



17th September 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children and staff have enjoyed getting used to their new routines over the past week and already the gentle rhythm of school life has returned. We apologise for the inconvenience to parents and local neighbours this week as the back gate has continued to be locked due to outstanding tree works. Much of the work has now been completed and we anticipate confirmation that the area is safe imminently. A text or email will be sent out as soon as the Trust approve this.

Handwashing

Handwashing is a key control measure in our fight against Covid-19. Children continue to wash and sanitize hands regularly at school – please ensure they practise this same habit at home. Public health and NHS advice is that hands should be washed for 20 seconds each time.

Break Times

Please ensure your children has a water bottle in school that we can refill with water throughout the day. KS1 have free fruit snacks provided. KS2 pupils may bring in a fruit snack if they wish.

Parking

We have had several complaints this week from local residents that parents have blocked driveways with cars or parked on the yellow zig zags. There are no exceptions and everyone must please park considerately.

Summer Home Learning

We have extended the return of library summer challenge certificates by one week to enable children to be included in the Reading prize draw.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
Swimming for UKS2 non swimmers	Monday 20 th September
Year R start full time	Monday 20 th September
Harvest Mass	Monday 4 th October
Spanish Day	Tuesday 12 th October
Open Evening for Reception 2022	Wednesday 13 th October
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 20 th October
Parent Consultations	Thursday 21 st October
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th October-Friday 29 th October
Staff Training Day	Monday 1 st November
Feast of Christ the King Mass	Thursday 18 th November
Prayer Space	Monday to Wednesday 22 nd -24 th November
EYFS and KS1 Nativities	Wednesday 1 st December
KS2 Carol Services	Wednesday 8 th December
Christmas Choir	Tuesday 14 th December
End Day of Term	Friday 17 th December
Spring Term Starts	Tuesday 4 th January
Spring Half Term	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February
Staff Training Day	Monday 28 th February
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 2 nd March
Year 5 Residential Leeson House	Wednesday 23 rd -Friday 25 th March
Lenten Prayer Space	Monday 4 th -Wednesday 6 th April
Stations of the Cross Liturgy	Thursday 7 th April
End of Term	Friday 8 th April
Summer Term Starts	Monday 25 th April
Easter Mass	Thursday 28 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
SATs Week	Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May
Laudato Si Week	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th May
May Procession	Friday 27 th May
Summer Half Term	Monday 30 th May-Friday 3 rd June
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th June
Pentecost Mass	Thursday 9 th June
Corpus Christi Liturgy	Thursday 30 th June
School Closed (in lieu of Queen's bank holiday)	Monday 4 th July
Pre-School Graduation	Wednesday 20 th July
Year 6 Graduation	Wednesday 20 th July
Leaver's Mass	Thursday 21 st July
End of Term	Friday 22 nd July

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>

Open Evening for Reception 2022

This term we are hoping for a face to face open evening at school on the evening of Wednesday 13th October. In addition to this we have a selection of open tour dates for prospective parents to join. Due to Covid-19 these will be conducted in small groups and adults will be asked to wear a mask and advised to take an LFD test prior to the visit.

Open Tours will be on the following dates:

Monday 18th October 10am

Friday 5th November 10am

Friday 5th November 1.30pm

Monday 15th November 10am

Friday 19th November 10am

Friday 19th November 1.30pm

Since numbers will be limited please email or phone the school office to sign up to one of the above: Karen.mandale@ctkcps.com More dates will be provided if required.

Holidays

Following the disruption of the past 2 school years we encourage all families to avoid taking holidays during term time. From March onwards every learning moment in school matters as we lead up to end of EYFS, Year 1 phonics, end of KS1 and KS2 assessments and SATs. Assessments continue from May until the end of June – no holidays will be authorised during this time.

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.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- The good will and patience of all who have been inconvenienced by the closure of the school back gate.
- Learning this week – lots of use of the outdoor environment!
- All those praying for our school, especially our local churches and parish.

We pray for:

- Pupils in KS2 who will be embarking on swimming lessons next 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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