



The Cathedral School Newsletter

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Summer Term

NEXT DINNER MENU is

Week 3

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Diary Dates

- 13.06.18 Hockey Tournament
Chelmer Park
- 16.06.18 PTA Summer Ball
Essex County Cricket Ground
- 20.06.18 Sports Day EYFS/KS1 am - KS2 pm
- 22.06.18 Parent Focus Group 9.30am
Y5/6 PTA Disco
- 26.06.18 Parent Focus Group 6.00pm
- 02.07.18 Summer School Concert
Hall 6:30pm
- 06.07.18 Non-uniform Day
- 14.07.18 PTA Inflatable Day
- 16.07.18 Year 6 Production
- 18.07.18 Leavers Service Cathedral 6:30pm
- 0.07.18 Last Day of Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers

As a team we have been very busy working on the key issues that were highlighted in the Ofsted report.

I wrote to you on 18th May with a response as to what we were doing about the Ofsted issues when the Local Authority indicated approval of the actions. All of the issues are being addressed; some are things that see a quick turnaround and some have much greater depth and have actions in place this term and into the next academic year.

We await the visit of an HMI, as described by the Dean when he wrote to you on 26th April. We have no idea when this will be. A visit is expected from six weeks after the date the report was published. It could be tomorrow, or the last day of term, we have no indication. The HMI visit will determine the acceptance of the action plan and after that there will be something else to say.

I wish there was more to communicate and I appreciate the frustration people feel, but all relevant information has been shared. As the Dean said, I will and am seeing parents and communicating all I can on an individual basis.

This week, some educational visits have taken place. Year 6 has been in the Isle of Wight, and Year 5 went to the Food and Farming Day at Writtle College. Key Stage 1 went to Hanningfield Reservoir. Thanks are due to all the people who have supported the children.

Not all projects lend themselves to a trip out, sometimes we bring resources and educational experiences into school, so Year 3 for example can look forward to their Mayan Day early next month.

Staffing for the academic year is not normally issued until reports go out in July, as this is when the next class is announced individually. There are a couple of changes and an additional staff member. I am happy to issue the class detail in advance to all year groups, but I am aware I cannot respond to the whole school asking which class they will be in, and I can't issue class lists under data protection rules. I think the best way forward is to identify where there has been movement in the year group to the individuals who may have moved from a mixed to a straight year group class or vice versa, so they are not under a misapprehension as to the future class. Otherwise, please expect your child to follow the normal pattern. The shape of the staffing will be issued by Scopay next week when all internal parties are aware and following Tuesday night's Governors' meeting.

The staffing list may cause some confusion as two of our teachers are getting married this summer and will return with different names in September. We offer congratulations to Miss O'Toole who will be tying the knot in the North East and Miss Cavalieri who is getting married locally.

On the subject of staffing, we will be welcoming Mrs Morecroft back to the team after her maternity leave, she will be meeting children on Fridays from July. We therefore say a sad farewell to Mrs Kennard who joined us for the year to cover the leave. Mrs Kennard has already started her new job this term, whilst still working with us one day per week. Mrs Burnham will shortly be going maternity leave.

A special thanks is due to Mrs Shaikhly and Mrs Gray, who having previously worked at the school, and who accepted the roles of Class 4 teachers initially for a term, but then agreed to stay and provide quality teaching and continuity for the year. They have been valuable team members and we hope to keep our association with them.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend

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PTA News

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their forms for Fathers Day Gifts. If you are available to help on Thursday please come along to the school office, even if you can only spare an hour your time would be much appreciated.

Raffle tickets for the prize draw at the Summer Ball can be purchased in the playground each day next week, or online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/summerraffle2018> We have another fantastic selection of prizes this year, so please do make sure you get your tickets!

Tickets for the Year 5 & 6 Disco on Friday 22 June can still be booked at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/year5and6disco>. Please try to ensure you have booked your ticket(s) by Wednesday 20 June so we can order catering accordingly.

