



3rd December 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The number of positive Covid-19 cases has dropped slightly this week but is still of concern. Please be aware of the symptoms and if your child is unwell do not send them to school. Please do regular lateral flow tests twice a week as these have picked up several asymptomatic cases within our school and enabled us to prevent further cases. If the school advises you to book a PCR test due to your child being symptomatic, we do strongly advise you do this and report the result to school. Complying is for the benefit of our community and public health.

Several local schools have reported Covid-19 outbreaks – often these have been linked to parties and gatherings outside of school. Please be mindful of mixing before the run up to Christmas - reducing the mixing will reduce the spread of Covid.

Staffing

Any staffing changes for Spring term 2022 will be communicated next week to the classes involved.

Courtesy and Kindness Matter

Our office staff have experienced some unnecessarily unkind and discourteous comments in the past week –please be patient if they are busy or dealing with another parent and work with us to maintain an ethos of mutual dignity and respect. Thank you to the majority of parents who are endlessly kind and compassionate.

Christmas Nativities and Carols

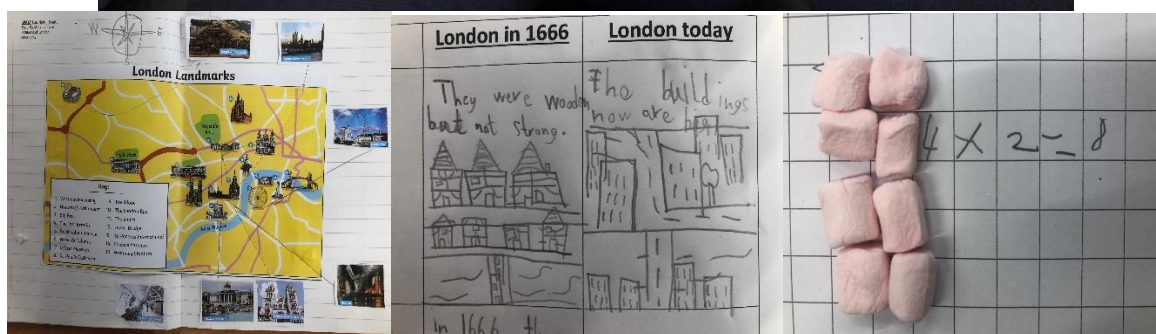
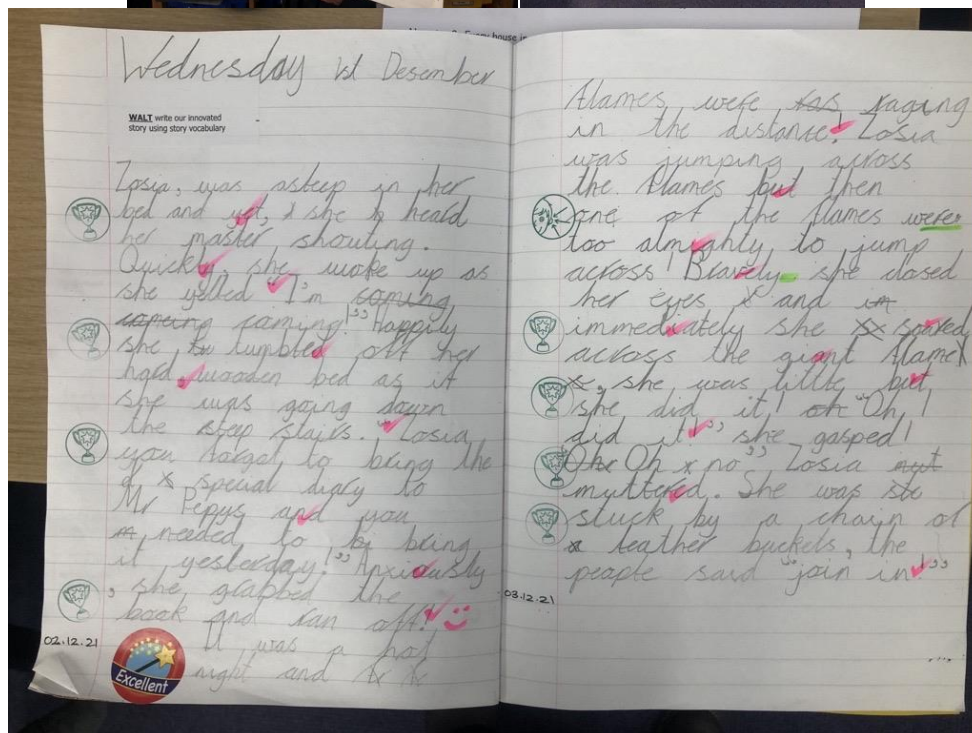
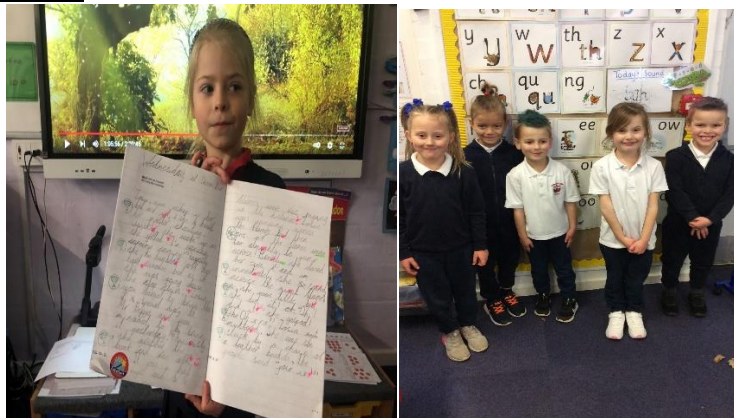
We are delighted that Mrs Fisher is back this week – she is thrilled with how hard the children have worked to practice their Christmas songs and poems. The Nativities and KS2 Carols will be filmed and a video link posted in the newsletters and on class dojos.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of income support, please could you confidentially speak with the school admin team who will assist you in an application for Free School Meals. Although children in EYFS and KS1 already receive free hot lunches, we still desperately need parents to fill in these applications. Once registered for Free School meals we can then access

additional support for your child, funding to support learning, uniform, trip and extracurricular subsidy. Please apply if you are eligible.

Celebration of Learning



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year. Christ the King School raised £345.65 for the Royal British Legion.

PTFA Raffle

Thank you to all pupils who brought in contributions last week for the Christmas Raffle. Raffle tickets have been sent home for you to purchase and there are more available in the school office should you want them. Please return raffle tickets asap and no later than Friday 10th December.



Bags and Book Bags

KS1 pupils should all have a book bag – no ruck sacks in KS1 please as there is not enough room on pegs!

Applying for a place at Christ the King School

BCP still manage our admissions, however we continue to 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 was held in October and 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: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

Let Us Pray



We give thanks for:

- Mad Hair Day – the children enjoyed helping our PTFA.
- The return of some absent staff and pupils.
- The prayers and support of our parish and local churches.

We pray for:

- Staff members who are absent with ill health, that they recover and re-join us soon.
- 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 next week. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

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hope
love

