



The Cathedral School

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

The whole school undertook the Act of Remembrance this week, albeit in their separate classrooms, led by our Worship group. With all the windows open, the effect of the canon firing rang through the school along with the Last Post and The Reveille and there was solemn and thoughtful response from the children as they respected the sacrifice of those who have died in conflicts.

As the "normality" of school continues, we continue to make adjustments to try and maximise our learning time in school, whilst it is important to have a care for the well-being of the staff, who are providing longer hours and increased teaching time within the school day with reduced breaks, lunchtimes and in the time gained around worship. It is also clear that good use is being made of time distributed fairly as we all work smarter to "close the gap".

Next week we see the change to our start time as we move from 8.30 to 8.40 am and come in in five minute intervals. This decision was made to balance the children's learning time and achieve greater equality. Once it was clear that the children who had more time at the end of the day were struggling to benefit from the time, we looked for ways of achieving that time more effectively within the school day. The other reason was to achieve safety through the staggering of arrivals and departures and reduce the possibility of social contact. To alleviate the pressure outside the school, Christie (Blue) will be invited in to line up socially distanced outside the classroom prior to the 8.40am and 3pm bell.

Please note there are workshops available for parents for RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) which you may find helpful before we reach our consultation period for our new policy in 2021. (see page 4)

With Remembrance this week, thoughts begin to turn towards Christmas in the last 5 weeks of term.

Christmas will be celebrated in school with activities planned including crafts, and a form of Christmas performance. We are having a Christmas jumper day for charity, but essentially at the heart of Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to the world and we are looking at giving.

Our main event is being led by Miss Southward who writes **"This year we are unable to go and sing as usual at the local care homes in Chelmsford. However, we greatly value our links with them. In order to maintain our connections, we are planning to produce books of letters, puzzles, pictures, messages and poems from the children to share with the residents both to assure them of our thoughts and prayers and to help our children think of others at this Christmas time. These will be produced in class, quarantined, then distributed safely"**

We will be giving Christmas cards this year with a system to ensure safety by quarantining as well. I mention this early to provide preparation time.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend.

Linda Wiskin

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
Nov 19	Lower School Parent Consultation 4:00 pm - 7:20 pm via Teams <i>EYFS & Lower School Parents can book slots on SCOPAY from Saturday 7th November (midday) closes Thursday 12th November (midnight)</i>
Nov 23	Upper School Parent Consultation 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm via Teams
Nov 24	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
Nov 26	Middle School Parent Consultation 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm via Teams <i>Middle & Upper School Parents can book slots on SCOPAY from Saturday 14th November (midday) closes Thursday 19th November (midnight)</i>
Nov 27	School Flu Vaccines 8:30am - 3:30pm @ School Studio
Dec 21	Christmas Break Monday 21st December 2020 - Friday 1st January 2021
Jan 04	First Day of Spring Term



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Weekly Special Achievement Awards

<i>EYFS</i>	Class 1	Lilly	Class 2	Elodie		
<i>Lower School</i>	Class 3	Eva	Class 4	Shaun-Ellis	Class 5	Jude
<i>Middle School</i>	Class 6	Joshua S	Class 7	Adedamola	Class 8	Sam
<i>Upper School</i>	Class 9	Gabriel & Richie	Class 10	Miranda & Rhian	Class 11	Evie

Lunch Menu week commencing 16th November 2020

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](#) Many thanks.

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Special Menu Week 3

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Mac Cheese Garlic bread Side salad	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese Side salad	OPTION 3 Jacket Potato Beans Side salad	Dessert Pancake with sauce Fruit Bar
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Sausage Roll Mash Potatoes Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Gravy Side salad	OPTION 2 Cheese Tomato Omelette Side salad		Dessert Fruit Crumble with custard Fruit Bar
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Chicken Casserole Served in a Yorkshire pudding Fresh vegetables	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Casserole Served in a Yorkshire pudding Fresh vegetables		Dessert Chocolate Cracknell Fruit Bar
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Burger in a bun Herby diced potatoes Side salad	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Burger in a bun Herby diced potatoes Side salad		Dessert Oat Cookie Fruit Bar
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fish Finger Smiley Faces, Peas & Baked Beans Side salad	OPTION 1 Spicy Bean burger Smiley Faces, Peas & Baked Beans Side salad		Dessert Iced Sponge



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PTA NEWS!



CHRISTMAS NEWS!

Sadly the Bazaar won't be happening this year but the PTA still has lots of things planned.

Watch this space for news on the **Christmas raffle** with lots of exciting prizes on offer.

Any **Christmas Trees** purchased from Grenville nurseries will raise funds for the PTA (just mention the school on purchase)



CASUAL
CAKES UK

Christmas Wreaths, created by Mel's Blooms, can be purchased via the PTA

Christmas biscuit boxes & Chocolate orange puddings, created by Casual Cakes, can also be purchased via the PTA

More information for wreaths and sweet treats, together with an order form will be emailed out shortly.

Order deadline 20 November



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RSE at Home: Primary

Relationship and Sex Education workshop created especially for Essex parents and carers, of Primary school aged children.

Talking to young people about their sexual health can be a challenging experience. In this training, we draw on our 55 years of expertise of talking to young people about their sexual health and provide a comprehensive overview of the information that you need to know.

Our Education and Wellbeing Specialists will explore;

- How the new legislation will impact on your child
- What it means for primary school students
- What is taught and why we teach it
- How you can continue those conversations at home.

There will be time reserved for questions and how Brook can provide further support.

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Healthy lives for young people



Booking details

8th December 2020 6.30pm-7.30pm

[Booking Link](#)

8th January 2021 10.30am-11.30am

[Booking Link](#)

25th February 2021 10.00am-11.00am

[Booking Link](#)

19th March 2021 6.30pm-7.30pm

[Booking Link](#)

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