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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! The start of the term has gone so well and the children have settled very quickly into their new classes and routines. A huge thank you to parents and carers who have supported us with this.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families into our school community. We look forward to meeting you at our school events throughout the year. Reception children have quickly become part of the school community and just completed their first full week at school. I am so impressed with how the Year 6 mentors have supported the Reception children to settle into school.

Year 6 have had an exciting start to their year. At the start of the term they went on a 'Life Skills' trip. This programme has been developed specifically for Year 6 children and aims to show pupils that they should be taking personal responsibility for their own safety. Children learn how to assess risk and cope with difficult situations. Last week Year 6 returned for their residential camp at Osmington Bay. Today it has been wonderful to hear all the camp stories, it sounds like the zip wire was the favourite! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers who dedicated their time to support with camp this year.

Once again this year we will be collecting for the Trussell Trust. This is the third year that we have supported this charity and the children will have an assembly this week to explain how their donations will support others. Thank you as always for the donations you make, the Trussell Trust have been so impressed with how generous our school community has been in the past.

We have now started our Achievement Assemblies and will soon be choosing children who represent our Values. We will be inviting some of our older children to perform in some of these assemblies. If your child has been invited to share their talents the office will email and let you know. As always we welcome parents to attend

Achievement Assemblies. We will continue to use these assemblies as an opportunity to share musical achievements. There is a change of focus in assembly for Key Stage 2. All children will have opportunities to perform and celebrate their talents but not every child will receive an Achievement Certificate in an academic year.

Our curriculum continues to be creative and full of enrichment opportunities. Last week Mrs Pill's class went to Pizza Express and Miss Lloyds class will be going this week. They came back with some scrumptious pizzas for their tea. Year 3 took a trip to Cheddar Caves where they learnt about life during the Stone Age. This month all classes will also be doing some work around Black History Month.

Please remember to keep an eye on our Website. The Class Teachers have already celebrated some lovely learning through their class pages. Mrs Piti keeps the calendar updated helping you to keep track of key events.

We look forward to sharing more news and updates in our next Newsletter and working with you all this year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

Cathedral Primary School PTA

Welcome to the new academic year and a special welcome to all our new starters. For the benefit of those new to CPS, the PTA is made up of the Committee: comprising Vanessa Searle as Chair, Al and Karen Norman as Vice Chair, Cherene Whitfield as Secretary and Mary Hodges as Treasurer. The Committee is supported by the Class Reps who help communicate the activities of the PTA to each class and of course, ultimately the PTA is all of you. The PTA puts on a



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number of events throughout the school year with the objective of both creating a community at CPS but also to raise much needed funds for various extra activities and resources for the children and school. Our primary fundraising objective is to raise money for the redevelopment of the play area in College Square, but we also contribute towards the cost of Forest School (through ice lolly and cake sale proceeds), Wow days, living eggs, Christmas book gifts, book authors, and artists etc. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to put on all the PTA events this year.

The first PTA meeting of the year was held last week – thank you to all those that attended. Your engagement is much appreciated. At the meeting, it was agreed that ice lolly Fridays will continue until half term, after which we will move to Cake Sales. Class Reps were appointed and we were given an update on progress with the Playground. We also agreed to have a school disco in February 2020. Minutes from the meeting will be published on the school website in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATE! The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 7th December this year (11-1pm), together with our Christmas Tree Sale. A volunteer sign-up form will be sent out in the coming months – without your support we couldn't put on these great fundraisers, so please do let us know if you can help. In the meantime, please join our facebook page (if you haven't already) CPS PTA and your class WhatsApp group to keep in touch.

All the best,
The PTA Committee
Contact us on: cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com or on facebook: CPS PTA.

Monday 21st October	Y1 Forest School
Wednesday 23rd Oct	Last Day of Term
Half Term - Thursday 24th - Friday 1st November	
Monday 4th November	Staff Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 5th November	Term Begins
Wednesday 6th Nov	PTA Meeting - The Volley
Monday 11th November	Y6 Forest School
Tuesday 12th November	Y2 Watershed Trip
Tuesday 12th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 14th November	Individual Photos being taken
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Please check the school website calendar for any updates.	

Staff Spotlight

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Glynn and I've just joined CPS as the brand new Business Manager.

This is a new role for the school and I'm really excited to be here. I'll be working to help Mrs Yarnold and the Senior Leadership Team with all the non-curriculum stuff that goes on behind the scenes.

The first three weeks have been very busy settling in and trying to remember everyone's names!

Outside of school, my favourite things are reading, running and cooking, in between looking after my two children, who often decide other things are much more fun and important!

I'm really enjoying life in school so far; the highlight has definitely been listening to all school singing assembly right outside my office – what is a wonderful way to end the week.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course.



Dates For Your Diary	
Monday 30th Sept	Y1 Forest School
Tuesday 1st October	Y1 Curriculum Evening 5.30pm
Wednesday 2nd Oct	Y2 Folk Class - Pizza Express
Monday 7th October	Y1 Forest School
Tuesday 8th October	Y3 to the Watershed
Thursday 10th October	Y1 Trip to Aerospace
Monday 14th October	Y1 Forest School
Wed 16th - Fri 18th Oct	Y5 Camp - Longtown
Thursday 17th October	Rec Curriculum Evening 5pm



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Shine After School Club

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a fun and exciting start to the academic year, seeing some familiar faces after a busy summer as well as meeting some energetic and polite new starters.

We have kicked off where we left with some super gym skills on Monday, on Tuesday the dance group danced their way into Wednesday which has a very popular dodgeball session. Thursday was a busy session in cookery where we created some very tasty burritos. As we reached Friday it was time to relax with a film and those on archery had some great fun hitting some target practice.

Just a little reminder of the booking process. **ALL** online bookings are to be made by 12:00 on the day, after this you will need to call 0117 4033033 to enquire about any spaces available.

It is also important that we try and inform Shine HQ on any session you require to cancel, this makes us aware on final numbers on the day and also opens up spaces for other children who may be waiting for places, particularly on our busier days.

48 hour process in order for your account to be credited for future use.

Many Thanks,

James Woodman

CPS ASC Manager

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Packed Lunches

Please can all children who bring a packed lunch to school make sure this also contains a bottle of water. This needs to be separate to the one they keep in class. Also, please remember to add a spoon/fork etc. if your child has food which requires this as we don't hold cutlery in the small hall.