

## **Autumn Newsletter (1)**

*Learning together in faith, hope and love*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We are very excited about the learning opportunities this year and the teachers have spent many weeks preparing the curriculum to ensure your children are excited about their learning and that their needs are met. Welcome also to our new families and pupils who have joined the school this term. We hope that you settle into our school community quickly. Please do ask the staff if there is anything you need to know.

### **Reading Challenge**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Library Reading Challenge. Every child that presents their Reading Challenge certificate to the office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September will receive a raffle ticket. The prize draw will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The children are very excited about the possibility of winning a family ticket to Paulton's Park for taking part!

### **Reading**

This year we aim to further develop a genuine love for reading at Christ the King. It is our mission to ensure that children read well and experience the joys of being able to become completely immersed in a good book! Please fully support our school policy by ensuring your child/ren read five times a week. Please also encourage other family members to help your child thrive in school, through their reading.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to all pupils who have returned to school with correct uniform, sensible school shoes with laces or straps and smart hair styles. All hair accessories must be in school colours (red / navy) and small bows only. Long hair on boys and girls must be tied back, no braids and no shaved hair styles (grade 2 minimum please).

### **Safeguarding**

Please ensure you communicate home collection routines to the class teachers so that they know the regular faces for picking up children. Any changes in pickup must be reported in advance of home time to either the office staff or class teacher. We do authorise Year 6 pupils to walk home alone with permission from parents. We expect parents to deliver / collect all younger aged children from their classrooms please.

### **Health and Safety**

You will have noticed our new electronic gates on the drive. Please ensure that you and your child / ren follow the advice given below:

- Never walk up the vehicle access road
- Not to let children go through the gap in the fence immediately inside the pedestrian gate
- Not to walk in the road/drive at any time
- Encourage children to walk along the path to the zebra crossing and not to cross at either end of the black fence
- No children should be touching the vehicle gate at any time

### Mobile Devices

Only pupils who walk to school alone should bring in a phone to school. These must be handed to the office staff on arrival at school and collected from there at 3.15pm.

### Staffing Update

Welcome to Mrs Shutler who joins the Early Years team this term and will be teaching Year RBS on Thursday and Fridays each week. Mrs Shutler is an experienced teacher and is excited about getting to know the children at Christ the King School.

Last term we said goodbye to Mrs Amy Gorral (Temporary TA) and Mrs June Symonds (TA / Inclusion). Both were grateful for the words of farewell last term and pleased to have the opportunity to thank you for your support. Mrs Symonds especially made a huge contribution to our inclusion team and meeting the needs of some of our most vulnerable pupils. Mrs Symonds has commenced a degree in social work this term and we are thrilled that she is furthering her career in helping the wider community.

We were also sad to say farewell to Mrs Christine Barrington over the summer. She has moved onto a new and exciting role as (Pastoral Support Worker) PSW at a local all through (Primary to Secondary) school. Mrs Barrington has been a regular face at the end of the drive for many years and shall be greatly missed by our community. Mrs Barrington started out as a class TA and then developed her skills as a PSW over the past eight years; in doing so she has helped many of our most vulnerable families. Mrs Barrington writes, *"I have absolutely enjoyed being part of the team at Christ the King School and will miss you all, along with the dedicated and hardworking staff. It is a very special community and I hope that your children will be happy and thrive during their time here. If I could leave you with one thought, if you see someone on their own, maybe looking a little lost or sad, please say 'hello' to them or offer them a helping hand."*

We wish all our staff, new and old, every best for the coming year. We all have great aspirations for your children and hope that you will continue to work in partnership with us to enable them to be the best that they can be!

### Vacancies

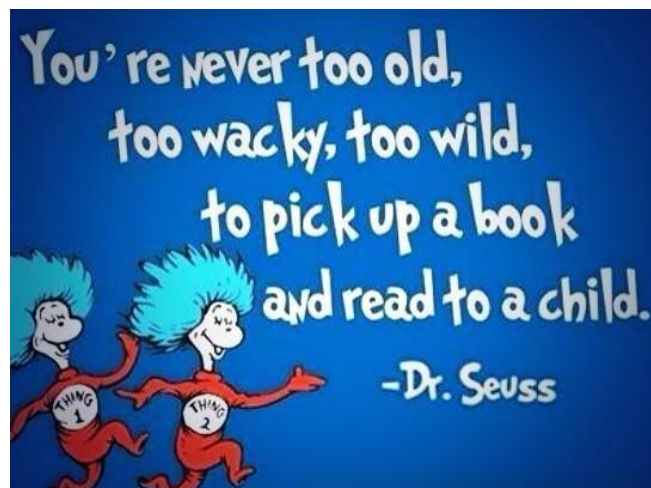
There are currently two posts advertised to commence this term: Pastoral Support Worker and maternity cover for Mrs Riggs, Pre-school leader.

### Catholic Life

Please do make every effort to come to our school liturgies this year. Your presence is always appreciated by the staff and pupils and helps to communicate to the children that we all value the church ethos within our school.

### Books

Thank you to all our parents and families who have donated books to our library. If you have any good quality books that your children have grown out of please do donate to school.



### Swimming

Year 4 non-swimmers have the opportunity to swim each Monday afternoon this year. In order to make this happen we urgently need more volunteers to help. If you have the time available on a Monday afternoon to help with swimming please give your name to the office team this week.

### Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Times allocated	Year R Start Part Time
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.00pm	New Year Mass
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.45am	Year R start full time education
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	2.30-3.00pm	'Meet the Teacher' (Not Rec Classes)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	2.15pm-3.00pm	Year R parents' reading and Phonics Workshop
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	2.30-3.00pm	'Look and See' – all parents welcome to come into class to see their child's learning (Not Rec Classes)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.45am-9.45am	Year R parents Coffee Morning with Head and PTFA
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30pm	Harvest Liturgy in hall
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.00-7.00pm	Year R Open Evening for admission 2020
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am	Tour for Year R admissions 2020
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	All day	Individual Child Photos
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct- Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Mon-Fri	Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Staff Training Day – School closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.45am	Children return to school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	Remembrance Liturgy– Year 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am	Tour for Year R admissions 2020
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Author Visit – Maz Evans
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	All day	First Sunday in Advent
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Advent Prayer Space
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	EYFS Nativity (Pre-School and Year R)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	EYFS Nativity (Pre-School and Year R)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30	Choir to Open Door
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm and 6.30pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Elderly Citizens Community Party – Year 6
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	End of Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	-	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	8.45am	Children return to school – Spring Term Feast of the Epiphany
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2pm	New Year Mass

If you need a quick word then please do stop and chat when you see me by the school gate. If you need a confidential chat or would like to make an appointment then please speak with Mrs Mandale, PA to the head teacher

Kindest regards

*Clare Tickel*

Headteacher