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Friday 3rd December 2021

# Head Teacher's Message

Dear All,

We are now in the season of Advent and the school is full of Christmas: from the carols soaring from the Junior, Infant and Staff choirs as well as the introduction of Christmas music into worship and the bauble workshops the children have taken part in this week.

The Frost Fair was a great success on Saturday, not least in the generosity of everyone involved giving of their time whether providing or selling. Despite the cold, the warmth and pleasure people had in resuming a popular feature of school life and meeting up in the safety of the open air was wonderful to see. Thanks are due to the PTA for rising to the challenge and achieving this event. The final total will be released after the PTA Raffle which closes Sunday.

If you haven't yet made the small contribution to the cost of the bauble, I would ask you to do so or get in touch, so that we can ensure every child has the additional treat, the outcome of the experience and a long term memory.

Now we are close to the Nativity plays, the School Carol Concert in the Cathedral and the Christmas dinner. On every occasion there is contact, there is a level of nervousness and several families have been affected recently by either symptomatic or asymptomatic experiences of the virus and we continue to labour under the importance that your child is in school receiving their education.

Decisions are left to local leaders, under our Risk Assessment which means what schools are doing varies according to their particular circumstances. We seem to be constantly weighing up the perceived risks against the desire and determination to keep calm and carry on. There is always a plan B , C and sometimes D in place , ready to respond to any major changes.

We intend to continue with our Nativities with less than a third of our normal audience, masks, pre-taken lateral flow tests, anything and everything we can do to mitigate the risks of contracting Covid. This will be the case unless there is a dramatic change.

Finally, Ofsted. The report came yesterday afternoon and was sent out. Sincere thanks for the support we had during the actual inspection and for your responses to the report. It has been good to have the nature of the school and the education we provide verified externally at this point on our journey to ensure we are fulfilling the vision for our pupils.

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin

#### **Notices**

Unless otherwise stated, clubs for this term will finish in next week.

#### **Calendar Events**

KS1 Christmas Production 'The Innspectors!' 1:30 pm

EYFS & Year 6 Health Checks

KS1 Christmas Production 'The Innspectors!' 1:30 pm

KS1 Christmas Production 'The Innspectors!' 5:30 pm

Carol Service
13 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm @ Cathedral

EYFS Christmas Production 'The BIG little Nativity' 2:00pm

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17 Last Day of Autumn Term

Non Pupil Day

Pupils First Day of Spring Term (1)

**SCHOOL CALENDAR** 



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#### Lunch Menu week commencing 6th December 2021



#### THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL



#### Special Lunch Menu W/c 6/12/2021

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	Dessert		
	Pasta with	Pasta with	Cold Tuna Pasta	Fruit Yoghurt		
MONDAY	Pepperoni Sauce	Tomato Sauce		j j		
	Garlic Bread	Garlic Bread	Garlic Bread			
	Side Salad	Side Salad	Side Salad	Fruit Bar		
UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH						
TUESDAY	OPTION 1  Roast Turkey  with all the trimmings	OPTION 2 Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings	EYFS & LOWER SCHOOL CHOICE OF SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES	Dessert Ice Cream Shortbread Ginger Bread Cookie		
WEDNESDAY	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		
EYFS & LOWER SCHOOL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH						
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Roast Turkey with all the trimmings	OPTION 2 Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings	UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICE OF SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES	Dessert Ice Cream Shortbread Ginger Bread Cookie		
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fish Fingers Diced Potatoes, Peas Baked Beans	OPTIO Quorn Di Diced Potatoes, Pea	ppers	<b>Dessert</b> Artic Roll		
	Side salad Side salad		alad	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.

Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half.

Thank you for co-operation.



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# Weekly Special Achievement Awards



	EYFS					
		Flynn S	George K			
Lower School						
	Edinson T	Grace	S Niko R			
		School				
	Afia T-M	David	l F Amelia [	)		
		Upper So	chool			
	Henry B	Sam S	Elijah M			



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### **Cross Country & Archery**



The Year 3/4 Cross-country teams had a successful afternoon at Melbourne Sports and Athletics Centre last week in the company of Mr Davis and Mr Gilmour.

In the opening race for Year 4 Girls, Sophie finished fifth and led her team of Amelia, Phoebe, Isla, Bethany, Elizabeth, Carrigan and Lucy to a medal-winning third place. Meanwhile, Harrison also managed a top-10 finish with seventh in the

Year 4 Boys race while Milo, Laurence, Wiktor, Henry, Archie and Hugo ensured the team came sixth overall.

The afternoon finished with the Year 3s, and in girls race, the team finished in eighth position thanks to the efforts of Nethmi, Ella, Annabel, Abigail, Nana Afia and Olivia. Finally, there was a fifth-place overall for the Year 3 boys as James (11th) and Gabriel (14th) both finished in the top-20 followed by Joshua, Jude, Oliver and Kachi. Many thanks to Mrs Knight and Mrs Cassidy for assisting at this event.

Meanwhile, our archery team competed in the county finals at Melbourne Stadium on Wednesday afternoon.

Kaitlyn managed two bullseyes and was our top-scorer with 92 points while the team with Richie, Charlotte and Jayden finished on 241 points.

The competition was won by Long Ridings Primary School from Brentwood.





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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PRIZES INCLUDE ......

A BREAK IN A WELSH HOLIDAY COTTAGE

**CHRISTMAS TURKEY** 

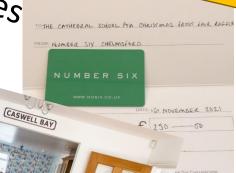
£50 SMYTHS VOUCHER

£250 NUMBER SIX VOUCHER

**BENEFIT COSMETICS HAMPER** 

**BOOTCAMP SESSION** 





£1

PER TICKET





.... AND MORE!

The more tickets you buy the greater the chance of winning! All proceeds go to the PTA.

Tickets can be purchased via:

https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/cathedral-school-ptachristmas-raffle-2021



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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 :

Wednesday 8th December 9am

Tours should last approximately 45mins

Please contact the school office to book an appointment.



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### The Bridge SEND Bulletin

#### **Connecting Families, Young People and Services Together**

Essex County Council want to make it as easy as possible for families to keep up to date and informed about news or information in their Local Area. This pilot SEND bulletin has been created to support families and young people with SEND and put helpful information into one place from across Health, Education and Care. Please click on the link below or copy it to your browser to access the SEND Bulletin.

https://view.pagetiger.com/sendnov21/1



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Sign up to the Winter Reading Challenge and be entered into a prize draw to win one of these fantastic prizes!

- Explore Essex Explorer Passes, valid for one year.
- Sky Ropes Session for two, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability). Min age of two for the junior course, min height of 1.22m for the main course.
- Essex Outdoors school holiday activity days, for one child aged 8-16, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability).
- Wilderness Foundation activity afternoon, Chatham Green centre, for children aged 5-11 (and their parents and siblings) to be taken Saturday 26 April 2022.
- Signed books, from authors Emma Beswetherick,
   Catherine Emmett and Vassiliki Tzomaka.
- Love Essex goodie bags.

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk











