

Newsletter

8 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely week this is. I love Christmas!

To date, we have enjoyed Nursery, Reception and one of our KS1 performances. The children clearly enjoyed the opportunity to perform and it has been lovely for Mr Davies, the staff and myself to receive so much lovely feedback. Although the children have of course rehearsed, we have still maintained as many routines as possible and kept rehearsals to a minimum.

Recently, Mrs Ali and I have been hearing the lovely buzz of learning alongside a lovely sense of calm around the school. Staff across CPS have shared that despite some children feeling tired or even excited as elves pop up and Advent calendars have arrived, children have been learning with enthusiasm and showing our school values. When the school feels so positive in its entirety, it is time for our SPECIAL JAMMIE DODGER ASSEMBLIES! As you know, we use this biscuit as a symbol of our learning and the heart represents CPS Values. All of the children received a jammie dodger and we celebrated all of our learning across the curriculum... we thought about our growth mindset and resilience, what we have learned and what we are proud of and even what we aim to set our sights on achieving next. As we did this, we ate the biscuit, leaving the jammie heart. We all then held the heart and reflected on each of our 'SCARRF' values and again what we are proud of; our strengths and what we would like to be even better at ...then we ate the heart. These assemblies are so special and reinforce the school's ethos, values and our rules (which are also based on our values). Well done to all of the children across CPS!



Staffing update

Our wonderful Mr Williams has brought so much to CPS. He supports PE lessons and sports, tournaments and clubs. He has been an integral part of our pastoral team and is a trained Key Worker as well as a caring Teaching Assistant. He is a supportive colleague who will be missed by us all but we do wish him well in his Pastoral Role in a Secondary School. He will start his new job in January.

Parents Forum

Parents Forum is a means of gaining feedback about different aspects of school, life, ascertaining future priorities and in general hearing 'parent voice'.

When I first introduced Parents Forum, only class reps were allowed to come. Then Covid opened the world of virtual meetings and now any parent interested in the meeting focus is welcome.

CPS Maths Lead: Sarah Nelson

► CPS Maths Priorities 2022

Support & Challenge for all:

- Purple Challenges
- Third Space Maths
- Maths Mastery EYFS & KS1
- Maths FIT
- CPD via Maths Hub
- Vocabulary & STEM sentences

Times Tables:

- Daily discrete Practice in Y2 & Lower KS2
- TT Rockstars

Assessment:

- PUMA Standardised test
- WRM End of Block Tests

Thank you to Mrs Nelson, our Mathematics Lead for hosting this half term's Parents forum on Mathematics.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and found this session useful.

"I just wanted to say my children really enjoy TTRockstars and Numbots."

"It's been a useful session – Thank you also for all of your hard work, support and focus on maths in school. It's great to hear all about the work going on behind the scenes to support maths in school."

In response to a question raised about supporting children at home, please refer to the last slide, which sign posts helpful resources to use.

Hearing parental thoughts, views and feedback is so important to us. The powerpoint covering the areas discussed is now [on the school website](#) with some useful links added! All subjects have their own priorities led by a Subject Lead with a Link Governor attached.

Makaton Sign this week

Again, continuing our theme and building on please, thank you and sorry, there are times when the Makaton sign STOP! is a valuable tool for children, particularly at play. We have a range of Stem sentences, created by the children and on display in the playground which children could use alongside these signs.



This Week's Values Assembly Focus

This year marks the 100th anniversary of broadcasting with the first radio broadcasts in November!



**UN Rights
of a Child**



Individual Liberty

With such a huge variety of entertainment available on our screens, we can choose what to watch. We can take some responsibility for our viewing to ensure we have a healthy amount of screen time.



The BBC was the first broadcasting company in the UK and is now 100 years old. We have the right to get information from the internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources.



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

This year, the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) marks 100 years of broadcasting. The first daily radio broadcasts began at 6pm, 14th November 1922. TV hadn't been invented then and it was another 14 years until the BBC started broadcasting regular programmes on television. Lord John Reith was the BBC's first boss and wanted broadcasting to be taken seriously. He said that the BBC should 'inform, educate, entertain' - in that order. Before children's television, there was a children's radio programme that began in 1922, soon after the BBC was set up. It was called Children's Hour and was on between 5 and 6 o'clock every afternoon.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What devices do you use to watch entertainment?
- What do you like to watch?
- Ask others at home, what do they watch now and what did they like to watch when they were younger?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Doodle

Top Doodler in the Whole School :
Freddie (Elm)

Tops KS1 Maths : Freddie (Elm)



Top EYFS : Aine
(Holly)



Top KS2 Maths : Evelyn
(Beech)



Top KS2 English : Dougie (Aspen)



Christmas Unwrapped

Last week year 2 were invited to Christmas Unwrapped at Holy Trinity Church to explore the different elements of the Christmas Story. The children took on different roles from the nativity and created some Christmas decorations based on Christmas symbols. "I loved making a decoration for my Christmas tree of Jesus lying in the manger" Leonard, Elm. "I played Mary and we acted out the moment the shepherds came to visit baby Jesus." Chloe, Chestnut



Cub Worldwide Badge

George (Hawthorn) has been carrying out a Christmas collection for the local Food Bank as part of his Cub Worldwide badge for the past 2 weeks.

He managed to gather several boxes of lovely things to hand over for their Christmas hampers.



What a fantastic effort George, we're so proud of you!

Tag Rugby

Our tag rugby team had their first match on Monday against St Andrews.

The team played really well, winning by 7 tries to 6.

We look forward to competing in tournament's next year.



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
8.12.2022	KS1 & EYFS Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
8.12.2022	PA Christmas Disco
9.12.2022	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15am
9.12.2022	KS2 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
9.12.2022	Aspen Class Cake Sale
12.12.2022	KS2 (Y3,4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church (children arrive at 6pm for 6.15pm start)
13.12.2022	KS2 (Y3,4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church (children arrive at 6pm for 6.15pm start)
14.12.2022	'Drop in and Read' Session - Year 1 - 2.40pm
16.12.2022	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
SPRING TERM 2023	
3.1.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
4.1.2023	Children return to school
12.1.2023	Online Safety Workshops for KS2
17.1.2023	EYFS 'Winter Day'
19.1.2023	Green House Day
20.1.2023	Chinese New Year Mix Up Day & Lunch
6.2.2023 – 10.2.2023	Internet Safety Week
8.2.2023	Parent Pop-Ins
HALF TERM	
20.2.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
27.2.2023	Childnet Online Safety Workshop for Parents (7pm-8pm)

Please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#) as dates are added regularly and occasionally dates may change.