

NEWSLETTER



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11th January 2019

Message from the Head of School

Happy New Year! Welcome back to what will hopefully be a fantastic 2019 for all of us. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome during this first week. I've met many friendly faces on the gates in the mornings—please do say hello and introduce yourselves to me.

I've been nothing but impressed by the children this week. Monday's liturgy was very special. The singing was really strong and provided me with a strong sense of family feel here at this school!

Today, I have managed to get to classes where the children had pre-prepared questions ready for me.

We now know a lot more about each other. One question I struggled to answer was, 'Can you do the floss?' Like we ask of the children though, I did have a go!

This week our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a visit to EE in Plympton as part of the Widening Horizons project. Their behaviour and attitude was a credit to our school. Today, we have had an indoor rowing event which generated lots of enthusiasm and healthy competition. All children had a smile on their face—check out our school website for photos of the event. Thanks to Mr Driscoll for organising this.

We also had twenty scooters delivered this week. Over the coming weeks, we will have a plan in place to encourage all of our children to 'scoot around' and stay healthy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week here. I feel part of the 'family' already. The staff have been brilliant at helping me settle in. I'm really looking forward to year ahead.

Have a happy, restful weekend and we will see you all back on Monday morning for another positive week.

Mark Dyson

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Liturgy in School



**Please join us for
whole school liturgy
on Monday at 9.00
am.**

**The theme for our prayer and worship
next week is: Jesus is loved**

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me your Holy Spirit to help me. I want to be more like you, help me today to share your love by being kind to everyone I meet. Amen

School Census Day

On Thursday 17th January 2019 we have to submit all our pupil data to the Department of Education for them to collate and confirm our funding for the academic year. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, even if they are currently under the Universal Free School Meals scheme for key stage 1, please pop in to the office and complete a form.



Due to feedback and popular demand, turkey lasagne will be replaced with beef lasagne from next week. If you have any questions regarding our school dinners, please contact Mrs Langridge at Cathedral.kitchen@catered.org.uk

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Julia Donaldson	88.84%
Roald Dahl	93.57%
Michael Morpurgo	91.48%
David Walliams	95.59%

EveryMinute Counts

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year
5 mins	10 Days
10 mins	7 Days
15 mins	10.5 Days
20 mins	14 Days
30 mins	21 Days

Parent Support Advisor News

I am back in full swing this week! If you would like to arrange an appointment to see me, I am available Mondays 8:30am-3:00pm, Tuesdays 8:30am-4:00pm and Wednesdays 8:30am-10:30am.

I can also be contacted via email:
tcook@maryofthecross.co.uk

Mr Dyson is keen to meet you. We are hoping to arrange a meet and greet session for parents to meet Mr Dyson and get to know him a bit better. When a date has been finalised, we will share this with you.

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th January

School Census Day

Friday 25th January

*Year 5 trip with Widening Horizons,
packed lunch needed*

Wednesday 6th February

*Healthy Smiles assembly with Year 3
and Year 6*

Friday 15th February

Non pupil day

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February

Half term holiday

Monday 25th February

First day of term, 8:30am

Friday 5th April

Last day of term, 3:15pm

Monday 8th - Thursday 18th April

Half term holiday

Friday 19th April

Good Friday

Monday 22nd April

Easter Monday