



Newsletter No .4 - December 2018



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful term! There have been so many end of term Christmas celebrations and each one of them has blown us away. The singing around the school and during the performances has made Cathedral Primary School a very special place to be.

Reception and Key Stage One told us the Story of Christmas in many different ways. With the Reception performance, Maurice the Mule coped so well with the commotion when he had to share the stable with so many visitors. In Year 1 a beautiful little bird told us some exciting news. Finally, in Year 2 we had a visit from some very important visitors, The Inn Spectors! Each one of these plays made us feel so proud of the children.

Key Stage 2 children for the first time took part in a Carol Concert in the Cathedral. We are so fortunate to have such a magnificent setting where children, staff, parents, family and friends can gather together to enjoy a traditional Carol service. The service once again gave us an opportunity to witness the talents of all the children. Each one of the children worked so hard to learn some beautiful carols and songs either as a soloist or as part of a group. The readers told us the Christmas story with clarity and confidence, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. This service is one which I am sure we will all remember.

Well done to the PTA on such a fabulous Christmas Fair. The children had a lovely time and there was such a festive atmosphere in the school. Santa's Grotto was very popular and the children were delighted with all the prizes they won when they left to go home.

Yesterday the children had a fun packed day. The children looked very festive in their jumpers. All staff and children really enjoyed the Christmas lunch. The children had class Christmas parties and a special visitor arrived to deliver some presents. As always our younger children asked our visitor some very good questions. Our

favourite question was 'How long does it take the elves to make all the presents?'

Today is Mrs Brady's last day. The children have been busy producing some lovely cards and top tips for looking after a baby. She particularly enjoyed the advice; 'buy lots of nappies because babies poo...a lot!' We wish Mrs Brady lots of luck and we are all looking forward to her visiting with baby Brady.

Once again you have been very generous with gifts this Christmas. We are well stocked up with some lovely treats. Many thanks from all the staff. We would also like to thank you for your continued support this term with homework, spelling and reading activities. Please remember that it is really important to keep up with regular reading over the Christmas break.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best Wishes  
*Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team*

## Admin Team News

At the end of this term we sadly say goodbye to Chrissie Brady as she heads off to start her maternity leave. She has been a huge support to the Admin Team, we wish her well and can't wait to meet little baby Brady in the New Year!

We would also like to welcome to the Admin Team, Amy Jones and Jessica Claridge. Mrs Jones will be working Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Claridge will be working Wednesday to Friday. They will be working alongside Mrs Piti and Mrs Parker. Do come and say hello.



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Jessica Claridge



Amy Jones

### Dates For Your Diary

Monday 7th January	Term begins
Monday Mornings	<b>Y4 &amp; Y5 PE at Failand</b>
Please check the school website calendar for any updates.	

### Cathedral Primary School PTA

Festive greetings from the PTA and a massive thank you to everyone for helping make the Christmas Fair such a success! Together, (through the fair, raffle and xmas cards), we have raised a massive £2795 towards the playground fund. We hope you and your families had an enjoyable time.

In addition to the Fair, our Christmas Wreath making workshop was on Monday 10 December and what a lovely, sociable evening it was; creating beautiful wreaths to adorn our doors. Many thanks to Floriography for hosting this workshop for us.

The run up to Christmas is such a busy time for the PTA and it is important to recognise all of the wonderful volunteers behind the scenes working hard to make it all happen. Special thanks in particular to: Andy and Tara Bird at Folio Print for producing the Christmas Cards, Alex and Rachel Major for the Bar, Roger for being a super Santa, Lisa Santiago-Griggs for her bean casserole (and Sainsbury's for the ingredients), the fabulous volunteers who helped run, prep and tidy up the fair, all the ladies who helped wrap books, Jon Withers and the Xmas Tree Team, the class reps for organising the cake sales and rallying support as needed, Emily Piti for helping with just about everything(!), Mary Hodges for her time spent counting and banking cash each week, the PTA Committee for holding it together despite the mayhem! and of course, all of you for being engaged, supporting each event and helping us raise lots of money for our playground fund whilst (hopefully) having a bit of fun and getting to know one another along the way. Thank you for making our school so special.

As you may know, the PTA submitted 2 entries to the Aviva Community Fund earlier this term for funding of Phase 2 of the playground and a cargo container for Failand. We have since been informed that we sadly didn't get through to the next stage, but we would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote – your support is greatly appreciated. The good news is that thanks to our own amazing fundraising we have raised half of the cost of Phase 1 of the playground plan (which the school has agreed to match); meaning once the school gets the green light, works can commence!

Thanks again for your continued support and on behalf of the PTA Committee, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

All the best,  
Vanessa, CPS PTA Chair

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### Cake Sale Rota

Friday Date	Year Group
11th January	Reception
18th January	Year 1
25th January	Year 2
8th February	Year 3
15th February	Year 4 & 5

### Consultation on 2020/21 Admission Arrangements

The consultation is now underway for the proposed changes to both CPS and BCCS Admission Arrangements. To view both of these documents please go to the homepage of our Website and click on the link at the top of the page. We really value your support and any additional written endorsement for these applications would be greatly appreciated. To add your support or leave a comment, you can email Juliet Turner on:

[consultation@cathedralschoolstrust.org](mailto:consultation@cathedralschoolstrust.org)

### Shine After School Club

Term 2 has flown by here at Shine, and we have seen RECORD numbers once again here at Shine.

