

Summer Term Newsletter 17.6.20

Dear Parents,

We have all safely arrived at the end of another school year, not the one we expected, but certainly an eventful and memorable one.

Jubilee Week

Happy birthday Christ the King School!

We have all enjoyed the final week of term celebrating our diamond jubilee. Thank you to the teachers for all planning some fun activities ranging from art and craft to jubilee bake offs and Jubilee songs. Please do continue to send in any photos of activities completed during Jubilee week so that we can post them on our Diamond Jubilee page on our website.

Please do take a look at our Diamond Jubilee page on our website. Here you will find a video with photos of the school from 1959 to present day – you may see some of your family relatives – I know I did! The backing track to the video is sung by a group of our Year 6 pupils, written and conducted by Mrs Fisher, our talented music teacher.

You will also find the 'Guess Who' video with photos of staff who once attended Christ the King School as pupils – have fun guess who the past pupils are!

Golden Assemblies and Videos

Thank you to Mr Cooper, our IT leader, and other staff who have posted assemblies, events and lessons on line this term. It is fun to look at our website to revisit some of the memorable moments this term.

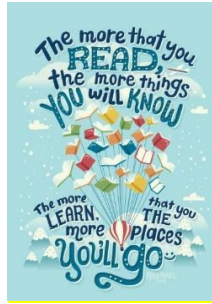
Summer Home Learning

Please encourage your child to continue reading and practising recall of number facts over the summer break – this will really help them catch up in the Autumn term. To motivate the children, we have organised some summer challenges with the incentive of winning an Amazon voucher of £10.00. Children will earn a raffle ticket for the prize draw on completion of the challenges.

1. Maths (Doodle Challenge)
2. Library Reading Challenge

In addition to these other summer home learning will include:

3. Research your class bird
4. TT Rockstars battle KS2
5. Year group specific task



Transition Videos

Please share the transition videos on the classes page of the school website with your child – they will enjoy watching their new teachers showing off their new classroom, entrance and exit doors, and so much more. We hope it will help to ease some of the anxiety about returning to school.

Transition to Secondary School

We wish all of our Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to their secondary schools. This year we have pupils moving on to 11 different schools! We are so proud of the Year 6 pupils. Despite missing so many traditional leavers' activities and treats they have left the school full of integrity and pride in their achievements. Thank you to the PTFA for buying ice-cream for the leavers and to all the parents who joined us for their graduation via Zoom and their walk of honour. Each child was awarded a 'Values Trophy' in recognition of their gifts. The following pupils received the annual prizes:

Dan Cunningham Cup – Ethan Bebbington

English Prize – Kian Tiney

Maths Prize – Robbie Corbin

Sports Prize – Grace Montague

Music Prize – Jessica Newman

Well done to all of the pupils. You can see many photo memories of their final few weeks on our ctkcps twitter feed.

Transition to Primary School

Transition video and presentations (power point) have been posted on Tapastry and on the admissions page of our ctkcps website. We very much look forward to welcoming our new Year R pupils on 7th September when they start part-time. Thank you to all the pre-school parents who joined our pre-school graduation via Zoom – it was a delight to see the children singing along together.

Local art and culture reopening

All socially distanced and many issues to come; but there are signs of life in BCP Culture and Art family again, which may be worth sharing with your staff especially in arts, crafts and cultural subjects.

- Russell Cotes Reopening
- Poole Museum
- Bournemouth Odeon

Opening in September possibly (booking still being taken for later events in some cases):

- Shelley Theatre
- The Lighthouse Poole
- The Regent Centre Christchurch

Community Food Support

For further details on local community food provision across BCP, please visit <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/News/News-Features/COVID19/Find-help-or-help-your-community/How-to-get-help/Food.aspx>, to link to information on:

Community fridges: these are not means tested and residents in the local area are able to get access to fresh food via the fridge.

