



The Cathedral School Newsletter

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Romans 12. 15

Friday 22nd September 2017

“ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

AutumnTerm

**NEXT DINNER MENU is
Continuing with Summer**

Term Menu

Week 2 [Click here](#)

Diary Dates

24.09.17	Y5 Kingswood Residential Trip
28.09.17	Y3/4 Cross Country Swimming Class 3,4 &5 Meet The Teacher PTA AGM
04.10.17	Girls & Boys Football Tournament Great Baddow
05.10.17	Swimming Class 3,4 &5 Harvest Festival Cathedral 2pm
11.10.17	KS1 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
07.12.17	Advent Service
18.12.17	Carol Service Cathedral 18.30
20.12.17	Last Day of Term
02.01.18	Non Pupil Day
03.01.18	Spring Term Starts

Letter Sent out This Week

Chess Tournament

KS2 Jungle Book

The Cathedral School

Tours for 2018

Admissions

We have some dates set aside for
School Tours for the 2018 admissions.

To see the dates [click here](#)

Dear Parents

Amongst the many meetings I've attended this week, in and out of school, I have enjoyed visiting all the classrooms to monitor learning. I have also taught a couple of classes myself including Mr Richardson on Thursday when took pupils to cross country. Today I started to show visitors around the school and it was pleasing to hear the children talk about what they like about the school spontaneously.

Sunday sees the start of Year 5 trip to Overstrand which we hope will be an excellent opportunity to take on challenge, grow confidence and heighten their team working skills.

Whilst they are away Year 6 have a curriculum project with Higgins about construction, which involves a site visit as well as work in school; this presents an exciting innovation in the curriculum.

After a time of settling in, on Thursday "Meet the Teacher" sessions provide the opportunity for parents to gather in the hall to have up-to date information about the school and priorities for the year. This lasts from 6-6.20pm. We then move into classes to have the first meetings with the teachers covering curriculum and expectations.

Establishing communication and a shared

understanding is vital to the children having a happy and successful year. Progress and development come from us working together. I, of course, will also be available during that time to see anyone who has queries or concerns that cannot be dealt with by the class teacher, or that are confidential.

Our Early Year's department will be having a session on "Tapestry"; the electronic assessment tool that can record so much more of the children's learning journey.

At 7pm, there will be the Parent Teacher Association AGM in the hall. The PTA is absolutely vital to the life of the school and heightened provision for our children. Everyone is a member of the PTA and many people commit to the events throughout the year. With roles available on the committee with some parents having moved on in the summer, this is a crucial moment for the PTA. We would ask you to consider whether you can take on a role, or would like to become more involved. Please stay to the meeting.

Congratulations to all who participated in the cross country yesterday especially our winning Year 6 boys team.

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Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Race

On the 21st September 2017 at Melbourne, 23 pupils from The Cathedral School took part in a cross country race. It was Sidhart's, Juliet's, Amelia's and Elijah's first race and they all did incredibly well. Everyone ran with fantastic spirit unfortunately, a year 6 boy, Dylan was pushed over near the end but he got back up and finished the race. Ellie said 'it was amazing to run with my teammates.'

The year 6 boys finished in first place and everyone ran a brilliant race and represented the school very well.
Reported by Olivia M





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Year 3 Children and Universal Free School Meals

If you have a child in Year 3 they will have been receiving Free School Meals in the past couple of years alongside all other KS1 children. This ended at the end of Year 2 so unfortunately, from this term onwards, payment must be made. The cost of school meals is £2.30 per day and payment is preferred via SCOPay where there is a minimum payment of £11.50. There may be an opportunity to receive Free School meals and additional funding for your child and school please Finance Manager at

finance@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Free School Meal Applications are now available. If you would like to enquire if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the Finance Manager at

finance@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk

For pupils this will produce extra funding for the school to use to enhance education and opportunities for those children.

Parent voice

The Governor's recently passed the Parent's Forum Group Policy and I am delighted to issue it with this week's newsletter. We fully appreciate that there are many parents who would perhaps like to participate in the Parents' Voice, who have work, home or child-care constraints. We propose to have two meetings per term, one on a Friday morning, and one on a Tuesday evening, with the hope that this will provide an equal opportunity. The nomination form is attached and we hope to complete the process to have our first meeting on Friday 13th October at 9:30am. I do hope there will be sufficient interest in taking this up in times of educational change.

We are also offering sessions on identified Friday mornings including coffee after our worship at 9.30am to provide information about areas of interest such as SEND, Healthy Schools as well as Phonics and the Curriculum. These will be tailored to interest expressed by the parents.

Community News



Help us make a difference!

RAINBOW TRUST
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Friday 6th October
6-8pm
Just £6 a ticket

All Ticket money will go towards helping raise funds for the Rainbow Trust in loving memory of Maya.



Soft Play
Character
Face painting
Raffle

Limited Tickets so please contact Kate Hill

10th Anniversary Quiz Night

Could your team be crowned the birthday Essex 'Brain of Brainwave'?

Tuesday 10 October 2017 - 6pm
Teams of up to 6 people
£12.50 pp includes hot meal + a free prize draw

This entertaining evening will give teams from across Essex the chance to battle against each other to win the trophy and be crowned the Essex 'Brain of Brainwave'!

In celebration of our South East Centre's 10th Anniversary, we have also organised a very special twist on this Quiz, where two events will simultaneously take place in London and Essex. There will be a winning team at each venue and an overall champion for 2017!

Taking place at Benton Hall Golf & Country Club, Wickham Hill, Wilham, Essex CM8 3LH.

To book your team visit
www.brainwave.org.uk/2017-essex-brain-of-brainwave-quiz
or contact Gerry on
gerrygould@brainwave.org.uk / 07725 956014 / 01376 503608

Raising funds for Brainwave Children's Charity, helping those with disabilities and additional needs to achieve greater independence.

Registered Charity No. 1073238 / SC039137

Sponsored by:

Lambert Chapman LLP,
are kindly acting as Quiz Masters.

FREE Parenting Programme School Age

Starts:
Friday 29th September 2017
For 12/16 weeks (Term time only)

9.30-11.30am

at
The Family Centre
Lawford Mead Schools site
Trent Road
Chelmsford, CM1 2JH

Pip in for a coffee and an informal chat about the programme on Friday 22nd September 2017 9.30-11.00

"It helped make our home calmer and harmonious."
* previous parent's comment who attended the course

We are offering a **FREE** initial 12 week Incredible Years parenting programme, with an optional 4 week helping your child at school module.

The programme will allow you to strengthen your parenting skills, by meeting with other parents and sharing ideas and good practices.

The programme includes:

- * Improving your relationship with your child through child led play
- * Ideas on how to support your child's social and learning skills
- * Ideas on setting clear boundaries

Crèche available places limited (free of charge)
Please call 01245 354134 to book a place



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Open Morning:

Saturday 30 September 2017,
9.00am - 12.00noon (online booking recommended)

Contact the Admissions Department on 01245 236 098
or registrars@newhallschool.co.uk for more details.

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