

14th January 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. Over the past two weeks we have enjoyed getting to know some new pupils and staff and sharing stories of time spent with loved ones over the Christmas break. The pupils have returned to school with renewed vigour and enthusiasm and I am hugely impressed with their learning attitudes and behaviour. You should be very proud of your children!

Thank you to all parents for working with us to maintain our **Covid-19 Control Measures** and for testing your family with LFD testing kits at least twice a week. The small number of families who have done this have helped to prevent outbreaks in some classes due to early identification of asymptomatic cases. Please do not send your child to school if they have a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell. The new variant symptoms have tended to be headaches, upset stomachs and cold symptoms. If your child has any symptoms you should still book them a PCR test as soon as possible.

Following the news that I will be Executive Headteacher of Christ the King and St Mary's School in Poole from February half term I would like to reassure you that I will very much continue to lead our school and be a visible part of our community.

Spring Term Dates

Term starts on Tuesday 4th January 2022 – class times will remain the same as Autumn 2021.

Half Term: Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022

Monday 28th February is a staff training day

Last day of Term: Friday 8th April 2022

Staffing Vacancies

We currently are advertising for two midday supervisors and for an additional teaching assistant. Both adverts can be found on our website under 'About Us' then 'Job Vacancies'

Car Parking

We have had several complaints already this term about parents parking on the corners of roads and blocking safe pedestrian access – this has been the case both at the back and front entrances to site. Please do not park on pavements, block driveways or park on corners obstructing pedestrians.

Uniform Policy

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform for PE – navy blue tracksuit bottoms only instead of blue shorts.

Pupils should not wear accessories such as large bows or wear nail polish. Haircuts should be a minimum of a grade 2 with no shaved patterns please.

Safeguarding

From January 2022 our Designated Safeguarding team are:

- Mrs Lord – DSL
- Mrs Hodge – and Mrs Tickel – Deputy DSLs
- Miss O’Sullivan and Mr Smith – Assistant DSLs
- Mrs Hammond-Forge – Attendance social Worker

Catholic Life Update from Mrs Lord

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ended for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 10th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as ‘The Light of the World’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us.

It is wonderful to see how our Mini Vinnies put faith into action. They had been discussing, ‘See, Judge, Act’. At a time when it was very cold outside, they were moved to help the plight of the growing number of homeless people on the streets of Bournemouth. These boxes were thoughtfully and generously filled with personal care items and gifts. St Mungo’s Homeless Charity were exceptionally grateful to receive the boxes and delivered them to the recipients before Christmas Eve. Our Mini Vinnies hope to make this project even bigger next year!



Dates from the Church’s calendar:

- 25th January Conversion of St. Paul 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes
- 28th January St Thomas Aquinas 17th February Ash Wednesday
- During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Celebration of Learning





Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- For the Christmas break and the time spent with loved ones.
- The feast of the Epiphany – Christ visible to the wider world.
- The safe return to school of those in our community.

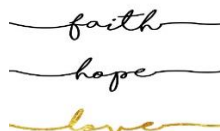
We pray for:

- A happy and safe term ahead and opportunities to
- Continued health and protection for all in our community from Coronavirus.
- Our local clergy, especially Fr Chacko and those leading our local churches this Christmas.

And finally, I look forward to seeing you after the weekend.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher



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