



15th November 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The DfE requested that schools in areas with high positive Covid 19 cases implement enhanced control measures from 1st November until 12th November; this was to try to curtail the rising number of positive cases. Due to the continuing rise in cases this week within schools, BCP area have been directed to continue with enhanced measures for a further fortnight, starting Monday 15th November. This week we have seen a rise in the number of positive cases throughout the school, **therefore we need all parents and families to support us in protecting our school community from outbreaks or possible closure.**

Please reinforce the importance for hand washing, social distancing and cleaning regimes with your children at home. If you could also routinely do family lateral flow testing this will help identify cases early. We still plan to go ahead with our Christmas events, however, if cases continue to rise, we will inform you of any changes from 29th November. Thank you for your support.

Enhanced measures include:

1. No changing for PE on site.
2. Regular cleaning and hygiene measures – practise routines of handwashing and wiping surfaces at home please).
3. Limit mixing of groups and halting gatherings beyond a single phase.
4. Seating plans for older pupils
5. Adults wear face coverings within communal areas of the school and outside at transition points.
6. **Parents on site wear a face covering at all times**
7. **All families encouraged to do regular LFD tests Monday before school and again midway through the week.**
8. Any child or adult who is symptomatic isolates immediately and books a PCR test.
9. Symptoms include: fever, loss of taste and smell, new continuous cough. Recent symptoms include: headaches and upset tummy.

House Captains and Values Ambassadors

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils this year. All pupils are working towards earning their Values Ambassador badge – we encourage the pupils to demonstrate values such as compassion, humility, kindness, justice, etc.

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice House captains this year:

Green House: Lola and Santi

Red House: Ludo and Evana

Yellow House: Greety and Louise

Blue House: Jacob T and Mordecai

Christmas Nativities and Carols

The dates of the Christmas events have been put back as a result of staff illness and to give the children a little extra time to prepare.

Wednesday December 8th - Pre-school and Reception 10.00am / Year 1 and Year 2 at 2pm

Thursday December 16th - Year 3 and Year 4 at 10.00am / Year 5 and Year 6 at 2pm

Venue will be in the Church

Attendance

The pandemic has caused significant gaps in our children's education and in order to accelerate and enable them all to catch up we need to improve attendance across the school –most especially those arriving persistently late. We can only achieve this through partnership and a commitment to attendance so that we can provide the best education for your child. Children who are persistently late miss invaluable learning time that they don't catch up on. Any attendance due to Covid -19 is recorded and would not trigger involvement with our school education social worker.

We have also seen a rise in **late pick-ups** recently. Please ensure you pick your child/ren up on time as teachers and staff have other commitments and meetings after school - they then miss these if they are looking after children. Children taken to the after school club due to late pick-ups will incur a child care cost.

Music Mark

Congratulations to our Music department and Mrs Fisher whose excellent contribution to Music at Christ the King School has been recognized with the Music Mark Award. Thank you to Soundstorm for nominating our school to become a Music Mark School. They have recognised the value that Christ the King School places on music and that our pupils are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Soundstorm Music Hub commented that *"Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated."* Well done to Mrs Fisher and all the pupils!!



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 was held in October and the recording has been 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>

The deadline for applications on line through BCP or Dorset is 15th January 2022. Please also submit a supplementary Information form if you are applying using the faith school criteria. These may be sent directly to the school.

Snapshots of learning this Month



Remembrance Day

Thank you to Year 6 pupils who led our school in a Remembrance Service on November 11th 2021 via a virtual assembly - they also represented Christ the King School at the Remembrance Service in Kinson. We are very proud of each and every pupil – living out our values of compassion and kindness.



PTFA Fundraiser

Fund raising by our PTFA is invaluable as this money helps to subsidise school trips and buy extras to enhance our children's experience at school. The rainbow benches that the PTFA recently bought have certainly brightened up the playground and are well-used during break times. On Friday 26th November the PTFA are organising a Mad Hair day in exchange for items for Rainbow Christmas Hampers. More detail will go out next week.

Children in Need

The School Council have organised a Pyjama Day on Friday 19th November in aid of Children in Need. Year 3 are out on a school trip on this day so they may wear Pyjamas on Monday 22nd November instead.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Time to reflect and remember, to show our gratitude to those lost in the wars.
- The good health and wellbeing of those in our community.
- Our local clergy, Fr Chacko and Rev Shirvill, for the leadership they show during this season of remembrance.

We pray for:

- All those suffering with Covid-19 at the moment.
- All those suffering from depression and anxiety.
- Continued health and protection for all in our community from Coronavirus.
- Our local clergy and those leading our local churches.

Kind regards,

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