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Friday 10th September 2021

# Head Teacher's Message

#### **Dear Parents**

As the return to school is in full swing, our theme this week is "Welcome" what it means and how we welcome and sustain welcoming. School is a place where you are known by name and we come to know each other very well. In assemblies, the children have told us they welcome each other by smiling, sharing, playing and learning together, respecting each other even when we disagree and forgiving each other.

This week we welcome our new pupils in EYFS on a fulltime basis and we welcome two new pupils one in Year 3 and Year 5.

We are advised that although Covid is very much in communities, the vaccines are reducing the effects of Covid in individuals and education has been identified as essential with children attending school when other family member have had a positive covid test. We are advised to proceed as normal unless we have five cases related to each other. We continue to proceed with caution. Further advice will follow and the Office are able to advise you to help navigate the changes in the system.

A few points on uniform. There is currently much debate in parliament that uniform is a huge expense in the current economic crisis and everyone can appreciate the financial strain especially at the beginning of the new term. I remember as a parent wondering how many pairs of shoes my children would grow out of or wear out before Christmas when I was in that position.

We relaxed our uniform code during the lockdowns but it is important for smartness and being hard wearing, but most of all it is a great leveler. When schools drop their uniform there is usually both a loss of discipline and unsuitable clothes arrive in

Calendar Events				
Sep 15	Swimming for Upper School			
Sep 22	Swimming for Upper School			
Sep 27	Harvest Service 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm @ Cathedral			
Sep 29	Swimming for Upper School			
0ct 06	Swimming for Upper School			
0ct 12	School Photos (Individual)			
	SCHOOL CALENDAR			

school. One of the other major impacts is how clothes are used against children, peer of peer, as fashion raises its head. Currently some very oversized clunky trainers are making their way into school. We are not concerned if trainers are black or white, (black ones are usually more difficult to source) it is that they should not be a statement, but actually fit for purpose. Some are oversized and by the top of the school, a competition for the "coolest" pair starts.

We would be grateful if you stick to the uniform guidance.

You will see the planned dates below,

New Parents Tour Dates are listed on page 4 of the Newsletter

Barnardos Concert – 40 KS2 children 11th November 2021.

(which we have every hope will be able to go ahead)

Meet the Teacher is 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 6–7pm followed by the PTA AGM. (Further details will follow next week.)

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin



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#### Lunch Menu week commencing 13th September 2021

#### THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

#### Menu Week 4

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Mac Cheese Garlic bread Peas & Sweetcorn	OPTION 2  Jacket Potato  (filling choice of beans or cheese or tuna at the counter)		<b>Dessert</b> Yoghurt
	Side salad	Side salad		Fruit Bar
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Sausage & Mash Mash Potatoes Peas, Carrots & Gravy	OPTION 2 Quorn Sausage & Mash Mash Potatoes Peas, Carrots & Gravy	OPTION 2 Cheese & Carrot Wrap	Dessert Lemon Drizzle Cake
	Side Salad	Side Salad	Side Salad	Fruit Bar
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1  Roast Chicken Thighs  Boneless  Yorkshire Pudding  Seasonal Vegetables  Side Salad	OPTIC Quorn Fillet with Chee Yorkshire Side S	Dessert Ice Cream Pots Fruit Bar	
THURSDAY	OPTION 1  Beef Meatballs  in a rich tomato sauce  served on rice  Side salad	OPTION 2 Falafels in a rich tomato sauce served on rice Side salad	OPTION 3 Ham & Tomato Roll Side salad	Dessert Oat Cookie Fruit Bar
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fish Fingers Herb Diced Potatoes, Peas & Baked Beans Side salad	OPTION 2 Cheese & Leek Quiche Herb Diced Potatoes, Peas & Baked Beans Side salad		Dessert Ginger Cookies 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 website/parent's page



**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.

Please note that now some restriction have been lifted we are happy to reinstate the happy tradition of pupils bringing in sweets/treats to be shared with their class on their birthdays. Sweets will be handed out by the class teachers as the pupils leave and will only be consumed off school site with parental permission.



