



10th December 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I want to emphasise my thanks to all members of our community, pupils, their families and our dedicated staff.

The situation regarding COVID-19 continues to be challenging for our school, with absence levels being higher than usual for both staff and students. The staff have worked incredibly hard to face these challenges to ensure continuity for your children. I am very impressed with how positive the behaviour for learning has continued to be throughout this term. Messages about specific teacher absence will be posted on class dojos, but we hope to see more pupils and staff returning to good health next week. As we know, COVID-19 can affect people in different ways – if you are concerned that you or a family member may be suffering from long COVID please contact your GP.

BCP Council and Public Health South West want us to keep our enhanced measures in place for the rest of term, this is a sensible and measured approach given the high number of cases both locally and nationally.

Virtual Pantomime

Thank you to the PTFA who have funded a virtual pantomime for the children again this Christmas.

CJI Clothing Shop

CJI will be closing for Christmas Holidays at 5pm on Tuesday 21st December 2021. They will not be open again until Tuesday 4th January

Last week of term

Please check on tapestry or class dojo for the date of your child's Christmas party. They may wear festive clothes on that day, including Christmas jumpers – please, however, ensure they still wear warm clothes. The class teachers will share details of party and if they need to bring anything.

Last day of term – **please note the staggered finish times below** – Children may wear their festive clothes / Christmas jumpers again on the last day of term should they wish.

The finishing times for the last day of this term, Friday 17th December 2021 are as follows:

Pre-School 11.45am (no lunches)

Reception Classes 1.15pm

Year 1 1.30pm

Year 2 1.30pm

Year 3 1.25pm

Year 4 1.25pm

Year 5 1.20pm

Year 6 1.20pm

Christmas Nativities and Carols

A huge well done to the children and staff who worked incredibly hard to create magical nativities again this year. Despite all the absence and Covid restrictions they did a fantastic job. You may enjoy these nativities by clicking on the links below:

<https://youtu.be/1jjcGAeMdtU> Pre-School & Reception Nativity

<https://youtu.be/gfplxiUJ-AA> Years 1 & 2 Nativity

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of income support, please could you confidentially speak with the school admin team who will assist you in an application for Free School Meals. Although children in EYFS and KS1 already receive free hot lunches, we still desperately need parents to fill in these applications. Once registered for Free School meals we can then access additional support for your child, funding to support learning, uniform, trip and extracurricular subsidy. Please apply if you are eligible.

Celebration of Learning

Well done to all year groups for your fantastic writing, maths and topic work this term. I especially enjoyed looking at the Year 2 houses as part of their Great Fire of London topic and the clay models from Year 3.





PTFA Raffle

Thank you to Jake and Laya for selling an amazing 32 raffle tickets.

The draw will take place Tuesday 14th December and winner will be informed in due course.

Bags and Book Bags

KS1 pupils should all have a book bag – no ruck sacks in KS1 please as there is not enough room on pegs!

Applying for a place at Christ the King School

BCP still manage our admissions, however we continue to 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 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>

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Our PFTA who continue to support our school with fundraising.
- The return of more absent staff and pupils.
- The prayers and support of our parish and local churches.

We pray for:

- Staff members who are absent with ill health, that they recover and re-join us soon.
- 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 next week. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

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