



# The Cathedral School Newsletter



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Friday 12th October 2018

## End of Term Menu

### NEXT DINNER MENU

Special End of Term Menu [Click Here](#)

## Diary Dates

- 13.11.18 PTA Dreamcatchers
- 17.10.18 EYFS Visit to library 1.30pm
- 18.10.18 EYFS Grandparents afternoon 2.15pm
- Football Match away Gt Waltham
- 19.10.18 Non Pupil Day

### 22.10.18 -26.10.18 Half Term

- 29.10.18 Autumn Term 2 begins
- School Individual Photos
- 30.10.18 Year 1 Teddy Olympics
- 31.10.18 KS1 football tournament
- 02.11.18 9.30am Phonics parent workshop
- 06.11.18 4pm – 6.30pm Parent’s evening
- 07.11.18 Curriculum day: Hinduism
- 08.11.18 5pm – 8pm Parent’s Evening
- 09.11.18 Remembrance Service
- PTA Second-hand uniform sale**
- 16.11.18 9.30am Parents Forum
- 19.11.18 Flu vaccinations
- 28.11.18 Junior Choir Concert
- Southwark Cathedral (details will follow)
- 30.11.18 9.30am Parents forum – RE
- 01.12.18 Christmas Market Cathedral
- 11.12.18 KS1 dress rehearsal
- 2pm KS1 performance
- 12.12.18 6pm KS1 performance
- 14.12.18 4pm EYFS Nativity
- 18.12.18 Carol Service Cathedral 6:30pm
- 19.12.18 Last day of Term

### 20.12.18 - 02.01.19 Christmas Holiday

- 03.01.19 Spring Term 1 begins
- 15.02.19 Non Pupil Day

### 18.02.19 - 22.02.19 Half Term

- 25.02.19 Spring Term 2 begins
- 01.03.19 **PTA Second-hand uniform sale**
- 05.04.19 Last day of Term

### 08.04.19 - 22.04.19 Easter Holiday

- 23.04.19 Summer Term 1 begins
- 06.05.19 Bank Holiday
- 13.05.19 - 16.05.16 KS2 SATs Week

### 27.05.18 - 31.05.18 Half Term

- 03.06.19 Non Pupil Day
- 03.06.19 - 07.06.19
- Year 6 Residential trip to IOW
- 04.06.19 Summer Term 2 begins
- 08.07.19 Year 6 Production CCHS
- 24.07.19 Last Day of Term

Red recently added

A report about this week’s District KS2 Cross Country will follow in the next Newsletter.

Dear Parents

This week’s assembly theme was “Problem-Solving” and we looked at the story of Nehemiah from the Old Testament and we are reminded strongly, that “Nothing is impossible with God”.

How important it is that we help our children to develop into confident young people who can master the challenges they meet and remain aspirational. Something I was very aware of when I conducted a tour for a very large group of parents considering applying to join the school next September. What was in evidence was that unsolicited, your children were able to express their opinions reflecting their ability to think for themselves. Equally, I can only commend parents at the PTA Special General Meeting for the commitment and problem-solving attitude that can only guarantee a successful year.

The Governor’s Resources Meeting on Tuesday approved the Business Plan for an After-School Provision at the School. Originally, we had been pursuing an After-School Club from an external provider on our premises, but with careful planning, we are able to do this in-house for a limited number of places;12 initially, rising to 18 as soon as possible.

Following the newsletter you will find the After -School Provision Policy and a registration form. Core staffing will be in place early next week and will be announced via email, but as we will start after half term, registration forms need to be in by Thursday for the first cohort to be informed if they are successful next Friday.

I am sure it will not solve everyone’s child care challenges and it may be of no interest to many, but for some it may provide a solution. It is not a large provision, but it has had to be planned to be sustainable.

Please also note that there is a planning permission for the Riverside Retail Park and you may wish to register your views at [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningcomments](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningcomments)

Best wishes

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## Year 1 & 2 Cross Country

On Wednesday morning Mrs Southgate took a team of KS1 athletes to the Chelmsford School Sport Partnerships Cross Country event.

It was the first time that any of the KS1 children had been to a sporting event representing Cathedral school and they certainly made us proud!



The group was split into 4 races, year one and two girls and boys. We had a great spot by the finish line where we could cheer on our friends in the last few moments.

Not only did the children demonstrate excellent running ability, there were some examples of fantastic sportsmanship. Highlights included the Year One girls

supporting each other in a team run and Joel from Class 4 showing fantastic stamina and speed to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal.

We will be looking forward to more races and opportunities for lower school in the future so watch this space!





