

The Cathedral School Newsletter

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Autumn Term

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Week 1

09.12.16 FS Learning Journey, 3.30 - 3.45 pm

14.12.16 Christmas Lunch
Wear a Christmas jumper to school day for Cancer Research

16.12.16 FS Nativity to parents 4pm

19.12.16 Carol Service, Cathedral 6.30pm

21.12.16 Break up for Christmas

05.01.17 Return to school

25.01.17 FS Learning Journey, 3.30 - 3.45 pm

10.02.17 Non Pupil Day

17.03.17 FS Learning Journey, 3.30 - 3.45 pm

19.12.16 Celebration Assembly, 9am
Carol Service at the Cathedral, 6.30 pm

21.12.16 Break up for Christmas

05.01.17 Return to school

23.01.17 Parent Online Safety Session, 1.15—3.00 pm

25.01.17 FS Learning Journey

10.02.17 Non Pupil Day

21.03.17 Y4 Easter Workshop

31.03.17 Break up for Easter

18.04.17 Return to school

01.05.17 Bank holiday

10.05.17 Roman Centurion Day
FS Learning Journey, 3.30—3.45 pm

26.05.17 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

23.06.17 FS Learning Journey, 3.30 - 3.45 pm

24.06.17 PTA Inflatable Day

Head's Message

This week has seen "A little Bird Told Me" performed by Key Stage 1 with great confidence and verve from narrators, lead parts, dancers, musicians and scene changers in addition to some joyous singing.

Christmas has truly started!

A special "thank you" to everyone who contributed to this valuable experience for all our KS1 pupils!

There have been many interesting discussions before and after the professional Christmas Show: Scrooge on Thursday. I found myself hearing well thought out economic arguments from a Year 6 pupil last night and the nature of charity and its importance at Christmas. The moral and ethical values pervade the curriculum and the children's development in school including the concept of kindness and the impact we have on each other, something that is so key to our Christian School ethos.

It was a real pleasure to take some of our pupils out on singing events this week, where they gave of their time and talent to support charity events; last night in the Cathedral at the J's Hospice Carol Service which was attended by the Mayor and our member of Parliament and at the Railway Station today (which has a fantastic acoustic) for Poverty in Action, a charity which ensures 96p in every £1 goes to their recipients.

Next week advent continues and we prepare to say goodbye to Mrs Hunt (as well as Mrs Hayes) who is leaving to share a retirement with her husband. Provision is being made for SEN support after Christmas.

I wish everyone a happy weekend

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin

Music events

Tuesday 13th December Choir singing at Balmoral Court

Wednesday 14th Dec. Choir singing at Haven-court

Monday 19th December Choir singing at Tyrell Lodge

Monday 19th December 6.30pm School Carol Service in The Cathedral

Tuesday 20th December Choir in Library 10-11am

School Carol Service

Parents and friends are invited to join us at our Carol Service in the Cathedral on **Monday 19th December at 6.30 pm.**

School Clubs

Clubs finish for the term **TODAY**. A new timetable will be sent out in January.

Thanks to the School Orchestra

Following the Orchestra's performance at the Cathedral Christmas Fair last Saturday, we received a message of thanks.

'Can you please thank all pupils, past pupils, members of staff and parents for their help in entertaining us at the Christmas Market on Saturday.'

I have had some lovely feedback from people who attended and the Cathedral School played their part in making our event special. Thank you to all involved. Happy Christmas!

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Christmas Jumpers for Cancer Research

Our Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday **next week** and we are inviting children to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1 in aid of Cancer Research.



Juice Kitchen

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

Community Health Service Day

Free Health checks are available alongside refreshments at Springfield Parish Centre, St Augustine's Way, Springfield Chelmsford, CM1 6GX on Sunday of this week, 10 am—1 pm. There will also be a special seminar on dieting and exercise.

NEW woME n TIME activities for January 2017

woME n TIME' is all about providing opportunities for women to be more active or try a new sport, in a friendly and non-competitive environment. This project is funded by Sport England to get more women active. The project is aims to get females aged 14 and over to chat, laugh, be active and have fun

Get Back Into – Netball – Tuesday 10 Jan – 7 Feb from 8-9pm at Chelmer Park, Beehive Lane ! Here are our NEW activities on offer from January 2017.

Self-Defence – Sunday 15, 22 and 28 Jan from 10-11.30am at Dovedale Sports Centre

Ladies Rec Morning – Every Monday from 10am – 12pm at Riverside Ice and Leisure Centre.

Park GYM – Friday 27 Jan, 24 Feb and 24 March from 12-1pm meeting at the Marconi Plaza Square off Fairfield road (CM1 1JG)

Cricket – Sunday 8 Jan – 19 March from 7-8pm at Moulsham High School, Brian Close, Chelmsford CM2 9ES

Orienteering – Saturday 14 Jan – 18 Feb from 10.30am-12pm at Admirals Park, Rainsford Rd, Chelmsford, CM1 2PN (the Car park opposite Tower Ave.)

For more information or to book please go to www.womentime.co.uk or call 01245 606206.

Grenville Nurseries

Thinking of having a real tree this Christmas? Need a stand or Christmas wreath? Please check out Grenville Nurseries at Writtle as they will donate to the school with every purchase! Just quote Cathedral School PTA 2016. Many thanks. Marion Kerrison



Letters sent out this Week

After School Gifted and Talented Maths, selected Y5/6 Arrangements for KS1 Production
Brass Taster Lessons, Y3, 4 and 5 next Wednesday
Rugbytots booking form, Y1/2 (January—March)

Bowls Tournament

On Tuesday, 3 teams from the Cathedral school travelled to Falcon Bowls club in Great Baddow to compete against other schools. Parents were invited to watch their children. Whilst 2 teams were playing, others were able to practise for their next game. It was a tough competition but Cathedral School did brilliantly and won all of the top 3 positions. The winning team consisted of : Cameron, Luke , Jasper and Stuthin
Team Peregrine: Zoe, Andreas, Chloe and Sam.
Team Kestrel: James, George, Toby and Rocha

Active Schools Award Ceremony

Evie and Abhiraj from Year 2 accompanied Mr Richardson and Mrs Wiskin to County Hall on Thursday to receive a trophy and certificate on behalf of Key Stage 1 at the Active Essex Schools Award Ceremony. The award is in recognition for the effort and enthusiasm our pupils in Key Stage 1 demonstrate in PE and Sport.

Evie and Abi were able visit the Essex County Council chamber and meet Spirit, the Active Essex mascot.

Chess Teddy Sleepout



Children from The Cathedral School brought their teddy and donation to the charity chess that support homeless people. Mrs Morecroft looked after the teddies in the foundation stage playground.

We raised over 200 pounds which meant over half the school brought in their teddies. Mrs Morecroft said they were very well fed! By Freya [Media Group]

