

15th July 2022

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our penultimate week has come to a close. There is so much to be grateful for. Not only the long summer holiday that is just around the corner but also the wonderful experiences that children have had throughout the year.

We are continuing to see a rise in Covid cases and reassure you that we continue to be vigilant in school. We promote good hygiene measures and ventilation in all classrooms. Please note that if your child has a fever, a new continuous cough or a change/ loss of taste or smell then you should visit

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children>

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have an elevated temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Covid Cases

This week there has been 6 cases.

Extreme Heat

We continue to see a rise in temperature into next week. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied, a sunhat and named water bottle. We will ensure that children spend as much time in the shade as possible during playtime and lunchtime. Energetic playtime games will be discouraged during the extreme weather and PE lessons will be modified to take account of the weather.

We noticed a large number of children with sunburn after last weekend. Please do protect your child from the harmful, long-term damage that unprotected sun exposure can cause.

Farewell and Congratulations

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Baczala at the end of this year. She continues her career as a TA in our sister school, St. Mary's! We are incredibly grateful for everything Mrs Baczala has done during her time here at Christ the King and we wish her every success at her new school.

We are also saying Farewell to Mrs Mandale. Mrs Mandale is extremely excited to be starting a new administrative role within the NHS. We will certainly miss Mrs Mandale, she has worked incredibly hard and not only in the office, but also behind the scenes for our PTFA. We are delighted though, that Mrs Mandale will continue her work for the PTFA over the next year. We wish her every success in her new role and we give thanks for the work that Mrs Mandale has done for our school.

Baby News

Huge congratulations to Mr Smith and his wife, who welcomed into the world a baby boy, weighing a fabulous 9lb13oz!

Ice Pop Sale

One of our pupils, Michael in Year 6 is fundraising for a trip to Uganda in 2023 and needs to raise £2000. He will be going with 17 other scouts from the 1st Wessex Scout Group (a member of the British Boy Scouts). They will be helping to build an additional classroom at a school they have already built in a poverty-filled area.

He is looking forward to this trip as he wants to make a difference to children less fortunate than himself.

The sales will be on, Monday the 18th and Wednesday 20th July from 3.15pm and Friday the 23rd of July from 1.30pm outside the main office, Ice pops will cost 50p each – please support this very worthy cause.

Safeguarding

We have a number of children in school who are becoming distressed, and who are experiencing nightmares, from the Huggy Wuggy character. We ask parents not to allow your child to bring in soft toy versions of this character, it is not age appropriate and it is visually traumatising for other children.

Guitar Concert

Well done to our guitarists for their concert today. They performed to an audience of children from Years 2-6 and their parents. Mrs Lord has recorded the concert and a link will be made available for you to watch. There were lots of keen guitarists in Year 2, let's hope some of you can take up the opportunity to learn to play when you are in Year 3 next year.

Summer Concerts

Congratulations to Reception Class, who sang beautifully to their appreciative audience on Tuesday 12th July and also performed a wonderful Little Red Hen Talk for Writing story too! Well done to the Reception TEAM.

Mrs Fisher is currently unwell, so we will keep you posted about the concerts scheduled for next week. We wish Mrs Fisher a speedy recovery and hope she feels better soon.

Please do come and support the children. They are looking forward to performing to you.

Volunteers in School.

If you would like to be a volunteer in school. Please contact Miss O'Sullivan

School Trips

Well done to our Year 6 children who enjoyed a fun-filled residential trip to Butcher's Coppice this week. The children have conquered personal challenges and positively encouraged their peers. These are skills that will serve them well in life and stand them in good stead for their secondary transition. Thank you to all of the teachers involved.

Our Pre School also had a trip this week to Adventure Wonderland. Thank you to all of the teachers and parent volunteers for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Mellon 11+

Thank you to Mrs Mellon, who has been providing some coaching for children in Year 5 who are hoping to sit the Grammar School Tests later this year. Mrs Mellon has also arranged for some children to participate in a maths enrichment afternoon at the Grammar School next week.