Pantries and social supermarkets: These include small membership fees or require a referral to use them so you will need to check directly with the individual provider. They provide an opportunity for residents to have more food choice than a food bank but at a reduced cost.

Cookery classes: Free/affordable cookery classes available over the holidays.

National Healthy Start vouchers: a free weekly voucher scheme for families with children under 4yrs old that provides credit towards the cost of fresh milk, frozen fruit and vegetables and infant formula milk; to apply call 0345 607 6823

BCP Children's Centres will be open throughout the school holidays and are available for families with children of all ages if they need support in accessing food.

Google Classroom

The trust has made the decision that all trust schools will use Google Classroom from September 2020. We will continue to use eSchools until Google Classroom is up and running.

Social Distancing

Please be vigilant over the summer break and minimise social interaction as much as possible, especially in the fortnight prior to return to school. We need to minimise the risk of bringing the community back together in September and we need your help in achieving this.

Reminder from the School Nursing Team

Do you have concerns about any aspect of your child's health or well-being? If so, our School Health Nursery Nurses are available to provide you with information, advice and guidance in relation to a number of issues such as:

- Emotional wellbeing including anxiety about returning to school
- Friendships
- Healthy eating, weight management and physical activity advice
- Parenting
- Bed-wetting and toileting
- Hearing
- Behaviour

If you would like to speak to a School Health Nursery Nurse, please email us at dhc.snadmin.bmth@nhs.net for Bournemouth, dhc.snadmin.poole@nhs.net for Poole or dhc.snadmin.christchurch@nhs.net for Christchurch, providing us with your telephone number as well as your child's name and school, so that we can call you back. If you would prefer an Attend Anywhere video appointment online instead of a phone call, please let us know. This will need to be booked in advance. We will do our best to call you back within two working days.

For more information and guidance, please visit the Dorset HealthCare website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk and search for the School Nursing webpage.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SERVICE WILL RESUME AGAIN ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER – PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT ANY REQUESTS SENT DURING THIS TIME MAY NOT BE RESPONDED TO UNTIL SEPTEMBER

IMPORTANT: If you have an urgent medical concern or any COVID-19 query, you will need to speak to your GP or ring NHS 111

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for the school year 2019-2020 and all the memories that it holds.

We especially thank God for:

- Our Diamond Jubilee Year of our school and all past pupils and staff of Christ the King School
- Our successful Ofsted and acknowledgement of all that is good and special about our school.
- Our Year 6 pupils, many of whom started in our nursery 9 years ago, we thank God for all of their contributions to school life and give thanks for the wonderful young people that they have become.
- The staff and teachers who have worked hard throughout an extraordinary year to ensure the safety, continuity, learning and calm for all of our pupils.
- The pupils and parents who have been heroes during this year, taking on remote home learning with commitment and earnest.
- The keyworker parents within our community who have worked throughout the past few months and entrusted the care of their children to the school.
- Our clergy for their continued prayers and contribution to our parishes.

We pray for all of our families and the months ahead as we hope for certainty and an end to the pandemic.

We especially pray for:

- Our school leavers, that God blesses each and every child who is moving on to secondary school, that they continue to grow in faith, hope and love.
- Our graduating pre-school pupils, that they all have a smooth transition into primary school in the autumn.
- Staff moving on, for Mrs Ray, Mrs Yusuf, Mrs Melon and Miss Hart and Mrs Lee, that God blesses them in their future ventures.
- Our most vulnerable families who are struggling either financially or emotionally or both, that our community digs deep and seeks to notice and support our neighbours.

Thank you again for the support you have given your children in their learning this year. It certainly has not been the year we expected! In some ways, however, it has been an opportunity to reflect, to engage in creative new ways of working and time to declutter our lives. The staff and I thank you all. We are in admiration of our parent body for the support given to home learning, for your support and patience with the school as we have all adapted to new routines and a new normal.

I wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,
Clare Tickel

Headteacher