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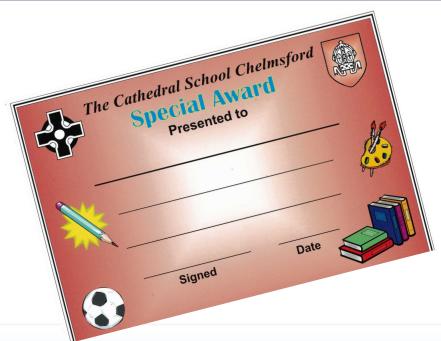


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# Weekly Special Achievement Awards



**EYFS** 

Rayaan N

Uche A

Lower School

Michelle A

Mesika V

Katrina O

Middle School

Olive J

Joseph T

Joe E

Upper School

Gianna R

Oliver B

Seb NK

As we now celebrate these in assembly on a Friday photos will no longer be uploaded to Tapestry



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## **Prospective New Parent School Tours**

#### Pupils Due to Start Reception September 2022

School visits for next years' intake into EYFS are limited to 6 people at a time and will take place on the following dates :

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9am

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11am

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 11am

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 11am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 11am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9am

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 11am

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 11am

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 11am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Tours should last approximately 45mins

Please contact the school office to book an appointment.



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#### GROW YOUR WELL-BEING

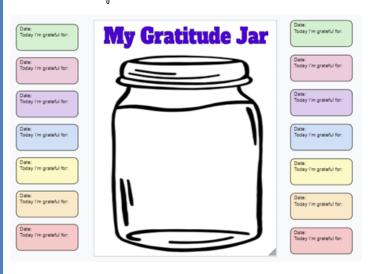


"PIGLET NOTICED THAT EVEN THOUGH HE HAD A VERY SMALL HEART, IT COULD HOLD A RATHER LARGE AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE."
—— A.A. MILNE, WINNIE-THE-POOH



As part of our school approach, to help promote good well-being, we would like you to spend some time at home reflecting on the simplest things and expressing gratitude for them. Whether it's eating a delicious meal, spending time outdoors, seeing family and friends or the smell of a new book. What are you grateful for? Focus on what's good in your life and be thankful for it. You might even want to get creative and make a gratitude jar. This is a fun way to create a visual reminder of all the blessings in our lives. Essentially, it is a place to record and store everything we are thankful for. Simply Write your idea on a slip of paper and stick it in a gratitude jar. Enjoy!

Mrs Morecroft and Mrs Burnham.







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#### Job Vacancies at The Cathedral School

## Job Description Midday Assistant

We are seeking two candidates to join our happy and hardworking team of Midday Assistants who enhance the children's lunchtime experience and support the high standards of behaviour in our school.

Working up to 5 days per week (1hr 15mins per day)

Please visit Essex Schools Jobs for Further Information/Application Form

#### Job Description After School Club Assistant

An exciting opportunity exists to join the school team of our After School Club. The role is to work with the Club manager to support children in a variety of activities from 3.15 to 6pm two or three afternoons per week.

Please visit Essex Schools Jobs for Further Information/Application Form

#### Job Description Breakfast Club Assistant

The opportunity exists to gain skills and experience in a childcare setting two or three mornings per week from 7.40 to 8.55am

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# All Saints' ECO Action Day Saturday 11th September - 12 to 3pm

- ? Keen to get involved in planting a wildflower meadow, building a bug hotel or bird box
- ? Have something you've been meaning to repair for ages
- ? Like an Eco-themed face paint
- ? Interested in green energy
- ? Fancy some Fairtrade tea and cakes!



Then bring a picnic and come and take part in our ECO Action Day on Saturday 11th September.

All ages are welcome and there will be something for everyone.

If you're feeling inspired to help make a contribution to help mitigate the effects of climate change, show your support and pop along.