



February 2020

Dear Parents,

We've reached the end of another busy half term and the children are ready for a well-earned break. This half term our pupils have been learning about the values of 'Integrity' and 'Humility'. Our Mission is to behave in the way Jesus taught us. He said: "I have set you an example, that you learn that you are all equal, the Master is no more important than the servant, and that you should behave kindly and humbly towards each other."

Thank you to all parents who attended our recent parent / teacher consultations and to all those who support your child/ren with reading every evening.

Season of Lent

When we return after half term, we will enter season of Lent on Wednesday 26th February. This Church season lasts for 40 days and guides us into that natural need of reflection and thoughtfulness. The children will be given the opportunity to think about what they can do more of to help others or possibly give something up that will enable them to help others. We signify the beginning of this time by marking the cross on our foreheads with ashes- a simple symbol reminding us of that we are all equal with similar needs. The service will be at 2.00pm on Ash Wednesday in the school hall for Y3,4,5& Y6 - parents are welcome to attend. The younger children will have their own liturgy in their classrooms with their teacher. After this event, ask your son/ daughter what their Lenten promise is and maybe we can all help each other through this reflective season.

Hair Styles

Shaved fashion styles are not suitable for school. Please ensure that a minimum of grade 2 is requested when children are taken to the hair dressers. Long hair must be tied back away from the face. Five children have returned to school with short cuts – less than a grade 2 – this is unacceptable and contrary to policy. It is always disappointing when parents disregard our uniform expectations.

Holiday Absence

Although we fully understand the attraction of taking holiday during term time, especially financially, we ask that families avoid doing so as the impact of lost learning time on your child's progress is huge. Absences leaves gaps in learning and can make the difference between a child grasping a new concept or not. This in turn can affect their self-esteem, least not their performance in statutory tests.

During April, May and June all pupils are assessed and those in Years 1,2,4 and 6 take national tests. Any absence during these months will not be authorised as the children need the best chance to be successful. For all other pupils there are on-going assessments that are finalised at the end of June and must be reported to either the Trust or DfE (Department for Education) or both

Attendance

Thank you to all of those parents who have started to email the school, christtheking@ctkcps.com, with reasons for a child's absence due to the phone lines being busy. It really does help.

Attendance Spring 1 Half Term The highest attendance in school this half term was 97.1%, well done to Mrs Melon's Year 1 class! You'll be getting a little treat soon! Overall school attendance for last week was: 95.3% Year R to Year 1	
Class	Attendance %
RGS Penguins	93.1
RD Kingfishers	92.8
1M Swans	97.1
1L Robins	92.4
2S Parrots	95.8
2OA Toucans	95.7
3K Flamingos	96.1
3Y Puffins	95.4
4L Macaws	95.5
4W Owls	96.9
5CP Buzzards	96.0
5A Kestrels	96.2
6S Eagles	96.0
6O Falcons	96.2

Health and Safety

'NUT FREE SCHOOL' REMINDER

Please remember we have children with nut allergies, therefore do not allow any foods containing nuts in your child's school lunch.

Doodle Maths

Congratulations to RB Penguins 2019-20! Based on the last seven days, they are Christ the King Catholic Primary School's top Doodling class.

Jubilee Year

This year Christ the King School is celebrating its diamond jubilee, 60 years since opening on 5th September 1959. The new single form entry school celebrated its opening in summer 1960. We intend to mark this special year in June 2020 where past staff and pupils have the opportunity to join in the Jubilee celebrations.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Safer Internet Day 2020 is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 11th February 2020.

The global theme is 'together for a better internet' and this year in the UK the focus is on how young people explore and express their identity online.

Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place, including you!

Have a look at the tips on how to get you started and help you and your family stay safe and positive online.

Let's create an Internet where we are ...

Free to talk

Talk regularly with your child about how they use technology. Find out how they like to represent and express themselves online, and how being online makes them feel. Listening to your child will give you the best possible idea of how you can support them.

Free to explore differences

The internet is a place where lots of different people can communicate and come together. For some children, the first place they see people who are different to them may be online. For others, the internet may be the one place where they can find people similar to them. Acknowledge the different types of identities your child may see online, and use these to spark discussions around diversity. Talk to your child about being respectful to everyone online, and what to do if they feel their own identity is being targeted.

Free to make the internet work for your family

There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online.

Free to get involved

As parents and carers, it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the internet offers a wealth of exciting and fun ways to explore and experiment with their identity. This might be through the characters they choose on games, the filters or emojis they use on profile pictures, the content they share, or the sites and services they use. Spend some time with your child looking at, or interacting with, the things they do online.

EYFS

Are appealing for role play resources - any small world equipment/figures etc or dressing up clothes that children have now out grown would be gratefully received.

Children First (Catholic Children's Society)

Just a reminder that there is an orange collection box in the office for donations of used stamps, postage cards, coins, old banknotes, costume jewellery, medals, badges, keys, watches, ink cartridges and old mobile phones. Children First are able to raise much needed funds to help Catholic families throughout the Diocese.

Find out how you can help the Catholic Children's Society through their website:

www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

Safeguarding

If, as a parent, you see or hear anything that causes concern for the wellbeing of any pupil, it is always best to report your concerns either in person or by phone. Anything said is treated with the utmost confidence and can result in help being given where it's needed.

Have a good half term everyone and thank you for all your support.

Sports News

from Mr Smith P.E. Subject Leader

Football

We are delighted to announce that our Year 5&6 football team have qualified for two Bournemouth Schools finals! On Friday 24th January, the boys took part in the AFCB football tournament at Littledown Sports Centre and competed against 16 other schools. They played with lots of courage and managed to get all the way to the final and finished runners-up! The boys have also won their football league and have now qualified for the Bournemouth Schools finals day at Sir David English in March. They are having a magnificent season!

Netball

Big shout to our netball team who have won two league fixtures and top their league. They beat St. Marks and Elm respectively and played their final league fixture against Talbot Heath on Monday 10th February.

The team also took part in the Bournemouth Schools netball tournament on Wednesday 29th January. They finished 2nd in their group (winning 3 and drawing 1), narrowly missing out on qualification to the semi-finals on goal difference!

The netball team have also won their last league fixture and have qualified for the Bournemouth Schools Netball Finals at Sir David English!

Cricket

Following our cricket sessions provided by **Chance 2 Shine**, we have been awarded 'School of the Term'. We have been selected out of 20 schools to win the award for the children in KS2's behaviour and attitude throughout the sessions. Well done Ctk!

Battery Collection Point

Thank you to all of you who have already sent in used batteries for recycling.

Keep filling those boxes and sending them in; the children know they are helping the environment in doing this.

Dates for next half term

INSET DAY (no school)	24/2/20
Ash Wednesday Service 2.00pm	26/2/20
Judaism Week	25/2/20
Book Fortnight	2/3/20 to 13/3/20
Mother's Day Service 2.00pm	19/3/20
Holy Week Liturgy 11.00am	3/4/20
Holy week	30/3/20 to 3/4/20
Last day of term 1:30pm finish	3/4/20

Kind regards

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Headteacher