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Friday 1st October 2021

# Head Teacher's Message

Dear All,

Continuing with our theme of Harvest, it was a joy to have the school back in The Cathedral on Monday and to be able to worship and of course sing altogether for the first time in eighteen months. I hope that future services will provide more seating for parents to attend. On Monday your generous gifts will be transferred to the food bank, so there is still time to send an item in before they are transferred.

It was also good to see so many parents attend both "Meet the Teacher" on Tuesday night and then the PTA AGM. We all hope that all the great fundraising and social events will be able to take place. More dates for this year, are provided in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Laura who has been passed the baton from Lucy our outgoing Chair.

Year 6 this week learnt about their history topic, having the opportunity to cook Anglo-Saxon Chicken Stew, Bread and Shortbread.

On Wednesday, it was a pleasure to welcome our School Advisor, Caroline Gibson back to the school. She was pleased to see the focus on learning and engagement of the children in their lessons. We reviewed our teaching and learning and had a valuable discussion.

Our evidence is that children are making a good recovery from the Covid period and the effort being put in by all stakeholders.

This year, our overarching aims are:

- To implement recovery strategies and raise standards with a focus in reading writing and mathematics
- To support spiritual development and well-being: confidence and compassion
- To embed metacognitive learning across the whole curriculum

More detail will be provided about the associated actions in subsequent forums.

I need to flag that we have some jobs advertised on the Essex job site. We also say a sad goodbye to Rebecca Courtman today, our highly effective Speech and Language Communications Assistant, we share with two other local schools. She has the opportunity to elevate her professional skills further by undertaking full Speech Therapy training at University.

With staff illness this week, and only Mrs Kinch from the Kitchen team in school, staff with food and hygiene qualifications have been involved in cooking our lunches, as many as 190 a day. Staff have stepped up for serving and cleaning; Mrs Holloway, Mr Gilmour, Mrs Smith, Mrs Quinn, Mr Davis, Mrs Mughal, Mrs Smith. Mrs Truelove, Miss Byford and I have all cooked, but the chief person who has produced meals and worked over and above for the good of the children is Mrs Peters to whom we all owe a debt of thanks. She is clearly star staff member of the week.

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin

### **Calendar Events**

Oct Athletics at Melbourne Stadium UKS2
Details to follow

Oct Swimming for Upper School

Oct School Immunisation Vaccine (TBC)
11 Details to follow

Year 6 Parents Isle of Wight Meeting
Class 11

School Photos (Individual)

Oct Swimming for Upper School
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Year 4 Year Parents Kingwood Meeting
(Y5 residential trip September 2022 Class 9)

20 Swimming for Upper School

Oct Half Term

Nov Swimming for Upper School

Parents Evening week beginning 8th November
Exact date TBC Survey has been sent

Barnardo's Young Supporter concert

KS2 Choir

Nov Swimming for Upper School 10

Remembrance Service Events

Mov Middle School Trip Hyde Hall

16 Details to follow

Middle School Trip Hyde Hall
Details to follow

Swimming for Upper School
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Carol Service
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm @ Cathedral

**SCHOOL CALENDAR** 



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### Lunch Menu week commencing 4th October 2021

#### THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

#### Menu Week 3

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Jacket Potato Tuna Optional Baked beans	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese Optional Baked beans	OPTION 3 Jacket Potato Ham Optional Baked beans	<b>Dessert</b> Angel Delight
	Side Salad	Side Salad	Side Salad	Fruit Bar
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 BBQ Pulled Pork Fajitas With sweetcorn	OPTION 2 BBQ Quorn Fajitas With sweetcorn	OPTION 3 Red Pesto Pasta	<b>Dessert</b> Fruit Jelly
	Side salad	Side salad	Side salad	Fruit Bar
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Hunter's Chicken (BBQ sauce served separately) Herby Diced Potatoes Side Salad	OPTION 2 Hunter's Quorn (BBQ sauce served separately) Herby Diced Potatoes Side Salad	OPTION 3 BLT (Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato) in a French stick Side Salad	<b>Dessert</b> Flap Jack Fruit Bar
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic Bread Side Salad	OPTION 2 Veggie Bolognese Garlic Bread Side Salad	OPTION 3 Jacket Potato (various fillings available to be chosen at the counter) Side Salad	Dessert Fruit Crumble & Custard Fruit Bar
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Sea Dog Chips, Peas Baked Beans Side salad	OPTION 2 Southern Fried Quorn Burger Chips, Peas Baked Beans Side salad		<b>Dessert</b> Artic Roll 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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#### Great Baddow Football Tournament





The Cathedral School Girls football team came third while the boys finished fourth in a seven-a-side tournament at Great Baddow High School on Wednesday.

Sienna scored four goals and Ffion twice as the girls won three games and lost two in their event, while the boys won three matches, drew once and lost twice as well. Cornelius scored twice and there were goals for Elijah, Matthew and Timmie.

Girls captain Sienna, who chose Ffion as her star player, said, "I think we didn't play as well as we could but overall it was good for our first tournament."

Boys captain Elijah, who selected Sam as his star player, added, "I think we played well, could have improved in the defence."

The other squad members from the boy's team were Jeremiah, Teddy, Jack and Jake. The other squad members for the girls team were Nancy, Mimi, Lily-Rose, Ellie, Francine, Maisie and Connie.

The team coaches were Mrs Wren for the girls and Mr Gilmour for the boys.

Report by George and Jeremiah (Media Group)





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If you shop at Morrisons we would greatly appreciate your help to obtain new gardening equipment.

To take part, join MyMorrisons today and swipe each time you shop to collect **Grow Tokens**. You'll earn one token for every £10 you spend between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October in store or online.

Simply go to mymorrisons.com to register or download the MyMorrisons app.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Morecroft and the ECO team



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## Weekly Special Achievement Awards



**EYFS** 

Elizabeth M

**Dexter S** 

Lower School

Ella A

Olivia P

Vincent B

Middle School

Albie C

Amelia B

Naomi G

Upper School

Connor F

Zara B

Ellie C

Amelie-Rose B

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 :

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.