



Newsletter

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Week ending 29th September 2017

Letter from CAST

Earlier this week, you received a letter from Sandy Anderson, Chair of Plymouth CAST, our Multi-Academy Trust to which The Cathedral School of St Mary belongs, along with 35 other schools stretching from Penzance to Poole.

Sandy's letter is in response to a Financial Notice to Improve which was issued to Plymouth CAST by the ESFA last week. I would like to reassure you that The Cathedral School's particular financial situation remains strong, as we have been saving in anticipation of the impact of smaller class sizes across the school.

The Cathedral School has set a balanced budget and we successfully meet national benchmarks for staffing and spending. The Financial Notice to Improve is imposed on the system for central management of CAST funds, rather than on any particular school. The letter from CAST notes that in the medium term there may be an impact on staffing levels across the trust, where there is already overstaffing in schools.

P Cotter
Executive Headteacher



Friday 29th September - Wednesday 4th October

Book Faire The book fair will take place in the school hall on Friday afternoon from 3.15 onwards. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your child, selecting good quality books and products at affordable prices. Can't make it on Friday? Don't worry because the books will be on display either in the hall or the playground (weather permitting) until Wednesday 4th October.

For every £1 spent at the Fair, the school receives up to 60p in free books for the school library



Attendance! Our target for attendance this year is 96.62% Coughs and Cold Season is approaching so remember you can still come to school with coughs and colds - just remember your coat, tissues and water. We will always call home if your child is really under the weather.

Class	Attendance
Class 1	93.26%
Class 2	97.55%
Class 3	93.94%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	94.74%

Classes with 100% attendance will get to choose a packet of biscuits from the biscuit basket.

Now Collecting We will be collecting non-perishable (cans and dried goods) donations from Monday 2nd October. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations

Mufti Day - On Friday 6th October we are having a Mufti Day. Instead of donating £1 to charity we are asking children to donate canned or dried goods to our Harvest Festival collection.

Harvest Festival Please join us for our Harvest Festival mass on Sunday 8th October at 10am in the Cathedral.

* Please Note *

We will not be able to accept the old £1 coins after today (29/09/17).

From next week, please only use new £1 coins if paying cash into school (e.g. Breakfast club).

Thank you!



Care share club

Why not take advantage of our Care Share Club which runs on Monday - Friday at 3:15 - 5pm. It cost £6 per session and includes a snack.

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October 2017. Please book via eSchools. If you are unable to log in please see the school office who will be happy to assist



FoS Events

Thursday 2nd November
School Disco

Friday 1st December
School Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Raffle



Watch this space for further information about each of these events or follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.

We have published all FoS minutes onto our website:
https://cathedral-school.eschools.co.uk/website/friends_of_school

Volunteer to help in school if you have some spare time, we would greatly appreciate your help and involvement in school life. Staff really value support in class, for example by hearing children read. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Whole school lunch

Come and join your child on Thursday 5th October at 12pm for a school lunch. It's a lovely way to see and share your child's lunchtime experience. Order via the office



Assemblies: Join us each Monday 9-9.30am for the children's liturgy and Friday 3- 3.15pm for a celebration assembly.

PE KIT

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for the entire week.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club runs Monday - Friday from 7:30am until 8:45am

Please do not leave your child in the playground or reception before 8:40am as they will not be supervised.

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 14th November. You may bring in younger and older siblings (not in school) from 8:30am to be photographed as a family group. Siblings in school will be photographed together during the morning in school and each child will also be photographed individually. Your child will bring home the proof of their photograph; please read the instructions on how to order. All photographs should be received by Christmas.





Stars of the week

All of our children are amazing but these children have stood out from the crowd and been a little bit extra brilliant this week.

Class 1

Alfie - Being a good friend

Ignacy - For being helpful

Class 2

Sophia - Great start at The Cathedral School

Arif - Perseverance in all areas of learning

Class 3

Lilly Brooks - Being a kind and caring member of class 3

Oliver Krzeczek - Applying himself to his learning in all areas

Class 4

Lilly Gill - Aspiration - Writing her own brilliant story

Fiacre - Independence - Researching interesting facts

Class 5

Junior, Mussab and Owen - Heart - Helping others

Maja and Rihanna - Resilience - Not giving up!



The Cathedral School of St Mary 2017-2018

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February 2018						
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July 2018						
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August 2018						
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School Closed/ Holidays



Bank Holiday



Staff training day school closed



Whole School and Class Masses Autumn 2017

Theme	When	Who	Where
New School Year	Tuesday 12 th September @ 9.15am	Whole School	Cathedral
St Matthew	Tuesday 19 th September @ 10am	Class 5	Classroom
Harvest Festival	Sunday 8 th October @ 10am	Whole School	Cathedral
Our Lady of the Rosary	Tuesday 17 th October @ 10am	Class 4	Classroom
All Saints	Wednesday 1 st November @ 9.15	Whole School	Cathedral
Remembrance	Tuesday 14 th November @ 10 am	Class 3	Classroom
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Tuesday 12 th December @ 10am	Classes 1 & 2	Classroom

Please join us at any or all of our celebrations.

**calling all
volunteer parents...**



Could you help make a difference for young families?

Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support during those early years when children are young. Your experience as a parent can help other parents.

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