



The Cathedral School Newsletter

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Romans 12.9-10

Friday 8th September 2017

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

AutumnTerm

NEXT DINNER MENU is Continuing with Summer Term Menu

Week 3 [Click here](#)

Change of menu

Thursday 14th September

Chicken Curry not Chicken and
Oriental Noodles

Diary Dates

- 12.09.17 Kingswood Parent Meeting
- 21.09.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
Y5/6 Cross country
- 24.09.17 Y5 Kingswood Residential Trip
- 28.09.17 Y3/4 Cross Country
Swimming Class 3,4 &5
Meet The Teacher
- 04.10.17 Girls & Boys Football Tournament
Great Baddow
- 05.10.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
- 11.10.17 KSI Cross Country
- 12.10.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
Y3/4 Cross Country
- 19.10.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
- 20.10.17 Non Pupil Day
- 23.10.17 Half Term Starts
- 30.10.17 Return to School
- 02.10.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
- 03.11.17 Individual School Photos
- 09.11.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
Y5/6 Cross Country
- 16.11.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
Y3/4 Cross Country
- 23.11.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5
- 30.11.17 Swimming Class 3,4 &5(last)
- 01.12.17 Barnardos Concert Southwalk
- 02.12.17 Cathedral Christmas Market
- 20.12.17 Last Day of Term
- 02.01.18 Non Pupil Day
- 03.01.18 Spring Term Starts

Dear Parents

Welcome to a new term and for many, a new school! Our Early Years children had all joined us by today after home visits on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for making the staff so welcome in your homes.

There are many changes in hand and we are looking forward to "Meet the Teacher" which will be on Thursday 28th September at 6pm in the hall, when I will talk about our priorities and developments this year. By 6.30, we will have moved into classrooms. This does not mean that you will not be able to meet the teacher before this date!

Over the summer, Mrs Tanya Marshall one of our senior teaching assistants, who had also been a staff governor decided to take the opportunity to train as a teacher. This has already started and we wish her every success. Mrs Wren, our lead Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) has moved into Middle School to provide support.

Mrs Jan Bandell after some sixteen years of incredible service to the pupils of the school has decided that she will be leaving us during the term. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to her. She is currently working with our Year One children supporting the transition into Key Stage 1 as Mrs Eveleigh and Mrs Grover did last year. If you wish to contribute to gifts for our outgoing staff members, a collection is being held by the office. There will be a presentation to Mrs Bandell at the end of September

We are delighted to announce Mrs Nadia Dippenaar joins our Early Years Team on Monday. Mrs Dippenaar arrived in Chelmsford during the summer holidays after some five years teaching in the Early Years setting in two countries abroad.

We offer congratulations to Mr and Mrs Morecroft. Baby William arrived safely at the end of August. In Mrs Morecroft's absence, Mrs Suzanne Kennard, a highly experienced teacher will be working with us on Fridays specifically in Class 3 in the mornings and across the school in the afternoons.

Our pupils in Class 11 have more than one teacher, with Mrs Russell and Mrs Quinn and Mr Davis who is our attached trainee teacher, another welcome addition to the Cathedral School.

Finally, working with Mrs Shaikhly in Class 4, Mrs Maria Gray has returned from her sojourn in Holland and is again a staff member of The Cathedral School.

I appreciate the optimism of the staff response to the current challenges of the environment. The new infant toilets were put in last Saturday and we have had a few matters to sort out this week.

We are looking forward to our new rooms that we expect to bring into use next half term.

More information in all areas will no doubt follow at a great pace, the autumn term is always a busy one.

I wish everyone a restful weekend

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Music Lessons

All music lessons which have not yet begun will start week beginning 11th September (next week).

There are still spaces available for lessons on woodwind, brass and string instruments. If you are interested in lessons for your child please contact

Mrs Holloway on admin@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk



School Packed Lunch

Please be aware has a healthy eating policy and the school is a nut free school. This includes peanut butter.



Year 2 Art Project

Please can we request year 2 pupils to bring in spare colourful magazines to help with our Art project this half term. Please had in any copies that you can spare to your class teacher.



PE KITS

Please can all children remember to bring in a complete PE Kit which includes jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and sports socks.





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Charity news

In loving memory of Maya, we will be installing some beautiful sculptures of flowers into the Reflective garden this term. One of the charities her family wish us to support is the Rainbow Trust which supports families of children with terminal illnesses. There is an event and raffle tickets organised and Mrs Hill and Mrs Bermudez will be selling raffle tickets to parents after school on Wednesday 13th September.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.

Community News

English for Women

English for Women is a project set up by Chelmsford Cathedral in 2015 to help women who speak little or no English to develop their communication skills and further integrate into their local communities. Free classes run from 10am-12noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time at the YMCA, Victoria Road. The project has grown rapidly with women from over 25 nationalities attending to learn English, improve their conversational ability, make friends, learn about the culture of the UK and feel less isolated. The women's pre-school age children are looked after in a crèche to help them focus on learning.

With the project growing we really need more female English speaking volunteers to either work with the women or help with the children. You don't have to be a teacher, you just need to have a neutral English accent, and an enthusiasm to talk with and befriend other women who are trying to integrate into British culture.

If you are able to commit to volunteering at English for Women for one morning a week (Tues, Wed or Thurs) during term time, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Susannah on susannah.owen@englishforwomen.org



Cathedral Brownie Pack need more help

The Cathedral Brownie pack for girls aged 7 to 10 years meets on Monday evenings during term time. We currently have 30 girls attending and really need some more female adult leaders to help out during meetings. You don't have to have experience just an enthusiasm for working with this age group.

Would you like to help girls have the opportunity to grow and learn through being a Brownie? Could you spare a couple of hours a week or every other week? If you'd like to find out more then please email the Brownie Leaders at 4th.ccbrownies@gmail.com

Little 2 Big Voices (Ages 7-11) is a fun interactive vocal group, that teaches children to sing in many styles as an ensemble, as well as give the children opportunities to sing solo parts and enter vocal exams if requested. We then go out and sing in the community often raising money for charity. We meet Monday's from 4-5pm at The Millennium Centre, Great Baddow. Cost £100 per Term. We commence on Monday 11th September.



Fully checked DBS.

The group is run by an experienced Singing Teacher Jane Parker. For more details see www.little2bigvoices.com

or Tel: 07952610223.