



10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a joy welcoming back both pupils and parents this week and hearing news of summer *staycations* and family adventures. This year all classes will be using DoJo awards rather than Marvellous Me to communicate your child's successes and news. Please speak with the class teacher if you have any queries regarding DoJos..

### **Access to School**

Thank you for bearing with us this week with our temporary access arrangements. We are disappointed at the delays with emergency tree work, which have resulted in the back gate being locked and back pathway to KS2 classrooms being out of use. We will reopen the pathway and gate as soon as we are reassured that there is no risk and it is safe for pedestrians. The admin team will contact parents to confirm.

### **COVID-19 Guidance for Autumn 2021 from Public Health Dorset**

We continue to follow the DfE COVID-19 advice for schools and will maintain our hygiene and ventilation control measures. Masks are optional in communal areas and will no longer be worn by staff within classrooms. Masks are now optional for all adults on site, but will be requested for visitors invited to attend meetings indoors. Children are no longer segregated within bubbles and clubs and trips will resume this term.

**Do not return to school if you or a member of your household has symptoms of Covid-19: A new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of taste or smell.**

Close contacts of a positive case are exempt from self-isolating if they are under 18 years of age OR have been double vaccinated. Close contacts are advised to take a PCR test but only self-isolate if the result is positive.

### **Pope Francis Urges People to get Vaccinated against COVID-19**

At the recent Bishops Conference, Pope Francis said "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19." He added that vaccines "bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another." Pope Francis goes on to say that getting a covid jab "is an act of love... love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples." The Pope noted that

social and political love is built up through “small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies.” “Getting vaccinated is a simple, yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable,” he said. Pope Francis then prayed to God that “each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love...No matter how small, love is always grand,” he said. “Small gestures for a better future.” *From the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.*

### **Staffing Update**

Congratulations to Mrs Perry, our deputy head teacher, who is excited to take up her first headship in January 2022 at Stanley Green Infant School in Poole. Mrs Perry has worked at Christ the King for 8 years, first as class teacher and Maths leader and then more recently as Special Needs and Inclusion leader and deputy head. It is always exciting to see staff blossom and go on to flourish in their careers.

### **Summer Home Learning**

Please could you child bring their library challenge certificate into school next week so that they can be included in the Reading prize draw.

### **Curriculum Information**

Teachers will continue to send home a half-termly newsletter to parents outlining the topics and learning opportunities for the children. An overview of the learning for each year group will be available on the year group webpage and curriculum page of our website.

### **No Nuts!**

Christ the King School is a **NUT FREE school** – this means that foods containing nut products, even traces of nuts, are not allowed to be included in packed lunches or any food provided on site.

### **Clubs**

We are excited that more clubs will be returning this term. Details should be coming home in book bags.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime				Girls football team training UKS2	Boys football team training UKS2
After school (Indoor)	Choir	Sparkle Dance KS1		Sparkle Dance KS2	
After school (Outdoor)	Planet Ed. Multi-Sports Club KS1 (Yr. 1&2)	Planet Ed. Multi-Sports Club LKS2 (Yr. 3&4)			Planet Ed. Multi-Sports Club UKS2 (Yr. 5&6)

### **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: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

### **Let Us Pray**

#### **We give thanks for:**

- A happy first week in school.
- Mary's birthday and a chance to celebrate important women in our lives.
- Our new reception pupils and families who started this week.
- New staff who have settled into our school family this week.
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#### **We pray for:**

- A happy and safe academic year 2021-2022 with many smiles and many achievements to celebrate.
- Continued protection for all in our community from Coronavirus.
- The souls of the departed, especially the grandmother of a pupil in Year 2 and in Year 4, and the grandmother of a pupil in Year 3, may they rest in peace.
- The continued health and support of our clergy, especially Fr Chacko.

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

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher

*faith*  
*hope*  
*love*