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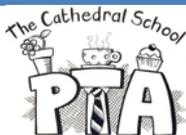


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*Congratulations to Lucy Steel our newly elected Chair and Emma Liddell our re-elected Treasurer!*

## Autumn Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA during the 2017/2018 academic year. The money raised by the PTA directly benefits your children and parental involvement is invaluable. As a charity we rely on your kind and generous support, so we can continue to provide facilities and items to facilitate the education of your children. This autumn we would really like to start our fundraising efforts with a real bang, so here is what is coming up...

### Cake Sale

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm**

Our first cake sale will be held after school next Thursday – what a way to end this half term! We are asking parents and carers of **YEAR 6** to support us by baking cakes to sell in the playground. Bought donations as well as home-baked items will be warmly welcomed and can be dropped off at the school office during the day.

**“READY, STEADY, BAKE!”**

### Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

#### RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

We need some superstar prizes for our ever popular Christmas Raffle. Our newly appointed fundraising team are working really hard and would love to hear from you! Could you, your employer or your business donate something? We are looking for items, vouchers, experiences, services, sponsorship and everything in between! Please contact us via [pta@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk)

Raffle tickets will be available in the playground very soon!

### 100 Club

The PTA 100 club is back! Pay £20 for a ball and be entered into the prize draw each month (runs Sept - July inclusive).

Each month we draw First prize: £25 Second prize: £15 Third prize: £10 plus a Christmas special: £100 one off prize.

You can enter by filling in a form at the school office (with cash or cheque) or find a PTA member in the playground if you'd like more details.

Friends and family are also welcome to play.

We have decided to make the first 2 draws at the end of October to give people more time to enter, so apply before Half Term to be in this year's 100 club. "Good luck!"

### Second-hand Uniform Sales

There will be a second hand school uniform sale on 9th Nov and 1st March after school



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## Bugclub & TTRockstar Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended this morning's workshop, Mrs Russell has produced parent guides for Bugclub and TTRockstar. [Click here](#) to go to the useful links page on our Website to download the guides.



## NO EARRINGS in PE Lessons



Following a meeting of the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership on Wednesday, it has been stressed that children should remove earrings for **all** PE lessons - this is in accordance with county guidelines. This has always been school policy, but recently parents had asked if there is any scope for flexibility.

While not being able to physically participate in PE lessons, pupils who cannot remove earrings will **not** be excluded, but will be assigned distinct roles within the lesson.



## Keep on Reading

Year 3 & 4 parents, we hope you have enjoyed reading/sharing the "Keep on Reading" books sent home a few weeks ago. Thank you to those who have already returned the books, this is a gentle reminder that they need to be returned to school on Monday, when the children will have the opportunity to share their thoughts with the organiser.



## Nut Free School

The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts, We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or in their snacks. Thank you for co-operation.

## Secondary School Applications for September 2019 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2019) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

Applications can be made via the local authority website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

## The Boswells School – School Tour

For those parents who were unable to attend our recent events we are holding an additional school tour on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. There is no need to book and all are welcome, but please inform your child's school if you are intending to bring them along. Tours should be completed by 10.30am. Please note there is no parking available at the school.

If you require an additional information please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01245 264451.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### SERVICE OF BLESSING OF PETS

AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

MELBOURNE AVENUE CHELMSFORD CM1 2DT

AT 3.00 PM SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.

IF DRY THE SERVICE WILL BE OUTDOORS. PLEASE BRING YOUR PET OR A PHOTO OF YOUR PET. REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTERWARDS



### Autumn River Litter Clean Up Saturday 13 October

Meet in Baddow Road Car Park CM2 7PJ at 9am. Event finishes at 1pm

Free parking for all volunteers  
All equipment provided

Please wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear



Free refreshments will be provided

Anyone under the age of 16 needs to be accompanied by an adult

For more information please visit the Love Your Chelmsford Facebook page [www.facebook.com/LoveYourChelmsford](http://www.facebook.com/LoveYourChelmsford) or email [lyc@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:lyc@chelmsford.gov.uk)



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### A Gala Town Twinning Concert

with

**Städtisches Blesorchester  
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**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL**

**Tickets £10.00  
available from**

**Orchestra Manager ☎ 01245-465718**

**Allegro Music – Chelmsford**



### CHELMSFORD CITY SWIMMING CLUB



### Water Polo Players Wanted!



**Do you want your child to be part of a growing team sport?  
Then come and try water polo!**

We are looking for new players:

- Aged 9-12, with NO prior experience to join our Mini Polo squad;
- Aged 13-17, experience and knowledge not essential, to join our Junior Polo squad;
- BOYS and GIRLS welcome!

**Your child will develop:** friendship and camaraderie; cooperation and teamwork skills; leadership skills; respect for team mates/opponents/officials; a sense of belonging/team membership; physical skills and many more!

