# The Cathedral School Newsletter

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#### **Autumn Term**

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## Week I Menu Next Week

3.10.16 Winter uniform
Harvest Festival, 2pm at
Chelmsford Cathedral

# **DATE CHANGE**

**5.10.16** Grandparents Afternoon for Classes I and 2

**6.10.16** Y5 Kingswood presentation to Parents, 9 am

7.10.16 Flu vaccination

#### **NEW DATE**

## 13.10.16 Grandparents Afternoon

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, 5-8pm

09.11.16 Parent Consultations, 4-7pm

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

Well done to everyone involved in the Year 5 Residential trip this week. Mr Gilmour has created a montage for this edition which gives a flavour of the experience.

We are looking forward to the presentation next week that the children are working on.

Every day in school brings new opportunities, for the staff as well as the children.

This week the Governors met for their business meeting. This is when roles are confirmed and plans for the year introduced for the Governors to monitor.

Miss Pool and I were delighted to be invited to one of the launch parties for the new John Lewis store, where we spent the evening with Mrs McKinstry and Mrs O'Brien.



As you probably know the John Lewis Partnership supports local charities with £12,000 a year; each month three chari-

ties compete to be the supported charity of the month. The three charities this month include Funding Neuro. The collection box for tokens to determine the 'Winning' charity can be found in the store at "The Place to Eat".

We have also been asked to take the choir to sing in the new store during the lead up to Christmas.

I am currently showing prospective

new parents around the school on Wednesday mornings. The time alternates between 11 am (5th Oct) and 9.30am (12th Oct)

If you are aware of anyone who will require a tour, please encourage them to book a place through the office.

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#### **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.

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.

# **Flu Immunisation**

Children whose parents have consented will be receiving their flu immunisation

## **Happy News**

Our congratulations to Mr & Mrs Quinn

We are pleased to announce the birth of Matilda Nettie Quinn, 7lbs 8oz, baby sister for Maisie. Mum and baby are doing well

# **Harvest Service, Chelmsford Cathedral**

Parents and friends are welcome to join us at 2 pm at Chelmsford Cathedral, on Monday next week, for our Harvest Service. The Cathedral is supporting Syrian refugees with food parcels of dried goods and we are concentrating on gifts for the children. We therefore welcome donations of paper, pens, pencils, colouring books, picture books and rulers etc, which should be sealed in a clear bag.

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# **Fun Palaces at Chelmsford Library**

Saturday 1st October 10.30 am — 4.30 pm and Sunday 2nd October, 1–4pm

This is event is a free weekend of entertainment and information for all the family to enjoy and participate in.

- Music, dance and performance
- Children's story-telling, games and puppet show
- Workshops and demonstrations
- Refreshment and cake stand

Further information is available from Chelmsford Library Tel 01245 49275

## **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 <a href="mailto:steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk">steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk</a> 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

#### 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

#### Letters sent out this Week

Y3/4 Cross Country (selected pupils) Y6 Isle of Wight Residential PTA Dreamcatcher Photographer

# Flower Ball Prize draw raising money for Funding Neuro



We are selling raffle tickets from the School Office for the Flower Ball which takes place on Friday 7th

October. Much needed funds are being raised at this event to support Funding Neuro, a charity that is very close to our heart.

For parents who are new in the school, we often have our own fundraising events for Funding Neuro. A couple of years ago we lost one of our Year 6 pupils, the lovely Lily-Mae after a short illness.

If you would like take part in the draw, the cost is £1.00 per ticket.

#### Piano Lessons with Mrs Lawrence Next Week

Mrs Lawrence will not be in school on Monday next week to take her lessons as the children will be at our Harvest Festival Service in the Cathedral. For next week only Mrs Lawrence will be in school on **Thursday 6th October.** 



# PTA Dream Catcher Photography Saturday 15th October

We are fortunate enough to once again, have Dream Catcher Photography attend school on Saturday 15th October between 9.30am and 1pm. They are providing the opportunity for 15 minute photography sessions of both individual and family portraits. It is an easy and convenient way to update the family album or even the perfect gift for loved ones this Christmas!

There are a limited number of sessions available and sessions will be served on a first come first served basis. A non-refundable booking fee of £10 will be required with the booking confirmation form for those wishing to take up this fantastic opportunity. This fee will include a free 7"  $\times$  5" portrait of your choice!

Letters were sent out today, completed forms and deposits must be returned to the school office by Monday 13th October marked PTA Dream Catcher Photography and cheques made payable to The Cathedral School PTA. Your allocated photography session time will be confirmed to you by Thursday 16th October.

