



The Cathedral Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School



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1 John 4.18 'Perfect love casts out all fear.'

Thursday 15th February 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear All,

A short week for the children this week as tomorrow is a training day when we are reviewing our curriculum and how our Christian vision is embedded in threads across the years.

We usually achieve an Ashing service at The Cathedral with the option of being ashed. This year it has not been possible, but it was special that the Dean led collective worship this week. He talked not only about Shrove Tuesday but about Ash Wednesday and carbon and water; reminding us that all living things have those components in common.

Easter is very early this year and half term is not sitting in the middle of the shortest term of the year. I cannot remember a time when Valentine's Day has fallen in school time. We spend a great deal of time talking about loving our neighbour, but not encouraging romance in the primary age range. St Valentine was not only the patron saint of love and marriage, but also of bee keeping, epilepsy, fainting and the plague!

The training for our public speaking module, The Mighty Oak, aimed to develop confidence and teach the skills to speak in public took place this week. This is part of our personal development programme and happens in Year 4. It was lovely to see the children learning both subtle and dramatic techniques.

The Governors have been particularly busy this week both in school in the recruitment process for the Admissions committee process when applicants are ranked according to the Admission policy and undertaking training in the evening.

Year 4 has had the initial Kingswood trip meeting. We run this educational visit at the beginning of Year 5 as a rite of passage into Upper School. The expectation is that every child must have this opportunity as we see the impact it has on maturity, how it grows the ability to deal with challenge and it develops independence and social skills. We try to overcome all barriers to ensure equality for every child to go. As a principle in this school, it is the determination of the school that no child should be disadvantaged. If your child is in Year 4 and you missed the meeting and have not affirmed yet, please contact the office.

Health and Safety

We have been alerted that more of the concrete roof has fallen down in the car park under the ice rink. Please avoid parking there.

Finally, wishing everyone a happy half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin

Key Dates for Your Diary

- Non Pupil Day 16.02.2024
- Half Term 19.02.2024—23.02.2024
- Parents Evening 06.03.2024 & 07.03.2024
- World Book Day 08.03.2024
- **Garden Tidying Up 11.03.2024 3:30pm**
- Upper School Assembly Class 11 14.03.2024
- Infant Music Festival 15.03.2024
- PTA Middle School Disco 15.03.2024 6pm
- Middle School Assembly Class 6 21.03.2024
- **Easter Service—Cathedral 22.03.2024 2pm**
- Good Friday & Easter Monday 29.03.2024 & 01.04.2024
- Easter Holiday 02.04.2024—12.04.2024
- IOW Year 6 residential visit 03.06.2024 –07.06.2024
- Provisional Sports days EYFS & KS1 13.06.2024
- Middle & Upper school 14.06.2024
- Lunchtime Concert 21.06.2024
- Year 4 Sleepover 28.06.2024
- Leavers Service 09.07.2024

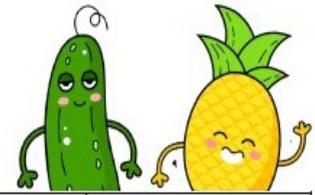
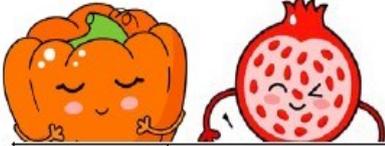
[Please view our calendar for all events](#)

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Lunch Menu week commencing 26th February 2024

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Week One Lunch Menu



MONDAY	OPTION 1 Moroccan Chicken Savoury Rice with Mixed Veg	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans or Tuna Salad	Dessert Fruit Crumble & custard
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Homemade Chicken Pie Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	OPTION 2 Cheese Pinwheels Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Dessert School's Favourite Sponge
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Mixed Grill Pork sausage, hash browns Baked beans	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Mixed Grill Quorn sausage, hash browns Baked beans	Dessert Flapjack
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Macaroni Cheese Salad	OPTION 2 Cheese & Tomato Pasta Cheese Optional Salad	Dessert School's Favourite Biscuit
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Omega 3 Fish Fingers Chips, Peas	OPTION 2 Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pasta, Salad & Sweetcorn	Dessert Fruit Day & Cream

Also available daily;

Fresh bread, salad, yoghurt, fresh fruit, milk and water

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 their snacks.

Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half.

Thank you for co-operation.

Weekly Special Achievement Awards



EYFS

Raphael M R

Israel A

Lower School

Sebastian W

Aiden S

Thanvikhaa R B

Middle School

Ronnie C

Fox W

Grace M

Upper School

James C

Daniel K

Hugo M

February External Achievements!

CONGRATULATIONS



Hope has completed stage 4 of swimming and now has a blue hat, stage 5!

Well Done!



Harriet has achieved Advanced Swimmer Silver Award.

Harriet also, has passed her Grade 1 Violin with a Merit.

Well Done!



Kaiden & Kody have both been working very hard after school, doing lots of additional learning, and achieved 2 awards. Kody achieved his bronze medal and Kaiden achieved both his bronze and silver medal.

Well Done!

Dexter completed 50 adult parkruns (5K), reaching this milestone by running at 11 different locations with 1 international parkrun. He was very happy to be cheered round by the volunteers.

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Elizabeth is very proud this week to have received her certificate and badge in Artistic Swimming. She started in September and was the only one to pass the stage 8 assessment in December and be promoted to stage 9.

Training involves an hour of strength, conditioning and flexibility in the studio before learning the moves in the water on a Sunday evening. And Mondays now from 8:30-9:30pm in the pool learning the routines and figures.

Well Done!

**THE NEXT
PARENTS' CONSULTATION MEETINGS ARE**

6th March 2024 5pm - 8pm
& 7th March 2024 4pm - 6:30pm

PARENTS' CONSULTATION ON-LINE BOOKING

Goes live 26th February 2024 at 6pm

[Click here to access booking website](#)

Isle of Wight Year 6 Trip—June 2024



The next instalment of £100 is due for the
Isle of Wight trip by 23rd February.

Y5 (current Year 4) Kingswood Trip - September 2024



The first deposit instalment of £65 is due
by 23rd February.

PTA NEWS



Cathedral School PTA

MIDDLE DISCO SCHOOL

Fri day, 15th March

School Hall

6 - 7.30 pm

- Tuck shop
- Free drinks
- £3 a ticket

Information on this event will be emailed to y3/4 parents soon

SAVE THE DATE

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Mothers AND others

The PTA are pleased to offer the Mother's Day event again this year

Pre order essential

An email will be sent out soon with booking information and more details



WORLD BOOK DAY

GOLDEN TICKET

GREETINGS TO YOU, THE LUCKY FINDER OF THIS TICKET
PRESENT THIS TICKET TO WIN A PRIZE!

DATE	TIME	PLACE
8TH MARCH	AFTER SCHOOL	PLAYGROUND

PRE ORDER YOUR CHOCOLATE BAR TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Cathedral School PTA

PRE ORDERING COMING SOON

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Community News



We would like to share information from our wider community with you such as; local events, and information from other relevant organisations including special offers.

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CHELMSFORD
YOU



BOOK WEEK

WE'RE GOING ON A BOOK ADVENTURE. WE'RE GOING TO DISCOVER A GOOD READ!

HEAD TO CHELMSFORD CITY CENTRE THIS **FEBRUARY HALF TERM** & JOIN US FOR FREE FAMILY FUN.

JOIN OUR BOOK TRAIL!

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF FIVE £100 BOOK VOUCHERS FOR YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY.

TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN THIS FANTASTIC PRIZE, AND FOR DETAILS, TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF OUR ACTIVITIES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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