



Cathedral Primary School Newsletter



'Many Voices, One Harmony'

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A message from Mrs Yarnold & Mrs Gerolemou

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful term! There have been so many end of term Christmas celebrations and each one of them has blown us away. The singing around the school and during the performances has made Cathedral Primary School feel exceptionally festive this year!

The Reception children's singing blew us away in their performances of "A little Bird told me". Such courage after only being in school for two terms! Year 1 performed 'The Night Before Christmas' with the most amazing singing and acting. Year 2 wowed everyone with their brilliant singing and dancing in their Christmas Show! We are incredibly proud of them.

I am sure that those of you who came to the Key Stage Two Carol Service in the Cathedral will agree that it was a very special evening hearing the Christmas Story and the singing from our children this year. We thought they were amazing!

Since writing the last newsletter there have once again been some really exciting learning and events. The CPS Rock Stars had their first Rock Band recital. Children in Need raised £341 and Odd Socks day raised £248. Thank you so much for supporting these important charities. We also held our Remembrance service in the Cathedral. Our Chamber Choir participated in Bristol Beacon's Choir evening at St. Georges which was a fantastic event that we were very proud to be part of.

Reception have had an extremely immersive second term in school. They have been looking at how different cultures and religions celebrate, including making Diva lamps and Rangoli patterns when they were learning about Diwali. We also explored the story of the Nativity, culminating in two phenomenal performances in front of our Mummies, Daddies and Carers. We are looking forward to what Term 3 will bring...

Year 1 have had such a busy term and are bursting with knowledge in all of their learning. They are especially proud of their Science books and the incredible work they have completed around Animals including Humans. They can tell you all the animal types and what they eat! What super scientists they are.

Year 2 had the chance to perform songs with children from other schools on their trip to the Spiegeltent. Another highlight of the term was sharing some of their wonderful writing with Year 1 in a special storytime. They also had very special visitors from the Fire Service.

Year 3 have written brilliant historical stories this term based on the book Stone Age Boy. They enjoyed learning about the human body in Science and finding out more about the UK in Geography. They've also had great fun getting Christmassy with lots of carol singing and making decorations and cards.



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Year 4 have really enjoyed learning about States of Matter in Science and investigating how materials change state. They have written fantastic diary entries using their historical knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and analysed different sources in History. In our textiles unit, they designed their own pouches and learnt how to sew on a button and do the running stitch. They showed excellent resilience and the results were amazing! You can see them on our Twitter page.

Year 5 have immersed themselves in their writing this term. We were particularly impressed with their Greek myth narratives showing endless creativity. That's not the only value that they've shown, in Maths it's been amazing to see their courage and resilience with formal multiplication and division methods. If you haven't seen their artwork, please have a look on our Twitter and Instagram, there are some great examples on there.

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about WW2 and exploring the impact of the war in Bristol and beyond! They have created amazing artwork by looking at cubism. In English, they have made some beautiful and informative explanatory texts all about light, which they have explored through science! Ask them about what happens to their pupils when the lights are switched on!

Huge thanks once again to the PTA for organising Christmas fundraising events. The Christmas Fair was a real success this year and it was so lovely to see so many of you there! That and the annual Christmas tree selling and wreath making have all been fantastic fund raisers for the school. Of course the children loved receiving books from Santa too! The children loved getting presents from Santa. Once again the children had some good questions prepared for Santa - Is Rudolph the cutest reindeer? How much magic does it take to get across the world? Does Father Christmas have a Lamborghini? Christmas has felt very magical on the last day of term.

Once again, you have been very generous with gifts this Christmas. Many thanks from all the staff. We would also like to thank you for your continued support this term with homework, spelling and reading activities. Please remember that it is really important to keep up with regular reading over the Christmas break.

We are really looking forward to next term when Mrs Yarnold will return to Cathedral Primary full time, as her period supporting Hotwells School comes to an end.

We would like to finish by saying thanks to all of you for your support in making our school so special. We really hope that families have a fantastic break together and look forward to working with you in the new Year.

Wishing you a restful half term,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold, Louisa Gerolemou and the CPS Team

Staff Spotlight

Hello! My name is Miss Thong (said Tong) and I am thrilled to be joining the Cathedral Primary School team in the new year, working with Year 6. I moved to Bristol in the Autumn, travelling all the way from south Devon where I was born and raised. Although I sometimes miss the sea and the moors, I love living in Bristol and have really enjoyed being a cover teacher in and around the city. My favourite things to do in my spare time include visiting museums and galleries, walking my dog, reading, painting and cooking. One of my biggest passions is also music. I play the flute, trombone and piano, and have performed in lots of different bands, from a soul funk band to Devon Youth Wind Orchestra. I can't wait to meet everyone in 2023 and hope you all have lovely Christmas breaks!