**TRIAL SESSIONS AVAILABLE**

Get in touch via email:

[waterpolo@chelmsfordcityswimmingclub.org.uk](mailto:waterpolo@chelmsfordcityswimmingclub.org.uk)



## GREAT BADDOW LAWN TENNIS CLUB



### Sessions

**Monday**  
6pm-7pm age 10+

**Friday**  
4pm-5pm age 5+  
5pm-6pm 9+

**Saturday**  
9am-10am age 5+  
10am-11am age 9+  
11am-12pm age 10+

Our tennis program is designed to get all ages and levels playing the game, sessions include coaching, co-ordination games, matches and fun games

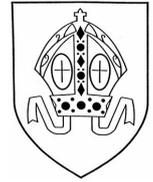
### FIRST SESSION FOR FREE

to book or for more information please contact Richard Dupree  
0742 1001963 – [headcoach@greatbaddowltc.co.uk](mailto:headcoach@greatbaddowltc.co.uk)





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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The 2018 'Stop Means Stop' Campaign.

This campaign which is being held across Essex during October it is aimed at drivers and cyclists to promote the requirement under law for them to stop when requested by the school crossing patrol.

Although the majority of drivers understand and follow the law there are still a number of 'drive through' and 'failure to stop' incidents each day which put our patrols and pedestrians at risk of injury, accident or worse. We are trying to make it clear to all drivers that the 'Stop' sign is used for the safety of all pedestrians and that it is the law to stop and remain in the stop position until all pedestrians are out of the road and the patrol has safely returned to the footpath.

Many of our patrols will be wearing a 'Stop Means Stop' tabard over the next few weeks to raise awareness and we have a number of banners which we will display on school railings. We also have some SMS car and book stickers which will be distributed by our patrols.

Please help us get a consistent message across all of Essex by displaying the attached posters around your school and in any newsletters to parents, etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 03330 139788 where we will be happy to discuss any of the above.

**Different signs.**

**Same meaning.**

**STOP means STOP**

Failure to stop could result in a £1000 fine, points on your licence and/or a disqualification.

Essex County Council

**THINK**

### October Half Term Courses At Redbridge Cycling Centre

**NEW! – Balance Bike Skills, Ages 3+**  
13:30 – 16:30 on Monday the 22nd October.  
The best way to introduce riders to getting used to balancing without stabilizers. Fun session with techniques and games in our coaching area.

**Novice Go-Ride Skills, One – 13:30-16:30 on Tuesday 23rd October.**  
Fun skills in our coaching area concentrating on basic cycling techniques (must be able to ride without stabilizers)  
Ages 5-10

**Go-Ride Skills Follow Up – 13:30-16:30 on Thursday 25th October.**  
Basic skill development, partly in our coaching area and then on the circuit for riders who have completed the Novice Go-ride course.  
Ages 5-10

**BMX Skills One - 9:30-12:30 on Friday the 26th October.**  
Suitable for competent cyclists who wish to try BMX, this course is an induction to the basic techniques need to ride the BMX track safely. Participants must be able to ride standing up. Ages 8-16.

**Mountain Bike Skills — 9:30-12:30 on Wednesday the 24th October.**  
An ideal taster session which is suitable for riders who have limited off road experience who would like to try mountain biking.  
Ages 7-14 years

Courses are all held outdoors so please be prepared for inclement weather. Refunds will only be given for course cancellations by the centre. To book please call 0208 5009359, with payment by debit or credit card. A parental consent form is also required prior to the session.

All sessions cost £12.50 per child. Bikes are available to hire for an extra £5.00. Courses start promptly so please ensure that children are signed in 15 minutes before the start.



Phone: 020 8500 9359 | E-mail: [rc@essexnational.org.uk](mailto:rc@essexnational.org.uk) Forest Road, Harlow, Essex, IG6 3HP | [www.redbridgecyclingcentre.co.uk](http://www.redbridgecyclingcentre.co.uk)

**INSPIRE**  
**GRANGEWATERS**  
Outdoor Education Centre  
Buckles Lane, South Ockendon, Essex, RM15 6RB

**OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES**

**£8 PER ACTIVITY FOR AGES 6+.**  
Accompanying adults must stay on site – we highly recommend taking part!

**BOOK NOW ON: 01708 855 228**

Date	Session 1: 9:30am to 11am	Session 2: 11.15am to 12.45pm
Monday 22 October	The Postman's Walk	Paddle Boarding
Tuesday 23 October	The Leap of Faith	Canoeing
Wednesday 24 October	Climbing	Kayaking
Thursday 25 October	Archery	Paddle Boarding
Friday 26 October	Jacob's Ladder	Sailing
Monday 29 October	Climbing	Paddle Boarding
Tuesday 30 October	Archery	Sailing
Wednesday 31 October	Rig Climbing	Paddle Boarding
Thursday 1 November	The Leap of Faith	Kayaking
Friday 2 November	The Postman's Walk	Canoeing

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