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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful start to this academic year. The children have all settled and are working really hard. The older children have stepped up into mentor roles and it is wonderful to see the confidence, kindness and responsible attitude they are showing when working with the younger children. The reception children have really impressed us with how quickly they have settled into school.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 6 Assembly yesterday. Year 6 shared their memories from Year 6 camp. During camp they completed many challenges from building buggies to working at high heights! All the children impressed us with their team skills and the way in which they communicated with each other. Many children overcame some of their fears and showed resilience. It was evident at the assembly yesterday that the children have some life long memories from their time away. Thank you once again to all the staff who supported with this trip.

Year 5 returned from camp last week and were full of exciting stories. At Longtown Centre the children completed some challenging outdoor adventure activities in and around the Brecon Beacons National Park. The children were surrounded by beautiful countryside and got to experience campfires, caving, team challenges and walks through the countryside. Once again the school team were really impressed with the behaviour of the children and how well they represented our school.

A huge thank you for the contributions made for the Trussell Trust. Each year at an assembly we discuss the challenges that some people face and how these food parcels can support people in times of need. The Trussell Trust will use the contributions to provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty. Their aim is to end poverty and hunger in the UK. This year the table in the hall was piled high with contributions made!

Soon we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McLean. Her last day at Cathedral Primary School will be Friday 15th November. Mrs McLean has resigned from her post and will be busy with a toddler and a new baby! We know that she will keep in touch with us all and that she is keen to return and watch the children in musical celebrations. Mrs McLean has supported the development of music from an early stage and will be missed by us all. The children have all benefited from her musical talents and especially her fun singing warm-ups! She leaves us all with many happy songs that she has taught us all. We would like to wish Mrs Mclean lots of luck with her new baby.

We also announced to Reception parents yesterday that Mrs Wildgoose (formally Miss Cameron) will sadly be leaving us at the end of next term. Mrs Wildgoose has been successful in obtaining a new post as a Deputy Manager of a Forest School Kindergarten. As many of you may know, outdoor learning is a passion of Mrs Wildgoose and we are thrilled for her that she is able to pursue this through her teaching career. Mrs Wildgoose has worked at Cathedral Primary School since it opened in 2013. She began her career supporting after school care, then became a nursery nurse and trained to become a teacher through the school. Her creative talents through her dance clubs and her passion for Early Years education have supported the development of the school and we will miss her greatly. I am sure will join us in wishing her every success in her new career.

As we head towards term two we are looking forward to the many events leading up to Christmas. Key Stage 2 will once again be doing a 'Christmas Celebration' at the Cathedral. Reception and Key Stage 1 classes will each be doing a Christmas Play in the Cresswell Theatre. Please do make a note of these dates for your diaries.

Once again we are excited about our Christmas Theatre trips. Year 5 and 6 will be going to the Hippodrome to watch the Lion King and I am sure it will bring back many happy memories of when they performed this musical at school. Year 3 and 4 will visit the Redgrave



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theatre to see a thrilling adaptation of the Hans Christian classic tale of the 'The Snow Queen'. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go to the Bristol Old Vic to watch 'Boing' which is an exhilarating piece of dance theatre which captures the excitement of two boys waiting for Father Christmas at this magical time of year. The children always really enjoy the experience of going to theatre and it has become a tradition at Cathedral Primary School to have these visits around the Christmas period. Big thank you to the office team who help us plan organise these theatre trips.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that as a school community we are increasingly concerned about the safety of our children at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you to all parents and carers who arrange transport that doesn't involve driving into College Square. There are still a small number of cars that enter the square to drop off or collect. We would like to remind you that we really need your support with safety during these times and ask you to please remember to park elsewhere.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support this term. It has been lovely to see you at curriculum events and assemblies and we look forward to seeing you all during our Christmas Celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team

Cathedral Primary School PTA

We hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and looking forward to half term. Thank you to everyone who has helped with ice lolly Fridays this term - we managed to miss the rain most weeks(!) and enjoy a play in College Square after school whilst raising some money for Forest School. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Last Friday, together with LifeCycle UK, the PTA hosted a cycle event in College Square - we hope the information was helpful for those wishing to try cycling to school. Thank you also to Jane G for holding a preloved uniform sale that afternoon. Another sale will be held at the Christmas Fair.

This month, in support of the school's green initiatives, the PTA launched a Party Pack comprising 30 x reusable plates, cups and bowls etc. for use at parties. Please contact the PTA if you would like to borrow the pack.

