



Newsletter No.1 - September 2018



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! The start of the term has gone so well and the children have settled very quickly into their new classes.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families into our school community. We look forward to meeting you at our school events throughout the year. Reception children have quickly become part of the school community and just completed their first full week at school.

You will have noticed at the start of term that we now have our wonderful mural in the entrance to the school. Bex Glover the artist managed to include so many of the inspirational ideas that the children gave her. See how many times you can spot Cathedral Cat; the children were determined that the cats would feature lots!

Today during our Whole School Assembly the children were thanked by a member of the Trussell Trust. Once again we have collected a huge amount of food. Thank you so much for all your contributions. As a school we collected over 400 items for the Foodbank. The Trussell Trust will let us know the weight of the food and how many families it will feed.

Today Miss Veuve started her maternity leave. We wish Miss Veuve well and look forward to sharing her news with you all. We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Brady is expecting a baby. Mrs Brady will be with us until the end of the Christmas term.

We have now started our Achievement Assemblies and will soon be choosing children who represent our values. We will be inviting some of our older

children to perform in some of these assemblies. If your child has been invited to share their talents the office will email and let you know. As always we welcome parents to attend Achievement Assemblies.

The choirs have now started and we are delighted that the Key Stage 2 Choir has expanded. Over the summer we heard that the school achieved the Silver Sing-Up Award. Mrs Peat worked hard with the whole school to achieve this award. We are now working towards achieving Gold. Singing as always is an integral part of our school day. Already I have heard some wonderful singing around the school.

Our curriculum continues to be creative and full of enrichment opportunities. Last week Miss Lloyds class went to Pizza Express and came back with some scrumptious pizzas for their tea. Next week Year 4 and Year 5 will be doing a Black History workshop. They will be taken on a journey through Black History and come face to face with iconic figures that have devoted their lives to giving the black population equal rights. We look forward to seeing the follow up work from these workshops.

Please remember to keep an eye on our Website. The Class Teachers have already celebrated some lovely learning through their class pages. Mrs Piti keeps the calendar updated helping you to keep track of key events.

We look forward to sharing more news and updates in our next Newsletter and working with you all this year.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes
Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team



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Cathedral Primary School PTA

Hello and welcome to a new school year from the PTA and in particular to our new parents/carers. We hope you've had a great first month at school!

By way of introduction, the PTA is made up of a Committee (being Vanessa Searle - Chair, Karen & Al Norman - Vice Chair, Mary Hodges - Treasurer, and Cherene Whitfield & Fardossa Abdillahi as Secretary), Class Reps (representatives from each class and year group) and of course, **all of you**. Together we put on events, support the school and fundraise throughout the year for the benefit of our children and the school as a whole. Our primary fundraising objective is to raise money for the planned playground equipment in the Tump, which is a very exciting long term project. In addition to this, the PTA fund things like the book author visit during Book Week, living eggs, Christmas book gifts, WOW days for each year group, Forest School overalls, tools and minibus costs etc. We also support the school by providing refreshments at plays and sports days and put on events to help build a community at the school, such as fairs, quizzes and nights out. We look forward to a working with you all this year!

The first PTA meeting was held on Monday 24th September and we had a great turn out – thank you to everyone who came along, your support and engagement means everything. We covered a number of topics including: traffic in College Square and future plans, Class Reps, Ice Lolly / Cake Sales, an update on the playground equipment and possible interim arrangements, upcoming events and fundraising activity. We still need a few more class reps – would you like to volunteer? If so, please get in touch. At the next meeting we will be focusing on plans for Christmas. It was agreed that we will run another Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December and we look forward to your support in putting on another great event. Look out for the meeting minutes on the school website PTA page, for a full account of the meeting.

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday 22nd October at 7:30pm in The Royal Navy Volunteer on Kings Street. Please come along, everyone is welcome, we would love to meet you.

Finally, do you ride a bike to school or wish to find out more from our parents that do? The PTA will be holding a Bike Event in the Tump on Friday 12th October at 3:30pm. It's a great opportunity to ask questions about riding to school and the different types of bikes available when riding with kids. We hope you can pop by on your way home.

If you would like to get in touch with the PTA, you can by either joining our FaceBook page: CPS PTA or emailing us on:

cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

All the best, the PTA Committee.



Year 4's helping us count the donated food items.

Ice Lolly Rota	
Friday Date	Year Group
28th September	Year 3
5th October	Year 4 & 5
12th October	Year 1
19th October	Year 2
Cake Sale Rota	
2nd November	Year 3
9th November	Years 4 & 5
16th November	Reception
23rd November	Year 1
30th November	Year 2
7th December	All - CHRISTMAS FAIR



Dates For Your Diary

Please check the website calendar for things such as; upcoming events, PE days, trips and Forest School sessions.

Driving into College Square

While we know driving across the city can be a challenge and parking in the city centre may not be the easiest thing to do, please remember the safety of all the children, staff and pedestrians is vital. Please do not drive into College Square to drop off or pick up, where possible please park elsewhere and walk to school.

Parent Pay

As you know, we have now moved to Parent Pay from Wisepay. We are now a **CASHLESS** office, please DO NOT bring money into the office. All payments must be made via Parent Pay. This will include things such as, school dinners, trips, music lessons, clubs and school events. If you do not have your Parent Pay code and have not yet activated your account, please contact the office who will send you your code.

We are still the process of moving to a new host for our emailing system. We will let you know when this is up and running. In the meantime, please check your spam and junk mail for any missed emails that may have come from us since the start of term.

Uniform

The children are looking great in their new uniform. Can we just remind you that the children will go outside in all weathers, so please make sure your child brings a 'named' coat to school every day. There are still a few children coming to school in the wrong school clothing. If you are unsure of what your child is meant to be wearing, please go to our Uniform page on the website, this can be found under 'Parents' in the main menu. Please can all clothes be **named**. While you might think your jumper is the only one at home, they all look the same to us in school!

Shine After School Club

Term 1 is well underway here at Shine and we have welcomed in the new Reception children here along with the well established children & some newbies too from the other years!

There is a slightly different program to Shine this year - we have introduced "My Shine" to give the children a choice of activities to take up. These can vary from messy activities like painting, pottery & model making to more chilled out activities such as Lego or drawing to name but a few. Also alongside these clubs we have Sport most days. And on Monday's we run a Football Club, Tuesday is Dance Club with the lovely Lorna and as we move to midweek we have the ever popular Dodgeball Club. Thursday is Cookery Club which ALWAYS fills up. We end the week with Archery on Fridays alongside Fun Time Friday which entails outdoor play with board games inside too.

Don't forget to book your child up well in advance as space's are at a premium and clubs sell out very quickly. Also for any late bookings past lunchtime you'll need to contact Head Office & the school so they can then contact myself so I can mark your child on my register.

The rest of Term 1 is online ready to take further bookings. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact Head Office on:

info@myshine.co.uk or call 01174033033

Alternatively you can contact myself:

shinesasc_cathedral@hotmail.com or 07845421021

I'll leave you with an Autumnal joke, "What is a tree's least favourite month?", Answer "Sep-timber!".

Jack (After School Club Manager)