



Cathedral Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At last the sunny weather has arrived! It has been so lovely to see the children enjoying our outside play areas. Classes have also been visiting Failand for sport and Forest School and making the most of this wonderful space in the summer months. We are looking forward to our Sports Days.

The teachers have once again used their skills to develop some after school clubs. This term children have been enjoying Hula Hoop Club, Code Club, Netball Club and Food Club. The clubs are very popular and as our staff team grows we will continue to expand what we can offer the children. Alongside this the use of Failand with the older children is now being used to develop their team sports. This term both Year 2 and Year 3 have been taught by a PE specialist and have focused on Netball and Tag Rugby.

The Library is now really taking shape. We are planning the move and packing crates will soon be arriving. The majority of this move will be happening during the summer break. The whole school will be ready for occupation from the beginning of the Autumn term. The Year 1 children will be moving in first as the Portakabins need to be returned ready for the UWE Graduations. The staff are really looking forward to all being under the same roof! There will be opportunities for parents to view the school build before the end of the Summer Term.

Next term all of the classes will be having a topic linked to buildings. The children will be learning about Holden and the history behind the Library. We are very excited to be burying a time capsule in the Early Years garden. Each class will have contributed to this capsule and we will include lots of information about our school.

The week beginning the 19th June will be the start of our 'Big Arts Week'. Our Big Arts Week will have a building theme and classes will once again be learning about different artists and producing work for an Art Exhibition. Please do let your child's class teacher know if you have any artistic talents you would like to share.

This term I have had the pleasure of watching two wonderful class assemblies and also joined children for parts of their school trip. The assemblies have been a wonderful opportunity for children to share their learning and beautiful art work. The children are getting so confident and I am always super impressed that they are able to confidently present their learning. I had a

great day at Avon Valley County Park. I particularly enjoyed the Pig Race! I joined Year 1 children for their Tyntesfield trip where I got to look around the walled garden and smell lots of different herbs with the children and also watched them make their own plant pots and plant seeds. Both classes were such amazing ambassadors for the school.

There has been Magic in the air over in Year 3 and I know that all children and particularly staff were amazed at the skills of the visiting magician. Check out the pictures on the Year 3 class page to see some of the tricks.

We are now looking forward to the final term and can't quite believe how quickly this year has gone! We look forward to seeing you at our summer events. Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

Staff Spotlight: Gary Scott-Mullen

Hello. My name is Mr Gary Scott-Mullen and I'm the new SEND coordinator (Special Educational Needs and Disability) at the Cathedral Schools Trust working across both Cathedral Primary School and Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I have been here for 3 months already and it feels like an exciting time to be joining with the development of the new site. I'm originally from Birmingham but have called Bristol home for the last 19 years. I have worked in education across Primary, Secondary, Post 16 and alternative education and have been fortunate enough to work abroad in Thailand and New Zealand. I love being outdoors and getting on my bike.



PTA News

The PTA has seen two successful events since the last Newsletter; the Easter Egg Hunt and the Quiz Night at the Volley on King St, kindly hosted by Alex Major. The Easter Egg hunt was enjoyed by the children and many thanks to the helpers who rallied around to make it happen. The Quiz Night was organised by Tara Bird and her team and was a great event. Much fun was had and £300 was made to add to the



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PTA account. We hope to see more social events in the future to help build the school community. There are several events coming up for which the PTA will need support. These are the Summer Fun Day, the Sports Days, and Reception Induction Evening. Please look out for emails and Facebook updates about these events and how you can get involved. Summer Play Dates have also been organised by Ailsa Webster on 29th July, 4th August and 19th August at different locations around Bristol; again look for more information coming on this soon. Progress is also being made on the Friendship Bench and we hope to be able to update on when this will be ready soon. The final event to mention is a reminder of the Big Arts Week Exhibition on the 30th June. Caroline Withers is kindly organising refreshment volunteers for this event. PTA would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and engagement. Any questions then please do contact your PTA and/or your class reps: Tracy Dixon and Lisa Santiago-Griggs in Year 3, Vanessa Searle and Tara Bird in Year 2, Lynn Templar and Lucy Williams in Year 1, Ailsa Webster, Troy Roe, Laura Allan, Vanessa Searle and Dionne Coleman for Reception.

Lastly please look out for the Minutes from the last PTA meeting which has lots more information and will be coming out soon.

Many thanks, Daniel CPS PTA
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SHINE

Term 5 is already drawing to a close and it has flown by here at Shine. The children have been enjoying more and more sport in this short term and now the summer is here it seems more appropriate to have this in place!



Every day at Shine we give the children lots of variety with our clubs and plenty of choice. On Mondays we kick off the week with Design and Create, which we run with Mini Football. Design and Create is very much what it says on the tin - we let the children design and create anything they wish! One thing we did at Shine this Term was our marbling patterns using shaving foam and food colouring. Tuesdays continued with Pottery Club. We also held two other clubs, Lego Club and Hockey Club. Midway through the week on Wednesdays we started Sketch and Paint, Pokemon Club and Dodgeball too! The children love Sketch and Paint which was new to our term so we will be keeping it in for next term. There have been some amazing painting designs. Thursdays as always continued with Cookery Club. We've made pizzas, decorated muffins and cupcakes, made croissants filled with chocolate and jam and fruit filled pancakes. As well as this we run Lego Club and Ball Skills. To round off the week, on Fridays there has been Board Games and for the more sporty children, Football Club. Football Club in particular has seen record numbers!

I purposely have given the children at Shine plenty of variety as it is no secret that we have limited space. Now that Summer is here having sport 5 days a week is a blessing! I also think that the lunchtime sport has helped get children into more sport and the numbers have grown since we first started. Of course we will still keep our indoor activities too as they are still a hit.

I hope everybody has a lovely Half Term break and returns to finish off the school year on a high into Summer Holidays. Term 6 bookings are already online so get your child booked up before you miss out on our wide array of clubs.

Contact Jack for more info on 07845421021 or email me on shinesasc_cathedral@hotmail.com

Thank you, Jack

WisePay

We are gradually moving towards online payment **ONLY**. We will not be accepting cash, except for certain areas. If you have not registered with WisePay you **MUST** let the office know and a password and username will be sent to you as the initial deadline for registering has now passed.

School Lunches

Please note. To place a meal selection for your child on Wisepay, the deadline is 11pm the **WEDNESDAY BEFORE** the week you are booking for.

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| Friday 26 th May | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 5 th June | Term Begins |
| Monday 5 th June | Forest School Reception Miss Cox's Class |
| Tuesday 6 th June | Class photos being taken |
| Monday 12 th June | Forest School Reception Miss Cox's Class |
| Wednesday 14 th June | Sports Day Reception & Year 1 – 1pm |
| Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd | Big Arts Week |
| Monday 19 th June | Forest School Reception Miss Cox's Class |
| Wednesday 21 st June | Sports Day Year 2 & Year 3 – 1pm |
| Wednesday 21 st June | New Reception Induction Evening – The Cresswell |
| Monday 26 th June | Forest School Reception Miss Cox's Class |
| Wednesday 28 th June | Sports Day Reserve Date |
| Friday 30 th June | Art Exhibition – details to follow |
| Sunday 2 nd July | Summer Fun Day - Failand 1pm |
| Monday 3 rd July | Forest School Reception Miss Cox's Class |
| Friday 7 th July | Last Day of Term |