




Cathedral School News

9th July 2012.



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this penultimate newsletter of the school year, I would like to address some of the suggestions the parent community have made over the past year and how we have worked to address them.

It is always great to receive feedback on ways that the school can further improve. Parent Forum are using these suggestions and comments to form part of the agenda for their meetings, in order to make sure they are representing the views of the whole school community. The school have used your feedback to set priorities for the coming year as part of the School Development Plan which is written by the senior management team at Cathedral School in consultation with the staff, governors and learners. The main focuses are based on a range of factors including:

-  Data
-  National events
-  Priorities identified by the school community

This academic year our priorities were:




-  Maths
-  Reading
-  Geography
-  Olympics

The following chart explains how we have responded to your comments

| Parental Feedback | Developments | Next step |
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| Developing outside space including a place to park scooters and bikes and “using more of the outside space – opening up the space by the Art House or even reconfiguring all the outside space” | The area by the Key stage 1 classrooms is in process of being developed. This work should be completed by September 2012. | Develop Junior playground |
| PE provision including “more sports related club options”, an increase in the amount of PE taught during school, including more competitive sports and “competitive sports against other schools” | A sports coach has been employed to support games in the playground, run an after school club and teach PE to each class over the course of the year. Cathedral School has started to compete in inter-school tournaments. More sports equipment is available at lunchtimes for children to use. | To build on the legacy of the Olympics and the overwhelmingly positive response to the Pop-up Olympics on the Marlborough Playground. PE will be a priority on the School Development plan in September. |
| Clubs – requests included extending the variety of clubs | Parent Forum are currently researching the possibility of | Continue to vary the after school clubs we offer. |

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| available and having a breakfast club and after school clubs every day. | breakfast clubs and after school clubs. School has offered a wider variety of clubs including philosophy club, photography club and a gardening club at lunchtime. | Listen to the findings of parent forum. |
| Some people had suggestions about ways to vary art provision across the school and how to increase Art House use. | Arts Mark Gold gained for the 4 th time demonstrating that Cathedral School's arts provision is outstanding. Art House used to house St Saviours A-level exhibition. | Art House space to be reconfigured over the summer. |
| Reading – give children more opportunities to use the library and update the reading scheme. | The Reading Scheme has been updated. | Continue to monitor the impact of the reading books on children's learning in literacy. |
| Reinstate Mathletics | Mathletics is up and running again. Thank you for all of your positive feedback on this. At least 2 classes have been in the top 50 classes on the website. | Continue to monitor the impact of Mathletics children's learning in maths. |
| An alumni organisation for ex-pupils and parents including opportunities for ex-pupils to come back to share experiences of secondary school and beyond. | School are currently designing an Alumni Area of the website | Alumni page on the website will be active in the academic year 2012 - 13 |
| Homework – sometimes children cannot access the internet at home | A homework club was trialled this term to provide a quiet, purposeful environment where pupils can work on homework set by their class teacher, access to resources including laptops and the internet for research and help and support from an experienced teaching assistant | Key Stage 2 homework club will continue in September |

Many thanks for all of your feedback over the year, it has been much appreciated and has helped the staff and governors to make sure all pupils:

-  receive the best possible education
-  enjoy their time at Cathedral School,
-  continue to be lifelong learners all within the framework of a Christian ethos.

Last Day of School:

Thursday 19th July – 2pm

| | Autumn Term | 2012 |
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| First Day of School | | Monday 3 rd September |
| Half Term | | 29 th October – 2 nd November |
| Last Day of School | | Friday 21 st December |
| Spring Term 2013 | | |
| First Day of School | | Wednesday 9 th January |
| Half Term | | 18 th February – 22 nd February |
| Last Day of School | | Thursday 28 th March |
| Summer Term 2013 | | |
| First Day of School | | Monday 15 th April |
| Half Term | | 27 th May – 31 st May |
| Last Day of School | | Friday 19 th July |

1 INSET Day to be announced
1 Twilight INSET to be announced

Class Assembly dates

Please note that all class assemblies begin at 8.55am prompt. **No one can be permitted to enter the hall after this time. We ask that if you are in the hall that you do not go to the gate to let late comers in as this not only could pose a security risk but is also very off putting for the pupils participating in the assembly.** Also, as class assemblies are an act of collective worship please could you refrain from taking photographs.

- Nursery – 10th July

Leavers Service for Year 6 – 13th July at 9.30am in Southwark Cathedral – All welcome

Cake Sale

On Wednesday 11th July Parents Forum are kindly holding a cake sale in order to raise funds to support the Year 6 residential trip next year. The sale will be in the school hall @ 3.15pm – all welcome

School Dinner increase

The cost of a school lunch will increase in September. The Catering company have tried to keep costs down but have, unfortunately, been forced to pass on an increase to us. The cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.10, per day, per pupil, £10.50 per week.



Stars of the Week



View Online:
<http://www.CathedralPrimarySchool.com/stars>

PE

Nursery

Sofia and Orlando are both always keen to take part in sporting activities. They are able to use a variety of equipment with control and confidence and always persevere when learning new skills.

Reception

Daniela and Oscar have both developed excellent bat and ball skills this term. They are definitely Wimbledon stars of the future.

Year 1

Io and David participated brilliantly in all activities during Sports Week. They really showed fantastic sportsmanship during each event by being able to support and encourage their team members.

Year 2

Lee and Thomas are PE superstars. Both work extremely hard during PE and are enthusiastic about learning and practicing skills.

Year 3

Jed and Nancy have shown great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and skill for all the new activities they have learnt.

Year 4

The whole class have worked hard to develop their teamwork skills. They have all participated with enthusiasm and determination.

Year 5

Esther and Daniel have shown excellent sportsmanship during Sports Week. They have considered how to include and encourage everyone to enjoy and take part in sports and games.

Year 6

Lily and Louie displayed fantastic effort and an excellent level of technical skill during Sports Week. They are great team players and know how to play tactically in competitive team games.

Class Attendance

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| Nursery – 92% | Reception – 93% | Year 1 – 98%☺ | Year 2 – 97% |
| Year 3 – 98%☺ | Year 4 – 98%☺ | Year 5 – 97% | Year 6 – 97% |