

# The Cathedral School Newsletter

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## Autumn Term

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**25.09.16** Y5 Residential visit  
**28.9.16** Y5 children return  
**3.10.16** Winter uniform  
Harvest Festival, 2pm at  
Chelmsford Cathedral  
**5.10.16** Grandparents Afternoon  
for Classes 1 and 2  
**6.10.16** Y5 Kingswood presentation  
to Parents, 9 am  
**7.10.16** Flu vaccination  
**14.10.16** 2nd Hand Uniform Sale  
**15.10.16** PTA Dreamcatcher photos  
**18.10.16** Tempest Photographers  
**21.10.16** **Non Pupil Day**  
**24.10.16** **Half term**  
**08.11.16** Parent Consultations, 5-8  
**09.11.16** Parent Consultations, 4-7  
**16.11.16** Bags2School collection  
**22.11.16** Y3 Christmas workshop at  
Chelmsford Cathedral  
**24.11.16** Advent Eucharist,  
Chelmsford Cathedral, 2pm  
**26.11.16** Christmas Bazaar, 11-2pm  
**01.12.16** Final Swimming session  
Barnardos Carol Concert at  
Westminster Cathedral  
**7.12.16** KSI Production, 6 pm  
**16.12.16** FS Nativity to parents 4pm  
**19.12.16** Carol Service, Cathedral  
**21.12.16** **Break up for Christmas**  
**05.01.17** **Return to school**  
**10.2.17** Non Pupil Day  
**31.03.17** **Break up for Easter**  
**18.04.17** **Return to school**  
**01.05.17** Bank holiday  
**26.05.16** Lunchtime Concert,  
Chelmsford Cathedral  
**29.05.17** **Half term**  
**05.06.17** Non Pupil Day (except Y6)  
Y6 pupils go to the Isle  
of Wight  
**06.06.17** **Return to school**

## Head's Message

It was good to see so many parents at 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday; my thanks to the staff and parent time commitment to this. I hope you found it useful; the format is something that can be considered in Parents Forum Group. The PFG will restart with nominations when the constitution has been revised. I do hope, for the reasons Mrs Dunn explained succinctly on the night, that Parents who are able and who do not already contribute the Trust will consider a one off or regular contribution. Equally, I hope people will consider whether they can take on a major committee role on the PTA in a year's time!

If you missed the meeting;

- We have been congratulated by the Head of Essex Education service on our high results this year; particularly for our Reception outcomes and the percentage of children who attained at least the expected standard in combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage 2.
- We are looking forward to various initiatives this year working to help more pupils achieve 'Greater Depth' one areas being a concentration on Maths Mastery.
- If you were unable to attend the presentations of class information presentations, a reminder that class booklets can be obtained and the teachers can be contacted via the office.

Please remember Year 5 and the staff in your prayers as well as those left behind. They are off to Overstrand in Norfolk on Sunday to undertake some outward bound, problem solving and team building activities on Sunday until Wednesday.

We have planned for a worthwhile trip and we hope for good weather! Miss Pool and I will be here to wave them off.

Finally, congratulations to the members of the Cross Country Team who won the "Small Schools" competition this week, the first competition of the season. An excellent start!

Mrs Wiskin

## Chelmsford Cathedral – Seeking new volunteers for their School Visits Programme

Every year over 50 schools are welcomed to Chelmsford Cathedral for an educational visit. The team are currently looking for new volunteers to join them, particularly anyone with teaching experience. There will be an induction and training session in September for the volunteer team. For more information about this please contact Canon Edward Carter at the Cathedral on 01245 294486 or

[edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk).

## Isle of Wight Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Y6 regarding this residential visit on Monday next week at 3.30 pm.

## Free School Meals

Free School Meal Applications are now available online. If you would like to enquire if you are eligible for Free School Meals, the website address is: [www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards](http://www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards). Pupils in receipt of school meals, cannot be identified by others, but the process not only provides individual free school meals, it produces extra funding for the school to use to enhance education and opportunities for those children.

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## Swimming - Classes 3, 4 and 5

Swimming sessions began last Thursday and letters were emailed home to parents. The cost for 10 lessons is £30 and payment is preferred via SCOPay. Cheques should be payable to 'The Cathedral School.'

## Cathedral Youth Group

For all Year 6's! You are invited to join the Cathedral Youth Group. We meet at the YMCA on Wednesday evenings 6-8.30. Come along to all of it or just part but we would love to see you there. We organise lots of different evenings throughout the term. Coming up this term we have a Film Night, Thanksgiving Meal, Pumpkin Carving, Jump Giants and lots more. Please email Steve at [steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk) for a registration form and a copy of the terms schedule.

In addition to this I will be starting a Lunchtime club at the School for the children to socialise and think more in depth about their developing faith and explore some meaningful subjects. This will be starting from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, so come along for our first meeting where I will be playing some icebreaker games.

## Community News

Men2 Sing and New City Voices will perform in a Charity Concert for CHESS on Saturday 19th November, 7pm at Christ Church, New London Road. For more information and to book tickets [www.chelmsfordchess.org/concert](http://www.chelmsfordchess.org/concert)

## Juice Kitchen

Have you visited the Juice Bar in the High Street? They are offering Cathedral School parents a 10% discount on all purchases.

## Autumn Fayre

In aid of Chelmsford Cats Protection will take place at the Chapter House, Cathedral Hall, 10am -12pm

## Chelmsford Ideas Festival 22nd Oct—12th Nov

This event celebrates the creativity of everyone in Chelmsford, past and present and encourages everyone to join in creating a thriving future. There are a host of free opportunities for both adults and children throughout the event. For further information please go to:  
[www.ideasfestivalchelmsford.org](http://www.ideasfestivalchelmsford.org)

## Cross Country Report

On 22nd of September, 12 year fives went to Chelmer Park for a cross country race. Al L and Olivia M came third and fortieth out of over 130 runners. They ran a distance of 1200m and 1000m.

All the runners felt nervous before the race but felt great to have the opportunity to run for their school. The boys' team won overall and felt exceedingly joyful.



## The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Travelling Theatre Production Review

Kindly, a group of actors came to our school on Monday to perform The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe to us.

They were very talented actors and good at switching between roles. It was very funny, even when the jokes were ones we had heard or knew. It was one of the most entertaining productions I've seen. It made you feel many different emotions, you felt sorry for Lucy because no one believed her and joy as some bits were funny. Five star production and made me smile.

Review was written by Myles Dove.



## Letters sent out this Week

Year 5 Cross Country Race – selected children