## The Cathedral School



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Friday 6th November 2020

### Head Teacher's Message

### **Events Calendar**

Nov 16 EYFS Parent Consultation 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm via Teams

Nov 17 EYFS Parent Consultation 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm via Teams

Nov 18 **Lower School** Parent Consultation 1:30 pm - 4:50 pm **via Teams** 

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Lower School Parent Consultation 4:00 pm - 7:20 pm via Teams EYFS & Lower School Parents can book slots on SCOPAY from Saturday 7th November (midday) closes Thursday 12th November (midnight)

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**Upper School Parent Consultation** 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm **via Teams** 

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**Upper School** Parent Consultation 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **via Teams** 

Nov 24 Middle School Parent Consultation 3:40 pm - 7:40 pm via Teams

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Middle School Parent Consultation 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm via Teams Middle & Upper School Parents can book slots on SCOPAY from Saturday 14th November (midday) closes Thursday 19th November (midnight)

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School Flu Vaccines

8:30am - 3:30pm @ School Studio

Dec

Christmas Break

Monday 21st December 2020 - Friday 1st January 2021

Jan

First Day of Spring Term

Dear Parents,

As we face the next few weeks of Lockdown, we continue to be cheerful and explore how we can provide the usually highlights of school life.

It is disappointing to delay the start of Choir activities, but fortunate that we had not started the desired extra-curricular activities that would then had to be cancelled under the current guidance.

However, with a clearer picture of the impact of the school closure, we are ready to have Parent Consultation meetings this term. This will be undertaken remotely using Microsoft Teams and due to the organisation involved, will happen on different days.

Protocols and information to achieve an online meeting with your child's teacher/ teachers has been organised by Mrs Quinn and Miss Adams will be sent to you by Scopay. If your child is in EYFS or Year 1 or 2 then you will receive a message via SCOPAY today. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 you will receive a message next Friday.

The offer also exists to have a telephone consultation instead.

Thank you to everyone for moving to shorter intervals at the end of school, this appears still to be flowing and I see no need to introduce mask wearing on the playground as long as parents maintain 2 metre distances when picking up their children.

It is tempting to hold conversations as we recognise your well-being is equally important, but adhering to the rules protects the whole community and makes our efforts more likely to be successful to remain open and educate your children.

Many of our internal school times are adjusted and shortened staff lunchtimes and extended hours are impacting. In the interests of staff well-being, ensure an equal and fair amount of time in school for all children and bring our school times closer to our proper hours, we are giving notice that we will adjust our start times **from Monday 16**<sup>th</sup> **November to enter by 5 minute intervals starting at 8.40, rather than 8.30 am.** 

Proposed times

Christy	8:40-8:45	3:00-3:05
Marconi	8:45-8:50	3:05-3:10
Hoffman	8:50-8:55	3:10-3:15
Crompton	8:55-9:00	3:15-3:20

Looking forward further, we have plans for the children for Christmas and these include a Christmas dinner with the phases split between two days with a simple alternative for the other children to eat in their class on the other day. It has been noted that for the kitchen and lunchtime staff, four sittings to manage per day and cleaning in between, every day can feel like the herculean task of Christmas Dinner Day!

Finally, the school is the fortunate recipient of Baby Grand Piano that has been donated to us. It is a lovely instrument and will be a wonderful addition to our music facilities, providing the pupils learning the piano to have the experience of playing a Baby Grand!

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin

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## Lunch Menu week commencing 9th November 2020

### THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

#### Menu Week 2

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Jacket Potato Cheese Side salad	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Beans Side salad	OPTION 3 Jacket Potato Tuna Side salad	<b>Dessert</b> Jam Doughnuts Fruit Bar
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Bread Side salad	OPTION 2  Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Bread  Side salad		<b>Dessert</b> Flapjack Fruit Bar
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Hunter's Chicken (Contains Pork) Wedges & green beans Side Salad	OPTION 2 Hunter's Quorn  Wedges & green beans Side Salad		Dessert Chocolate Sponge Chocolate Custard Fruit Bar
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Swedish Meat Balls (pork) With tomato sauce & rice Side Salad	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Balls With tomato sauce & rice Side Salad		Dessert Angel Delight Fruit Bar
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fish Fingers Herby Diced Potatoes, Peas Baked Beans Side salad	Southern Crumb Herby Diced Potatoes, Side sa	<b>Quorn Burger</b> Peas Baked Beans	Dessert Ice cream Pot Fruit Bar

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 <u>website/parent's page</u> Many thanks.

#### **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 theirs snacks.

Thank you for co-operation.

Weekly

Special

Achievement

**Awards** 

**EYFS** 

Michelle/Thomas

Class 3

Olivia

Class 4

Stephen

Class 5

Olive

Class 6

Laurence

Class 7

Kitty G

Class 8

Jonathan

Class 9

Sophie/Harrison

Class 10

Darius

Class 11

Theo

**Community News Page** 

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#### PTA NEWS!



A big thank you to everyone that supported us over the Summer with the Second Hand Uniform (donations and sales), purchasing Adventure Island wristbands and to those that took part in the recent Dreamcatcher Photography session.

Though our fundraising activities may look a little different this year, our commitment to the school and our goals are needed more than ever and we need your help!

Next week we will be launching a PTA gofundme page as we still really want to achieve our fundraising goals, we appreciate that we are in very trying times but if you can contribute at all it will be hugely appreciated – watch this space!

#### **GRENVILLE NURSERIES**

You will have now received the email with the order form for winter bedding plants – please make sure these are returned by next Friday.

#### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!**

Obviously there will be no Christmas Bazaar this year but we are pleased to announce that there will still be the PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE! Mrs Wiskin has kindly donated a Christmas Turkey and we have secured a couple of other prizes but we need more! If you or your company have any capacity to donate a prize please let us know by emailing: PTA@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk

Thank you as ever for your continued support ::

