CAZ](#)

Half Term Holiday Clubs & Activities ➤ To see what Easter Holiday events are taking place at the RWA, please visit their website - [Events for Children and Families](#)



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Bristol Cathedral will be holding a Crafty Cathedral – the theme is 'Spring'.

This is being held on Tuesday 12th April from 10am -12pm. It's a free event suitable for anyone under 11!!

We will also be holding a family Easter trail on your very own TUMP on Wednesday 13th April. It is a drop in self led trail telling the Easter story using lots of props. If you complete the trail you can collect a little Easter egg!! It's also free to all.

CPS PTA

The PTA AGM took place earlier this month and the results of the committee elections means that the existing committee has been re-elected for another term. Thank you to those who attended both in person or virtually, your time is much appreciated.

Just to raise awareness- this will be the last term for this committee and we warmly invite anyone who would like to have a more active role on the PTA to think about standing for any of the posts next year. We would be happy to have people shadow roles over the next 12 months to help with transition to a new committee in March 2023 so please do get in touch either via our email or your class reps. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, take part in putting on some fun activities and become an integral part of the school community.

Last Friday the sun shone and we held our first Ice Lolly Friday of 2022 - it was so lovely seeing lots of people enjoying an ice lolly or two in the tump. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, sell, and put away the lollies and tables and of course thank you to everyone who popped by for a lolly.

On the last day of term the PTA are organising some Easter treats for the children with support from the local supermarkets. Providing Easter treats has been a tradition the PTA have supported since the school first opened and we are thrilled we can continue to do this now that we are at full capacity. We can't wait to see the kids' faces!

We hope everyone has a relaxing half term break and when we get back we will start planning our Summer Fair which will be held on Sunday 3 July at Failand. Save the date!

All the best
CPS PTA



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What a great term Year 4 have and Reception have had this term at Forest School, they have been through all the seasons . Bitterly cold , wet and muddy to glorious sunshine , amazing resilience by both groups. Reception have been getting to know the woodland a little better looking what they can find and what may live there. Playing games and learning through inquisitiveness about what they find, they have also made some delicacies in the mud kitchen.

Mr Woods has been developing sessions with Year 4 , working through a carousel of activities. Developing their DT skills, building bird boxes with great determination by all the children, amazing determination and application. We have also been learning about shelters and how to create our own using the Knots learnt. We have also been mastering our fire lighting techniques finding out about what is needed to light a fire and how to keep it going. Some budding chefs in the group volunteered to cook toast for the rest of the class.

Massive thankyou to all parents and carers for sending children in with suitable clothing to enable their child to be warm and comfortable for the sessions, it makes such a difference to the experience.

Have a great Easter break

Jon Withers and the Forest School Team.

