



The Cathedral School

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Friday 11th September 2020

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

At the end of our first full week, I am sitting at the distanced end of the KS1 staffroom previously known as the Head Teacher's Office listening to the sound of happy and excited children's voices. A level of normality of school life has resumed and I can only marvel at the acceptance of change from our children. We are grateful for the support of the parents during drop off and pick up time ensuring smooth transitions.

Sitting in rows in Key Stage 2 will suit some children more than others, but teachers have adapted their teaching styles to meet the needs and as I stand in doorways within the marked areas I am greeted with smiles and enthusiasm.

Every day brings challenges not least the changing guidance. We all know that the season will bring its usual round of colds etc. To try to reduce anxiety about what you do if your child has symptoms we have included a help sheet of circumstances and steps on the [website](#):

In the meantime we are reimagining our school events. We will continue to use the Tapestry learning platform and would encourage you to do so for communication, sharing successes, the reading record and homework.

Starting with "Meet the Teacher", we propose to produce recordings of information from each phase to introduce the staff and the curriculum in the phases: EYFS, Lower; KS1, Years 1 and 2, Middle; Years 3 and 4 and Upper; Year 5 and 6. To make this as useful and effective as possible it would be helpful if you submitted questions to be answered/things you would like to know about the phase or class to office@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk by Tuesday. A further opportunity to ask questions will be provided after you have seen the presentation/s.

Looking back and looking forward; a huge vote of thanks is due to both Susannah Howarth -Owen and Jim Perry for their dedicated service as your Parent Governor Representatives for the past five years. They have taken on complex roles and been "critical friends" to the school but have reluctantly had to stand down due to their commitments. My grateful thanks for all of the roles they have undertaken and support they have given us.

On Monday I will be sending out nomination forms and the information and job description for this role and ask you to consider whether you have a skills set and the time commitment to offer to take on this essential role in the support the school.

Our thanks also go to the PTA and in particular, Lucy Steel for all of their work supporting parents with uniform requests.

Finally, I must remind you to monitor your children's online use, our attention has been drawn to some distressing content on line. If your children has seen something distressing and you inform us, we also do our best to offer support in school.

Useful Websites

[CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)

[Childnet](#)

[Internet Matters](#)

[Net Aware](#)

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin



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Head Teacher's Message continued....

Information

PE days

Children will be expected to come to school in their PE kit on the days identified below:

EYFS - Mondays and Fridays

KS1 (Class 3,4 & 5) - Mondays and Wednesday

LKS2 (Class 6,7 & 8) - Wednesdays and Thursdays

UKS2 (Class 9,10 & 11) - Tuesdays and Fridays

If it is a colder day, children can wear their black jogging bottoms over their shorts and remove them later in the day, if needed.

Reading

To ensure reading remains a priority and a regular thing to enjoy at home, books will be changed on a set day of the week. They will then be put in a sealed box for a set length of time.

In EYFS, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children will receive a new book and return their old reading book according to their house colour:

Blue - Monday,

Yellow - Tuesday,

Green - Wednesday

Red - Thurs

In Year 5 and 6, children will be given the option to change their books on a Wednesday, as they may be reading longer books, we are aware that they may not need to change their book weekly.

We will not be issuing reading records this year (to avoid things going back and forth between school and home), instead we shall be writing the name and title of the book on tapestry plus an initial comment, you shall then add your reading comments underneath this 'observation' as often as you listen to your child read (ideally 5 times a week).

Reading books will be issued to children over the next couple of weeks.

Homework

Homework will be set as it has in previous years but instead of using planners to write / stick it in, it will be sent via Tapestry. The children can then complete the work either directly onto tapestry (if a written piece) or a photo taken and sent as an 'observation'.

Weekly

Special Achievement Awards

Class 3

Isabelle

Class 4

Grace

Class 5

Kachi

Class 6

Hugo H

Class 7

Agastya

Class 8

Matthew

Class 9

Elsie

Class 10

Sebastian

Class 11

Calvin

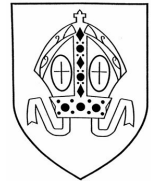


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Lunch Menu week commencing 14th September 2020

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Special Menu Week 3

Please remember to pre-order lunches on SCOPAY even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.

Instructions can be found on our [website/parent's page](http://cathedralschool.co.uk/parent's-page)

Many thanks.

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| MONDAY | OPTION 1 Mac Cheese Garlic bread Salad Bar | OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese | OPTION 3 Jacket Potato Beans | Dessert Artic Roll |
| TUESDAY | OPTION 1 BBQ Chicken Wrap Herbie Diced Potatoes Salad Bar | OPTION 2 BBQ Quorn Wrap Herbie Diced Potatoes Salad Bar | | Dessert Jammy Cupcakes |
| WEDNESDAY | OPTION 1 Hot Dog Wedges & Sweetcorn | OPTION 2 Quorn Dog Wedges & Sweetcorn | | Dessert Strawberry Mousse |
| THURSDAY | OPTION 1 Lasagne Fresh Vegetables Salad Bar | OPTION 2 Pesto Pasta Fresh Vegetables Salad Bar | | Dessert Cranberry Cookies |
| FRIDAY | OPTION 1 Fish Finger Smiley Faces, Peas & Baked Beans | OPTION 1 Quorn Dippers Smiley Faces, Peas & Baked Beans | | Dessert Waffles |

Community & Family

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COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

Understanding Maths & English **Emotional wellbeing** **Family Wellbeing** **Commissioned Support**

Specialist workshops **Learn Anytime**

Surviving as a family **Partnerships** **Parenting** **The next stage in education**

If you are a parent, grandparent or caring for a child or young person living in Essex we have support for you.

Visit our website for specific course details: aclessex.com/community-family-learning-online

For more details and to discuss upcoming courses, contact our team:
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Facebook Group: Search for 'ACL Essex Community & Family Learning'

ACL FAMILY LEARNING

Specialist Workshops
These workshops/special events offer support for you and your family on a variety of topics. They give you an opportunity to speak to professional tutors about your concerns, other parents facing the same challenges, or join events that have been created to bring you and your family together to learn. If there are specific topics or ideas that you would like to see us deliver then please do email us.

Emotional Wellbeing
An opportunity to have guided support and tips on keeping your children emotionally well.

Family Wellbeing
Develop mindfulness strategies and tools with your family alongside finding time as a parent to look after your needs.

Learning Anytime
Virtual teaching on topics that will allow you to take the learning at your pace and when your little one is ready, day or night. For older children topics that will allow you to fit learning in around their school work, mealtimes, downtime, socialising with peers and when they are ready to.

Starting the next stage in education
How to support your children's education journey whether they are starting primary or secondary school in September.

Surviving as a Family
Develop strategies and tools to eat healthily, maintain boundaries with technology, behaviour and tips to survive as a family.

Understanding English & Maths
Information on how to gain confidence to support your children's learning of all things Maths & English for KS1 & KS2.

Parenting
To recognise and accept children's feelings in a positive way and choose from a range of strategies to put fair boundaries into place. Ultimately, we want to improve parent/child relationships through the implementation of effective assertive techniques.

Partnerships
If you would like us to deliver any of our offer exclusively for your families, either online or face-to-face then please contact us. We are always looking at innovative ways to work in partnership to support Essex residents.

Commissioned Support
If you would like a bespoke service, training for staff or something that is outside our funding regulations then we can support through a commissioned service.

Visit our website for specific course details: aclessex.com/community-family-learning-online

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