Summer Library Reading Challenge

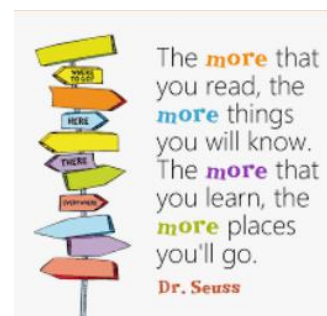


During our Whole School Assembly on Monday, we had a visitor from a local library who explained to the children the exciting theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'. Your child should have come home today with a bookmark containing more information regarding this fun and engaging challenge!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is **Gadgeteers**, created in partnership with **Science Museum Group** and illustrated by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.

This year's theme 'Gadgeteers' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone.

The Challenge and the accompanying book collection will show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities, and the library is where this starts. Through taking part in the Challenge, with free packs from public libraries or on the children's website, children will be able to join six fictional 'Gadgeteers.' The characters use their curiosity and wonder to understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and music.



Children can also join in the fun online, here on the official Challenge website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/about-the-challenge>

As an extra special incentive at Christ the King, we are also going to hold a raffle in September where the children who have completed the Reading Challenge will be able to enter. To enter the raffle, the children must bring in their medal / certificate for the Reading Challenge and they will be given one raffle ticket. The prize is an exciting £25 Smyths voucher!

We can't wait to see how many children have entered the Reading Challenge. Reading really does unlock a whole world of possibilities!

Diary Dates

- CTK Leavers Mass (Y6 parents invited) Tuesday 19th July time 10.45am
- Pre-School Graduation- Wednesday 20th July 10am
- Year 6 Graduation- Wednesday 20th July time 1.30pm
- Last day of term – Friday 22nd July at 1:30pm

Celebration of Learning

Name on the star? Visit the Year 2 spa!! Very proud of their success! Well done year 2



Our Year 6 children had a fabulous time this week at Butchers Coppice, just look at all those happy faces.



Catholic Life

At school, your child is preparing to live and work in a changing, global society.

This term, they have been learning about global justice issues, and put their faith into action in order to build a just and fair world.

Each year group has been learning about a different aspect of our universal church, through scripture, prayer, stories and a range of different activities.

Here you will find a list of the topics for each year group, with a short explanation, and some ideas for activities you could share with your child at home.

A prayer to share with your child:

*Dear God,
Thank you for having a special place in our hearts in school and at home.
Help us to take time to be still,
To know that you are always there,
wherever we are.
Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit
Amen*

Topics

Nursery/Reception: Our World

Learning about the Gift of God's beautiful world.

Ideas for home activities:

Look out for the Fairtrade logo while out shopping. Share ways of saving water at home. Play 'God's Wonderful World'

<http://comeandsee.cafod.org.uk/gww/index.html>

Year 1: Neighbours

Hearing about who our neighbours are and how they share God's world.

Look at a globe and pick out and name some different countries. Look at other children from around the world at

<http://kidzzone.cafod.org.uk/real-life-stories/>

Year 2: Treasures

Understanding the treasure of Creation that is God's gift to us.

Talk about any family treasures. On the way to school, look for examples of God's treasures. What makes them special?

Learn to pray the Gloria together.

Year 3: Special Places

Knowing the special places for Jesus and us as Christians.

Look at pictures of places that have been special to the family. Talk about your child's baptism. Where was it? Why is it a special place? Remember the prayers and promises said there.

Year 4: God's People

Knowing that ordinary

people can be

extraordinary, and that we are all called to be saints.

Y4— Tell your child about an 'ordinary' person whom you regard as extraordinary and explain why. Encourage them to find out about a saint that appeals to them.

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Secondary/resource-pages/Saints-prayer-cards>

Year 5: Stewardship

Learning that we as the Church are called to be stewards of creation.

Y5—Share a special family object. Talk about what makes it special. Make a commitment to do something at home to help care for the world. Play a game on 'Picture My World'.

Year 6: Common Good

Working as Christians for the good of all.

Y6—Ask your child to tell you the story of Oscar Romero. Listen to a broadcast of 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4 at 7:45am.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- New babies and the joy that they bring to their families.
- Musical instruments and the joy of creating music.
- Warm weather, long evenings and the opportunities to explore our local surroundings.

We pray for:

- Our world, that we will be stewards that care for God's creation in all that we do.
- All those who are unwell, we especially pray for absent staff or pupils.
- Our Year 6 pupils who are preparing for their transition to secondary school.
- All pre-school children who are preparing their transition to primary school.

And finally, we wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Kind regards,
Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher

Melanie Lord
Head of School



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