



25th June 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff are now in full swing with May and June being our end of year assessment periods. Please ensure you contact the school if your child is unwell and you need to keep them at home. The office staff are having to chase absences each day so it would really save us a lot of time if you could phone the office and leave a message.

Please be mindful that if you, your child or a member of your household is symptomatic of COVID-19 then you should stay at home and book a **PCR test**. The **Lateral Flow Test is not to be used if you or your child has symptoms**.

If a positive result is received PHE now recommend a PCR test for all close contacts.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- There is some evidence that the Delta variant can present as a heavy summer cold.

If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab), not a lateral Flow test, to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still infect others. This is why everyone is advised to get tested regularly.

Musical Instrument Lessons

Please see the very end of this newsletter for information and a reply slip regarding instrument lessons for September.

Courteous Language

We are disappointed to report that some of our community have experienced some abusive language including swearing and rude remarks from a tiny minority of parents. Discourteous and offensive language is not permitted on the school grounds as it sets a very poor model for our pupils and causes upset to those that witness it. Verbal threats will be reported to the police as this will not be tolerated.

Online Payment System

All payments are now to be paid in line with school policy using the [SchoolMoney](#) online payment service, this ensures that we are now officially a cashless school which is in line with trust expectation. Thank you for your support.

School Events

All school trips and events this term are risk assessed to ensure they meet the demands of the government guidance for management of COVID-19 in schools. Transition events for Year 6 to secondary and Pre-School to Reception have been cancelled and we will work with all providers to ensure a smooth transition for our pupils. Our Reception staff will visit the pupils in their own settings (CtK Pre-school and The Orchard) and meet outdoors. Secondary schools are forwarding alternative arrangements to schools this week.

We have thoroughly reviewed Government, BCP and CAST guidance prior to planning any summer events. Our decisions are based upon the need to maintain the Health & Safety of the community whilst balancing our own capacity to implement controls that mitigate these risks.

Sports day will be an in-school event only this year. Graduation events for Year 6 and our Pre-School take place after 18th July so we are still hopeful that those events will go ahead for parents without restrictions.

Summer Concerts – *Yipee, these are going ahead!* We invite 1 parent per *family* in each class to a socially distanced, ticket only event which will be steward managed with allocated seats only. More details will follow.

Non Uniform Day in Support of The Catholic Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who supported the non-uniform day to celebrate the **feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga on Friday, 18 June 2021** by **wearing yellow, blue and white**. £161.60 was raised for the Catholic Children's Society and will go towards helping disadvantaged children within our diocese.

Summer Safety

Please send your child to school in uniform suitable for the weather. Our weather is so unpredictable and all pupils should have a rain coat or mac. Please apply sun-cream to your child before they start school each day and send them in with a sun hat or cap to wear at playtimes on sunnier days.

Hair-cuts – please ensure no shaved cuts or patterned shaving styles please – save these for the start of the summer holiday.



Head Lice

Please continue to be vigilant and check your child's head on a regular basis for head lice or nits. Combing your child's hair once a week with a nit comb and conditioner will help keep these pests at bay. Loose hair is more likely to make a child prone to picking up head lice – it is best to tie long hair back to reduce this likelihood.

Parent Feedback

Below are more of the responses from our recent Parent Questionnaire:

. Teaching and learning in school is good.

[More Details](#)

● Strongly agree	58
● Agree	63
● Disagree	5
● Strongly disagree	1
● Unsure	5



. Homework is at the right level for the age of my child.

[More Details](#)

● Strongly agree	33
● Agree	74
● Disagree	12
● Strongly disagree	1
● Unsure	12



At school there is a clear complaints procedures and we ask that if you have a concern you talk first to the child's class teacher or phase leader / SENCo. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, then you should make an appointment to speak with the headteacher. Only after consulting with the headteacher should complaints be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

Our complaints procedure and policy is on our website for all parents to follow should that need to. It is our hope and aim that open communication and a prompt dialogue should enable solutions to all problems. We teach that love should go hand in hand with 'action' and should not be passive.

9. Staff and children have good relationships.

[More Details](#)

Strongly agree	59
Agree	67
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1
Unsure	4

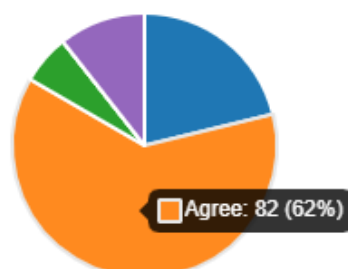


10. Pupils are well behaved.

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Strongly agree	28
Agree	82
Disagree	8
Strongly disagree	0
Unsure	14



11. Bullying is dealt with effectively

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Strongly agree	20
Agree	55
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	1
Unsure	49



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 was held virtually in June and will be 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>

Celebration of Learning

Year 2 mixing tones to paint backgrounds for lighthouse paintings.