After half term we will be working hard to prepare for the Christmas Fair which is being held on Saturday 7th December (11-1pm) and other activities. A volunteer form will be circulated (by email via school) seeking your help and support where you can. We will need help with everything from manning a stall at the fair, providing cakes for Cake Fridays, donating raffle prizes, stall prizes and bottles, helping wrap books and prepare Christmas cards etc. Details will be included on the form. A HUGE thank you in advance for ANY help you can offer.

After half term we move to Cake Fridays, which are held in the hall. The weekly rota is set out below. Please help your class reps make your week a success. Please note, the proceeds from the sale to be held on Friday 15th November will be donated to Children in Need and will be an all school effort

All the best,

CPS PTA

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The PTA Committee

Contact us on: cathedralprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com or on facebook: CPS PTA.

Friday - Cake Sale Rota	
8th November	Year 1 & Year 2
15th November	Children in Need - All Years
22nd November	Year 3 & Year 4
29th November	Reception & Year 5
6th December	Year 6 - proceeds to go towards the leavers events

Dates For Your Diary	
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



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Wednesday 6th Nov	Y5 & Y6 to see The Lion King
Monday 11th November	Y6 Forest School
Monday 11th November	PTA Meeting
Mon 11th - Fri 15th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12th November	Y2 Watershed Trip
Tuesday 12th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 13th Nov	A Victorian Christmas in Y1
Thursday 14th November	Individual Photos being taken
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Monday 18th November	Y6 Forest School
Monday 25th November	Y6 Forest School
Wednesday 27th Nov	Flu Immunisations
Friday 29th November	Rec, Y1 & Y2 Old Vic Theater Trip
Monday 2nd December	Y4 Forest School
Tuesday 3rd December	Reception Nativity 9am
Wednesday 4th Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 9am
Saturday 7th December	Christmas Fair & Christmas Tree Sale 11am - 1pm
Monday 9th December	KS2 Carol Concert 10am
Monday 9th December	Y4 Forest School-Country Class PM
Tuesday 10th December	Y2 Christmas Play 9am
Tuesday 10 December	Y4 Forest School-Soul Class AM
Wednesday 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 7th January	Term Begins
Please check the school website calendar for any updates.	

Hi, I'm Mrs Lewis and I joined the school in September as a Pastoral Mentor. This is a new role for the school so I have been busy finding my feet! I'm delighted to join the school and work with the students and their parents and carers. I'm here to support wellbeing in the school, and have already started to run some one-to-one activities and some group activities.



Previously I have been a teacher, and a manager of an afterschool club. I have also worked in public policy to help people from disadvantaged backgrounds gain equal access to higher education. It's great to be back in a School again, especially one which values diversity so highly.

Outside of work I have two lovely (and loud) boys and a miniature schnauzer. My eldest son (8) is very excited about my working in a school and can't wait to come in and meet everyone at the next school event. I enjoy family fun, cooking, watching films and gym classes.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday, and manage to get at least a bit of rest.

Green Team

We are working hard to explore options for reducing air pollution and to better the air quality outside our school. This includes conversations with the council. We would like to remind everyone that collection and drop off should be done by foot and that there should be no cars waiting outside the school especially with engines running. We have attached a poster outlining some great ideas to improve the air that our children breathe outside of school. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Miss Tennant



Shine After School Club

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term 1 it has been great to welcome lots more new starters to Shine, We have been exploring through gymnastics working on shapes and movement. Our Dancers have been working hard on a mini routine, a little reminder that that the last session of each term gives parents the opportunity to make a visit and watch them perform at the end of the session.

Cookery has been popular as always with many exciting recipes but burrito making was very popular.

As we look forward to term 2 we are very happy to be able to offer some new and exciting clubs to our provision, Tuesday alongside Dance and Mytime we will now run a Lego/Construction club. Wednesday we will now run Mytime, Dodgeball and Computer club and Thursday will see a change adding Gymnastics alongside Mytime and Football club. Finally Friday will now have Cookery club alongside Fun Time Friday. All changes have been made to achieve the best outcome for the children who attend and allow them to use all spaces to its best ability.

The Shine team look forward to seeing you all in term 2!
Many Thanks,

James Woodman

CPS ASC Manager

www.myshine.co.uk

Aldi Stickers

This term we are collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

Until 3rd November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself to the School Office or pop them in the PTA box near the main entrance, and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.