

## Advent 2019

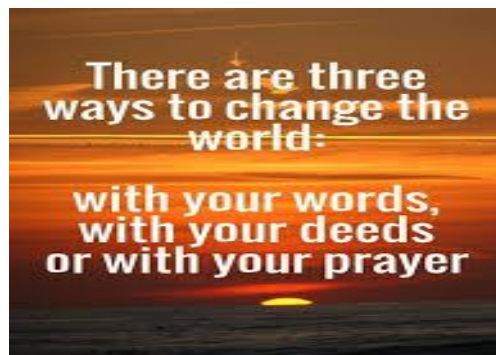
Dear Parents,

### Advent

The children have been learning about the holy season of Advent, a special time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and also at the end of time. The children have been learning about the symbols for Advent and why forgiveness is important.

### Prayer Space

We are very grateful to Mrs Rodriguez for organizing our recent Prayer Space in our new Prayer Room. Look out for the stars on our Mission Tree in our main corridor – children have annotated the stars to show how they will try to shine God's love to others.



### Staffing Update

This Christmas we say farewell to some much loved staff. **Mrs Bunford** leaves us after 17 years of teaching at Christ the King School. Mrs Bunford is looking forward to a rest and new ventures. **Mrs Murphy** is also leaving us after 21 years at Christ the King. Mrs Murphy taught in the nursery for many years prior to training as a teacher for Reception and Year 1. We are grateful to both members of staff for all their hard work and contributions to the life of our school. We also send our fond wishes to **Mrs Bye** who left us earlier this term due to ill health.

We also thank **Mrs Bartos**, our Year 2 teaching assistant for her hard work over the past year and wish her and her family well.

We welcome **Mrs Mellon** as class teacher in Year 1 and **Miss Hart** into our early years teaching team.

### **School Uniform Policy**

The school council have worked on several equality projects over the past year, one of which has been a review of school uniform. From January 2020 it has been decided to allow KS2 girls to have the option of wearing a white shirt and school tie or red polo shirt as they have been. If you decide to go for the shirt and tie option it is important that your daughter knows how to tie her tie independently.

### **Hooke Court**

Year 4 had a very successful trip to Hooke Court, where they were immersed in activities where they experienced what it was like to be a Tudor. They really are quite the experts on; Tudor boats, Tudor cooking, Tudor Christmas, Tudor clothes, Tudor games, Tudor dancing, Tudor plays... The list goes on! The Hooke Court Staff commended our pupils on their engagement and super listening. Well done and thank you to all involved.



### **Mini Vinnies News**

The Mini Vinnies is a prayer and action group that meets Thursday lunchtime. The children are concerned about people in our local community who may not have enough food over Christmas. They are inviting people to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform on Wednesday 18th December 2019, in exchange for some tinned or packet food that we could donate to our local Kinson and West Howe Food Bank.

Thank you all for your generous support. Your kind gifts will be gratefully received by our community.

Mrs Melanie Lord RE Leader

### **Parking**

Please park considerately. We politely remind parents and friends not to park on yellow lines, zigzags, white lines and dropped curbs. We have been informed that parking wardens will be in the area regularly so please bear this in mind.

### **Marvellous Me!**

Please **update your app** with the latest version of Marvellous Me. It delivers new features, improvements and a notification overhaul.

- To get device notification, please toggle the device notifications switch “OFF” and back “ON” again once to activate your device for the new notification system.
- See everything sent from the school in “News”. Filter, sort star!

### **Ofsted Inspection**

Thank you to all parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire last week. The outcomes of the inspection will be made available soon. In advance of this I thank you all for your support. The children really shone!

### **Football**

Our school football team had an incredible 4-1 win against St Walburga’s on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Man of the match went to Robbie. Once again, an incredible partnership at the back too - well done Ethan & Javanni! Next game is against Kingsleigh. Mr C & Mr S



### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you very much for supporting the poppy Appeal again this year. The Royal British Legion has thanked us for raising £184.98.

### **Christmas Events**

Music is at the heart of our school and Christmas gives the pupils and staff the perfect platform to celebrate this. We are very grateful to Mrs Fisher, our specialist music teacher for all the extra hard work and commitment. Thank you to the staff that have supported Mrs Fisher and well done to our pupils. The Early Years pupils and key Stage 1 pupils shone in their recent nativity plays, raising £270. Well done also to our fabulous choir who have contributed so much to school and community life. They sang recently at the PTFA Fayre, Open Door at Cornerstone Church and in Bournemouth Town centre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Carol Service**

Our Key Stage 2 carol service is set to be a joyous occasion – please do make the time to come along and support the children on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in our church.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

What a colourful turnout at school this was, raising an amazing £280 for charity. Thank you all.

### **PTFA**

Thank you to our PTFA committee for organising a wonderful Christmas Fayre. It was great fun community event and lovely to hear the choir sing and see staff, parents and pupils having a fun festive time. Just over £1250 was raised – so well done all.

The PTFA will be holding regular **Coffee Mornings** on the first Friday of the month. The dates are as follows:

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> May
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July

Please do come along to the Coffee Mornings in the After School Club room opposite the Parish Lounge. You will have an opportunity to talk with Mrs Hodge and Mrs Tickel.

### **School Nurse**

The school nurse would like to hold a drop in session on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 between 9 and 10am. If you need advice on anything involved, please call the office to book an appointment so we can work around your needs.

### **Special Educational Needs: information to help**

Mrs Perry, SENCO, writes: If you are concerned your child may have Special Educational Needs, there are a number of ways you can help:

- Try to remain patient and positive. Organisation and remembering things can be hard – break instructions down/give visual clues to avoid overloading their memory.
- In the first instance, talk to your child's class teacher about your concerns/request a meeting with Mrs Perry (via your child's class teacher).
- Come along to one of our coffee mornings for an informal chat/network with others.
- Access the variety of useful links on the following BCP Council website:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/working-in-childcare/early-years-send/other-services-that-can-help.aspx>

### **Health and Safety**

For those needing their child to have the flu immunisation, Catch Up Clinics are being arranged but you still need to register on line.

Any parents having issues completing the consent form can either:

- 1) email [dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net)
- 2) or go to the 'contact us' tab on [www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms)

Drs Surgeries are not carrying out this procedure.

### **Finally**

I wish all of our families, staff and friends a very Happy Christmas, a restful holiday celebrating time with loved ones.

Kind regards

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher