



Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our new school year. The staff team and I are very excited to begin the term, especially after such good SATs results in July 2018.

Our pupils achieved above the national average across the board again this year from Year R, Year 1 phonics through to both KS1 and KS2 SATs. We are very proud of our progress this year especially in maths and reading which were above the national average.

So what makes the difference?

Obviously high expectations both in school and at home make the difference in your child's attainment and progress. This includes high expectations in teaching and also for each child's attendance. We have evidence that children have missed out on their potential and underachieved as a direct result of absence. To this effect we will not accept any holiday request during the months of April, May or June! Every child has one chance at education and each deserves the very best chance of success.

What's New?

Government cuts mean fewer support staff – we still have a strong team of experienced teaching assistants and a few vacancies to fill. Each class will have support for core learning in reading, writing and maths and then additional targeted support for pupils who require it.

Introducing Trick Box

From September we are excited to be introducing 'Trick Box' right across the school from pre-school to Year 6. This is a simple, child-friendly coaching model which helps children manage their own emotional and behavioural changes. We are all too aware that children (and adults) need to develop strategies to develop a positive mind-set and resilience to face the 'ups and downs' of life challenges. We are confident that Trick Box will help equip children with the skills, attitudes and awareness needed for good emotional well-being. Do look out for parent workshops this term which will enable families to find out more. We hope to see you there!

Staffing

Welcome back to Mrs Scott who returns following her maternity leave. Congratulations to Miss Fruilli (Mrs Riggs) and Ms Sweetman (Mrs Rogers) who both celebrated weddings this summer, and also to Mr Smith on the birth of his daughter and Mrs Atkinson of the birth of her son.

Planet Education will be delivering the Games curriculum to Year 2, and most KS2 classes.

Mrs Tickel and Mrs Perry will both be teaching on Fridays this year – the office will manage our diaries should you require a meeting.

Fit Fridays will continue as part of our drive to improve pupil wellbeing – PE kits will need to be in school from Monday to Thursday. Children will wear their PE kit in school on Fridays.

Keyboard Lessons

There are still some spaces available for Keyboard Lessons. These are given by a Peripatetic Teacher Ms Sarah Abbot. Lessons are £60 a term and the fees are payable a term in advance. Do please notify the Office if your child would like Keyboard Lessons. Flute and Guitar lessons are fully subscribed at the moment, but do also let us know if your child would like lessons and they can be put on a waiting list in case spaces become available later on in the year.

Choir

Letters have gone out this week for children to apply to join our School Choir. The Choir is open to all children that love singing from Years 4/5/6. Spaces are limited so children are urged to bring their replies back straight away. Our first Choir Practice will be on Monday October 1st.

Safeguarding and Behaviour Updates

Zero tolerance on bullying – focus on ‘kindness’ and what this looks like. We now differentiate between scripts given for poor learning attitude and scripts for unkindness as this helps us to monitor and track trends in behaviour better and identify any emerging issues quicker.

Health and Safety

Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school!

This includes items where the packaging states it may have been made in an environment where nuts might have been.

Please be considerate when parking outside school and ensure you take care not to obstruct our neighbours' driveways.

Our expectation is that no jewellery is to be worn in school. This includes earrings for both boys and girls especially on P.E. days.

Kind regards

Mrs Clare Tickel

Head teacher

Christ the King Catholic Primary School**Diary Dates 2018-2019**

Date	Event
Monday 17 th September 2.45pm	Meet the teacher Session
Monday 17 th September	Year R commence full time
Thursday 20 th September 2-3pm	School Mass Year 1 – Year 6 TBC
Friday 5 th October times to follow	PTFA school Disco
Monday 15 th October 3.30-6pm	Parent – teacher consultations
Tuesday 16 th October 6-7pm	Year R 2019 Open Evening
Thursday 18 th October 9.30 & 10.30	Year R 2019 Tours
Friday 20 th October	Blue House Feast Day
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October	Autumn Half Term
Monday 29 th October	NO SCHOOL – Staff Training
Wednesday 31 st October	Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 1 st November 2 & 2.30pm	School Mass ‘Feast of All Saints’ Year 1-Year 6 TBC
Tuesday 6 th November 2-3pm	Year R 2019 Tours
Monday 26 th to Wed 28 th November	Prayer Space
Tuesday 27 th November (pm)	M&M Productions ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’
Saturday 1 st December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 3 rd to Tuesday 4 th December	Year 4 Residential to Hooke Court
Wednesday 5 th December (pm)	Choir visit ‘Open Door’

Wednesday 12 th December (pm and eve)	Key Stage 1 Nativity Service
Thursday 13 th December (pm)	Senior Citizens Party hosted by Year 6
Thursday 20 th December 2pm	Carol Service
Friday 21 st December 1.30pm	Last day of term – pick up time Afterschool club information will follow.
Monday 7 th January	NO SCHOOL – Staff Training
Tuesday 8 th January	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 8 th January	Spring Term starts
Tuesday 15 th January 2pm	School Mass Year R – Year 6
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd February	Spring Half Term
Monday 25 th February	NO SCHOOL – Staff Training
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgy TBC
Monday 11 th -Wednesday 13 th March	Lenten Prayer Space
Tuesday 2 nd April 2pm	Stations of the Cross Liturgy TBC
Friday 5 th April 1.30pm	Last day of term – pick up time Afterschool club information will follow.
Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 24 th April	Easter Mass 2pm TBC
Monday 29 th April to Wednesday 1 st May	Year 5 residential to Leeson House
Monday 13 th May to Thursday 16 th May	SATs Week for Year 6
Monday 20 th to Wednesday 22 nd May	Butchers Coppice
Wednesday 22 nd May	Spanish Day
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Summer Half Term

Tuesday 25 th June	School Mass Year R – Year 6 Celebration of First Holy Communion TBC
Monday 1 st to Wednesday 3 rd July	Prayer Space – ‘Moving On’
Friday 5 th July	NO SCHOOL – Staff Training
Tuesday 9 th July (eve)	KS2 Performance
Thursday 11 th July (eve)	KS2 Performance
Monday 15 th to Thursday 18 th July	‘Bikeability’ (Year 6)
Tuesday 16 th July	Choir Outing
Wednesday 17 th July (eve)	Year 6 Presentation Evening
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers’ Mass 9.15am TBC
Tuesday 23 rd July 1.30pm	Last day of term – pick up time Afterschool club information will follow.