Year 3 have been learning about bees, linked to our topic of plants. We have looked at the importance of bees in pollination and explored different ways we can help to save the bees. One of the ideas we had was to raise awareness of their endangered status. We have painted our own bees onto rocks, created posters and used our values to state what we will do to give justice/show compassion and kindness to the bees. We have made our own bee garden to help raise awareness



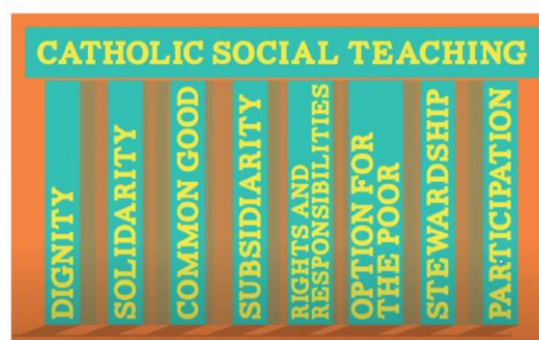


Our children have loved exploring the new playtime equipment.



Catholic Social Teaching

And in the light of **Catholic social teaching**. 'The principle of **subsidiarity** is a **teaching** according to which a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions, but rather should support it in case of need. *Pope Francis, September 20, 2016*'...together we want to give voice to all those who suffer, to all those who have no voice and are not heard.'



Let Us Pray

Parrots class designed a flying butterflies card to send good wishes to Fr Chacko.



We give thanks for:

- The sunshine and rain of the past week and the good attendance
- The small acts of kindness - the simple hello, thank yous and smiles we receive each day.
- New playground toys and equipment for playtimes.

We pray for:

- Fr Chacko who is unwell at the moment – may he get well soon.
- All who are unwell especially two staff members who are unwell at the moment.
- The soul of all we have lost and gone before us. May they rest in peace.
- Our priests and local clergy.

And finally, I wish you and your families a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

faith
hope
love



Music



Instrument lessons for September

These will be available for years 3 – 6 in September. As we weren't able to offer instruments lessons last year, priority will be given to older children. However, if children can't be offered a lesson for September, they will be put on a waiting list, so please do register your interest if your child would like a lesson and will be in KS2 in September. For Flute and Keyboard, lessons are £60 a term for a weekly shared lesson. 10 lessons are guaranteed a term. For Guitar the termly fee is £54, but for only 9 lessons a term. Lessons can't be made up if your child is absent from school. Fees are payable a term in advance. Lessons are given in school time.

When a child starts learning an instrument, we would expect them to make a commitment to carry on learning for the year, with regular practise being a part of this. Only under exceptional circumstances should a child "give up". Please therefore discuss this with your child before requesting lessons. However, if for any reason your child did have to stop lessons, a half a term's notice would need to be given, with the following half term's payment needing to be paid.

The following lessons are available:

Guitar.

This is taught by a Peripatetic teacher Mr Peter Nuttall. Children will need a $\frac{3}{4}$ size Guitar and a footstall.

Keyboard

This is also taught by a Peripatetic teacher Mr Keiran Marshall. Children use the school keyboards for their lessons but will need a full sized keyboard at home to practise on.

Flute

These are taught by Mrs Fisher. Flutes can often be bought 2nd hand. Please feel free to ask for advice if you would like it. Flautists would normally support our School Worship by playing for our Masses when they have reached a certain standard. They can also be entered for exams for the Associated Board for the Royal Schools of Music.

If you would like lessons, please either print the form attached at the end of this newsletter or write the information required on a piece of paper and return to the office by **Wednesday July 7th**, when lessons will be allocated. Please add your e mail address so that the teacher can contact you directly. Please print your e mail address very clearly - they can be notoriously difficult

to read! The teacher will endeavour to get back to you before the end of term, so that you can be looking out for an instrument in the holidays if your child is offered a place.

Lessons will be offered again in September, if any spaces remain unfilled.

If your child is already having lessons, it is presumed they are continuing in September, unless you inform us otherwise (unless of course they are in Year 6!).

Instrument lessons

Please return this form by Wednesday July 7th, when lessons will be allocated.

I would like my child..... who at present is in year to have

FLUTE Lessons in September

Please note - you do not need to fill in this form if your child is already having lessons.

Signed (parent / guardian)

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I would like my child..... who at present is in year to have

Guitar Lessons in September

Please note - you do not need to fill in this form if your child is already having lessons.

Email address

Signed (parent / guardian)

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I would like my child..... who at present is in year to
have **Keyboard Lessons** in September

Please note - you do not need to fill in this form if your child is already having lessons.

Email address.....

Signed (parent / guardian)