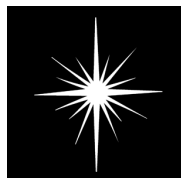


# The Cathedral School Newsletter



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"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). **Friday 6th January 2017**

## Spring Term

### Head's Message

Letters sent out this week:

Rugby Tots

Clubs letter out next week.

### Diary Dates

**05.01.17 Return to school**

06.01.17 Sports time Athletics Upper school (Melbourne)

**10.01.17 Romans' curriculum day, Middle school**

**17.01.17 Drama workshops for KS1 in school time**

**20.01.17 Pobble Coffee morning**

**23.01.17** Parent Online Safety Session, 1.15—3.00 pm School Hall

**25.01.17** FS Learning Journey

02.02.17 Year 3/4 Cross Country 12.30—3pm (Melbourne)

06.01.17 Year 5 Road Safety Walk

09.01.17 Year 5/6 Cross Country Chelmer Park

**10.02.17 Non Pupil Day**

**28.02.17** Year 4 Superstars (Melbourne)

**02.03.17** Lent Service 2pm The Cathedral

**03.03.17 World Book Day** dress-up;— theme tbc

**07.03.17** Parent Consultations 5-8pm

**09.03.17** Parent Consultations 4-7pm

**13.03.17** Colchester Castle, Y3/4

**17.03.17** FS Learning Journey Girl's football (H) v St Annes

**21.03.17** Y4 Easter Workshop

**31.03.17 Break up for Easter**

**18.04.17 Return to school**

**30.04.17 Tesco Workshop KS1&FS**

**01.05.17** Bank holiday

**10.05.17** 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**

**08.06.17 Y2 Mini Games**

**23.06.17** FS Learning Journey, 3.30-3.45 pm

**24.06.17** PTA Inflatable Day

**05.07.17** Visit to Layer Marney, KS1

**20.07.17** Leavers Service, 6.30 pm Cathedral

**21.07.17 Break Up for Summer**

## Head's Message

Happy New Year!

Firstly may I say a very big thank you for all the generous gifts received by myself and staff members over the Christmas period. Your kindness is much appreciated.

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas. Last term had many special moments; it was a delight to see children taking part in our special Christmas services and events dwelling on the significance of the birth of Jesus.

As we enter the season of Epiphany, I found my attention arrested by one of the pupil displays in the corridor that shows an image of the wise men with the label; "Wise men still seek God".

You will see many advance dates for your diaries. These will be added to as we embrace more opportunities in what is the shortest term of the year.

The excitement starts with Years '3/4 Roman Day on Tuesday; togas at the ready please!

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin

## Sporting events

Mr Gilmour's clubs restart next week

School run clubs start on Monday 16th January

## Friday meetings

Our series of Friday morning coffee mornings resumes on Friday 20th January at 9.30am with Miss Pool providing information about "Pobble", one of the successful interventions we took on to inspire and improve writing in the school. All are welcome, the meeting will last approximately 45 minutes.

## SENco

Until the next Special Needs Coordinator is appointed, reviews will be undertaken by senior staff. A team has been formed to support pupils with particular needs and Mrs Truelove has taken on an administrative role as well as some of Mrs Hunt's timetable. Any queries to [head@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk)

## 11+ Club

In the Spring term, I am again running an 11+ club for pupils from Years 4 & 5 who would like the opportunity to look at and practice the very different types of questions that come up for this test. It is not a coaching club but it provides some experience for those who are considering taking the examination and culminates in some speed tests with the intention of building confidence. The club will take place on Monday lunchtimes and can be applied for through the club system. L Wiskin

Hamper to be claimed!! 41st prize ticket 01450

We have a beautiful hamper in the office which has not been claimed from the PTA Christmas Bazaar. The label reads Matt Jones c/o Class 4. Please contact the office by Friday 13th January 2017.