Bag2School donation bags will be coming home with the children today or early next week. The collection will be on Thursday 28 June.

Finally, if anyone would like to help set up and decorate the room at the Cricket Club for the Summer Ball on Saturday afternoon please contact Nina Egan or email pta@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk. Many hands make light work and any help would again be very much appreciated!

Parent Focus Group

As we only had two nominations given in to the office last September for the group, a list will be put up in each classroom for nominations for two people to be on the group from each class as per the policy.

The meeting dates for next half term are Friday 22nd June 9.30am and Tuesday 26th June at 6.00pm with the expectation that the reps will be able to attend one of the two meeting and no one will be disenfranchised this way.

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Essex Food and Farming Day

Year 5 from the Cathedral School were among 3,000 schoolchildren who took part in the 11th annual Essex Food and Farming Day at Writtle University College on Wednesday.

The children experienced five different zones: Machinery, Crops, Livestock, Food and Countryside and Environment. Their Harry Potter scarecrow took part in the traditional competition and the children were praised by one of the farmers for being, "the most relaxed and engaged school party I have spoken to all day."

Sam said, "I really loved meeting and stroking the alpacas, they felt really strange."

Imogen and Savannah added that they loved all the free snacks, especially the baby cucumbers!



Mini Olympics

The first day back starter with a buzz of excitement as KS1 headed off to the Mini Olympics. All children showed great sportsmanship throughout the day and did themselves proud. A massive well done to Francine for winning gold by scoring the most points out of every single girl at the event. It was an all round a brilliant day!

Hanningfield Reservoir

On Thursday, KS1 set off to Hanningfield Reservoir for a lovely day out soaking up some nature. We started by showing off all our habitats and living things knowledge to the instructors.

Then we split off into groups and carried out three activities over the day:

Pond dipping - we used long nets to capture any wildlife that lurked beneath the surface.

Bird hide - how many different birds did you spot across the reservoir?

Woodland and grassland comparison - children enjoyed the search for spiders, slugs and other bugs.



Isle of Wight 2018

After being blessed with great weather, the year 6 children and staff have returned from 5 days in the Isle of Wight. Reported highlights have been the chair lift at Alum Bay, glass blowing demonstrations plus all activities at Robin Hill.

Members of the public have been impressed with our children's manners and behaviour and each day the staff were approached to receive compliments on the children and how they responded to their environment.

A huge thank you to the staff and Tim Leeson for giving up their time to accompany the children throughout the trip - although I know they too enjoyed themselves immensely and were proud to be supporting such polite and happy children.

All returning travellers will undoubtedly sleep well over this weekend and we are looking forward to collecting our memories and photos together next week in school to create an assembly to share the adventure with the parents and remaining school members.





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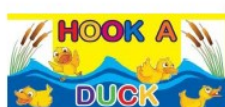
Community News



Would like to invite you to the
*Congregational picnic after the all age service in
the Cathedral*

*Patronal festival on 1st July
11.30 to 2pm @ Guy Harlings*

*Bring a picnic, a blanket and some sunshine!
Old fashioned fete games and fun for all*



SUMMER FETE

Saturday 23rd June
2.00pm - 4.00pm
in and around the church

refreshments - BBQ - cake stall
children's crafts - stalls - raffle
and so much more.....

Everyone welcome
no admission charge
All Saints' Church, Springfield

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**SPRINGFIELD
FOOTBALL CLUB**
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Springfield Football Club U10s
(current Year 5) are looking
for new players for next season
starting in September
(when they will be in Year 6/
U11s).

There are limited spaces available for next season and we cannot guarantee a place. However, if you are interested, please contact Peter Yeates (07951 737549) for more details.

CHELMSFORD FESTIVAL

23rd June - 1st July 2018

Fun Family Festival with
Dance, Carnival parade,
storytelling, magic, Mad
science, dragon
Machine, giant rabbits,
MUSIC and art, boat trips
and canoeing fun



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