

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### **Christ the King News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are grateful to students from Canford School for volunteering and supporting our community. The students have been tidying the grounds and also for regular help in supporting reading in KS2.

#### EYFS Open Evening

If you missed our Open Evening this week then please do contact the office and book a place on one of our school tours. Due to Covid, numbers will be restricted. All adults attending the tours will be expected to wear a face covering whilst inside the school building.

#### **Arriving On time**

Prompt arrival to school safeguards your child's learning – regular 'lates' build up – 10 minutes every day equates to up to an hours lost each week!

#### Home Learning

Home Learning is part of the home /school agreement that parents sign up to when your child joins Christ the King School. Please do support your child to complete all home learning set and enable them to make good habits that will develop their independence and growth. Please build IXL and reading into your routines so that we can have 100% completion form all pupils.

#### Yellow Zig Zag Markings

The yellow zigzag markings outside school are strictly 'No parking or dropping off zones' It is illegal to park on yellow zig zags even with a disabled badge. These areas should be free of cars during opening hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

#### Class DoJos

All parents in KS1 and KS2 should now be signed up to Class Dojo. The teachers record all rewards and sanctions on class dojo and also send regular messages home to parents. Teachers also post photos and reminders so please don't miss out.

#### <u>Spanish Day</u>

Thank you to Mrs Rodriguez for organising our Spanish Day this week. We especially enjoyed watching our Year 5 pupil, Hugo and his dance partner Flossie. They were **fab-u-lous!** 











#### CtK Parent, Teacher and Friends Association.

The PTFA are having a **mufti-day on Friday 22nd October**. The theme is 'sport' Please can your child come to school in sports clothes of their favourite sport, ie football, tennis, cricket, ballet etc. In return, we are asking for a £1 donation to the PTFA. Every parent is a member of the PTFA.

Thank you to our PTFA for the wonderful new benches - we are thrilled to have 10 new rainbow benches made from recycled plastic. The benches are a visible reminder of hope – rainbows and partnership between parents and school. Also thank you to out PTFA who have recently bought us 4 more bags of Chime Bars, so that now we have enough for every child in a class!



Year 2 learning about Pitch, using Chime Bars.

### Volunteering Opportunities at Christ the King

A message from Mrs Perry: It has been some time since we saw volunteers into school due to Covid-19 restrictions and we have missed them! We need help with reading, supporting children in class, walking swimmers down to Pelhams Leisure Centre (with two Christ the King members of staff), and more! Volunteering provides essential help to schools and other organisations but it can also provide many benefits to the volunteers as well. It really is a great way to help others, develop skills, and meet new people - all great news for wellbeing. If you volunteered previously and would like to help again, or are interested in coming in to be a regular volunteer and want to find out more, please do come along to our Volunteers Meeting on: **Wednesday, 3rd November 2021 at 2.15 p.m.** We will be able to provide further information about the role, provide the documentation you will need to complete for safeguarding checks and outline expectations. We look forward to meeting with you then!

#### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Thank you to everyone who wore green today to raise money for CAFOD – let's hope our contributions help CAFOD to make a difference and build a brighter world.

#### Pre-School

Pre-School places are filling up fast. If your child is turning 3 between Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2021— December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 you should contact the office, complete a booking form and reserve your place as soon as possible.

#### Applying for a place at Christ the King School

BCP still manage our admissions, however we still urge families to complete our school application forms which are available from our office or online. This year our new parents' presentation for Reception 2022 will be held in October and will be recorded and posted on our website. To find out more about our school and ethos please follow the link below and share with family and friends: <u>https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4</u>

## ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY for Peace and Unity in the World 18 October

2021 Year of Saint Joseph



# ABOUT THE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The main aim of the prayer initiative "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" is to show that the trusting prayer of children can fly like an arrow straight to the heart of God and therefore has such great power. The worldwide common prayer of the rosary by children brings many graces upon the world and is a great blessing for families and the Church.

## HOW DID IT START?

The idea for the campaign was born in 2005 in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. While several children were praying the rosary at a wayside shrine, some of the women present had a profound experience of the presence of the Virgin Mary. They immediately thought of Saint Padre Pio's promise: "When one million children pray the rosary, the world will change." And that is exactly what this is all about: trusting in the power of childlike prayer. Jesus teaches us: "Unless you become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt. 18:3).

Over the years since then hundreds of thousands of children have joined in this initiative, and we have received numerous moving testimonies from all over the world. They speak not only of the joy and zeal of the children, but also of how adults, who prayed with them, were themselves touched by grace and have begun to give the rosary a permanent place in their lives.

#### Why on the 18th of October?

October is for the Church in a special way the month of the rosary. On the 18th of October we celebrate also the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist. It is he who has handed on to us the story of Jesus's childhood and, according to tradition, he was closely associated to Our Lady, the Mother of God. So, this is a very appropriate day.





#### Let Us Pray

#### We give thanks for:

- Friends from Spain and south America, for their rich culture and language.
- Students from Canford School for tidying our grounds.
- Year 6 pupils who go swimming each week and the staff who take them.

#### We pray for:

- A pupil in Year 6 who injured his hand this week.
- A KS2 pupil whose grandma died this week.
- One of our parents who is getting married this week.
- Continued health and protection for all in our community from Coronavirus.
- Our local clergy, especially Fr Chacko and those leading our local churches.

And finally, I look forward to seeing you all next week. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel Headteacher

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