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CPS Governors

Hello, I wanted to share a quick note to introduce myself as the new chair of governors. I've accepted this role following the departure of Will Shield who was with the school governing body for over eight years. Will has left some big shoes to follow, but with the help of the other governors, I look forward to supporting and challenging the school leadership team to further enhance Cathedral Primary School for all of the pupils. I'm now in my fourth year as a governor, during which time I have held the post of health and safety governor and also vice chair of governors within the school. No mean feat given the pandemic as well as the unique challenges that a city centre school brings.

Our school community is blessed to have the dedication and professionalism of both the senior leadership team, headed up by Mrs Yarnold, but also the entire teaching staff. It never fails to astound me how tirelessly everyone connected to the education and development of the pupils within the school is.

We recently welcomed a number of new governors who each bring a unique set of skills and experiences which will ensure that the school continues to strive for improvements for each child. In the coming newsletters, each governor will introduce themselves properly, but for now we are;

			
Sara Yarnold Head Teacher	Tim Gear-Evans Chair, Health & Safety & Assessment	Fiona Dorman Vice Chair, Safeguarding, Pupil Premium & SIAMs Lead	Troy Roe Parent Governor & Safeguarding
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Souya Barton Community Governor & SEND	Jessica Tomico Parent Governor & Looked After Children	Becky Wright Staff Governor	Matt Roberts Community Governor

It would be a pleasure to meet and speak with any member of the parental community, and I would welcome you to get in touch to find out more about our role as governors or to discuss any questions that you may have. I'm honoured to have accepted this role and I look forward to the year ahead.

Tim Gear-Evans



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From the Office

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year ➤ Thank you for all your support so far this year. Have a lovely restful break, school reopens on **Wednesday 4th January 2023!**

Booking School Meals ➤ Please remember to book your child's school lunch by Sunday 1st January for the start of the new term.

CPS PTA

What a busy term we've had! After a two year absence and only 3 weeks to organise it in, we held our Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December and what a success it was! THANK YOU to everyone who came and took part, kindly donated items and helped out before and on the day, together, we raised an absolutely amazing £1,873.13! ❤️ we hope you had lots of fun. Putting on events like the fair can only happen with your support and generosity - thank you.

Special thanks in particular to Roger, our lovely Santa, and Collette & the grotto team for creating a bit of Christmas magic and all our lovely volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes 😊 We may be a school with no local catchment area but we are most definitely a community and it was so wonderful to see and meet so many of you and your children in person at the fair - thank you for coming along 😊

The money raised will go directly back into supporting activities and learning at school including buying books for the literacy programme, contributing to wow day workshops and resources, music enrichment, a Wallace and Gromit unicorn sculpture, forest school plus a few PTA gifts for every child.

In addition to the fair, this term, we also held our now traditional Christmas wreath making workshop in person. Such a lovely evening spent creating some fabulous wreaths and getting to know each other. Thank you to everyone who took part - please see our Facebook page CPS PTA for some photos of both the workshop and the Christmas Fair.

A final thank you also to our lovely book wrappers for wrapping all the Christmas gift books for every child and handed out today.

We wish everyone a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to more fun and activities in 2023!

All the best

Vanessa, Karen, Mary and Cherene xx
CPS PTA Committee

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Christmas Tree Team

Christmas Tree Sales:

A massive thank you to all parents/carers, staff, friends and families that supported the Christmas tree sale this year. It is our third year with this joint PTA venture, so good to see our communities coming together in support of its children.

We have raised £1884 to go toward supporting enrichment activities, resources and additional learning opportunities for both schools. This profit will be split equally between CPS and BCCS for their individual projects.

Thank you to all the volunteers from both schools who helped make this event take place, from behind the scenes ordering trees, administrating and processing pre-sales. A small group of very hardy volunteers helped to unload 130 trees on a very cold and dark winter morning at 6.45am. Volunteers helping customers choose their trees, including 3 BCCS students all with a helpful jolly service. Delivery teams for their speedy and efficient service dashing all over Bristol. Thank you all.

May we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

PTA Christmas Trees Team
AKA Jon + Marnie

School Streets

Thank you to those of you who have filled out the online survey for the School Streets scheme, they have had over 200 responses so far. If you would like to add your comments to the proposal of closing entry into College Square at the start and end of the day please click on the link below. **The deadline is December 23rd.**

[School Streets Pre-Survey](#)

In the new year, they will be looking at the results of the survey and the results from the automatic vehicle counts and parking surveys to see if the School Street can proceed to the next step.

