

# The Cathedral School Newsletter

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## Autumn Term

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**7.10.16** Flu vaccination

**NEW DATE**

**19.10.16 Grandparents Afternoon**

**20.10.16** PTA Cake Sale, Y6/R

**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

**25.11.16** Whole school bake for Bazaar

**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

The Harvest Service was a joyous occasion on Monday, well- supported by families and a milestone for our Reception Classes to make their first visit as Cathedral School pupils to our second home; something they achieved with great aplomb. We also managed to have the Infant Choir sing under the Christ statue where a pigeon was perched with no mishap. Our gifts will be on their way to the Refugee Camp shortly. Thank you for your support.

It is always a pleasure to be able to take on additional opportunities for the children, so today, eleven of our most talented musicians attended the Lunchtime Concert at the Cathedral following an invitation from Dr Gillian Ward Russell who played ten pieces for the organ. Providing concise clues as to the style of the music and asking the children to draw in response to the pieces proved a very effective experience. I, of course, was able to indulge a personal passion as a musician.

It is no wonder that the standards of reading are so high in the school, when so many of our pupils are such keen readers. Whilst we help them work on their reading skills including inference, prediction and author intent, family support ensures that reading is a priority.

Yesterday we received the Roll of Honour from Apryl Hammett, children's Librarian;

150 children completed the Library's Book Challenge this summer- fantastic and well done to all concerned.

Mrs Wiskin

## 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.

## Morning Snack for Children

A reminder to parents that morning snack should consist of fresh or dried fruit only, in accordance with our school policy.



## Flu Immunisation

All children whose parents consented were vaccinated today. For those children who weren't, the nasal flu vaccine is available through the Immunisation Team on the following dates:

<b>Mon. 24th October</b>	<b>Witham Health Centre</b>
<b>Mon. 14th November</b>	<b>Springfield Green Clinic</b>
<b>Sat. 26th November</b>	<b>Witham Health Centre</b>
<b>Tues. 13th December</b>	<b>Maldon Clinic St Peters Hospital</b>

Please contact the Team if you would like an appointment on 01376 302769.

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## Teddy Bears Team up with Chess

Our school council members brought their teddy bears to school on Monday as suggested by Chess, a charity who helps those without homes. Chess is holding a sleep-out to raise money for homeless people. Our teddy bears stayed out side under the canopy on Monday night to raise awareness about homelessness. The school council members were excited to have their teddy bears back, but were pleased to take part in helping homeless people.

Chesney, the mascot of chess met members of school council and a chess worker took a photo of school council holding their teddies.

By Scarlett O'M and Emily FH



## Community News

Men2 Sing and New City Voices will perform in a Charity Concert for CHES 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.

## 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)



## Letters sent out this Week

Y5 Cross Country Races, Selected children  
Chelmsford City Half term courses  
Grandparents Tea Party, Class 1 and 2

## Year 3 and 4 Cross Country Competition

On Thursday a team of year 3 and 4 boys and girls took part in a cross country competition. Most people came in a great place and are extremely happy with their results.

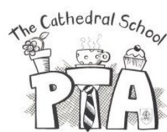
The year three girls came first in their group as did the year three boys team. The year four boys team came second, the year four girls did not come in the top three but their score was still amazing. Everyone had fun and it was a good experience. Alex S said he was happy to represent the school. He came in a very impressive place - finishing 13th. By Esther W (Media Group) and Alex S



## The Band of HM Royal Marines in concert with Chelmsford Cathedral Choirs, Friday 4th November, 8 pm

A concert with one of the world's finest military bands and Chelmsford's renowned choirs. Featuring music for choir and military band and popular favourites.

Tickets are available from: [ticketsource.co.uk/Chelmsfordcathedral](http://ticketsource.co.uk/Chelmsfordcathedral) or 0333 666 3366.



## 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" x 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.