



29th April 2022

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and many opportunities to enjoy some family time together. We were certainly blessed with the gorgeous weather that we had, it gives us so much to be grateful for. It has been fantastic to welcome back all of the children who are clearly ready and enthusiastic to embrace the many learning opportunities that lie ahead.

New COVID Guidelines from CAST

Despite a national ease of restrictions Covid-19 is still prevalent within our local community. Please do continue to be cautious and protect yourself and others by following government advice. You can check out the latest government advice here at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. In school we continue to promote regular washing of hands, cleaning of touchpoints and ventilation of learning areas.

Covid Cases

This week there has been 2 cases.

Uniform

The children are welcome to wear summer uniform. The summer dresses need to be pink (not red) gingham. Children can wear white socks with summer dresses in the summer term. Children may continue to wear their winter uniform throughout the summer term if they prefer. Boys in Key Stage 2 may wear a red polo shirt if they prefer.

Please remember that any hair bands and hair accessories need to be in school colours – **no large bows** please.

Reporting an Absence

Please call the main office on 01202 574277 to report any absences, there is also an answer machine that can take your message if your call cannot be answered, this is regularly monitored. Alternatively, please email christtheking@ctkcp.com - please do not message the teachers directly.

Playground and equipment at the end of the day

A reminder please to parents, that children need to be supervised as you leave the school premises. Please also note, that school equipment and the KS2 playground are used by After School Club. We request that you leave the school grounds as soon as you have collected your child. This will enable us to maintain safe supervision of pupils attending after school clubs who access the outdoor play facilities after 3.15pm.

Recycling

We are so impressed with our children in Year 2 who were inspired to recycle plastic after their 'Plastic Fantastic' topic last term. Just look at how much has already been collected! It is great news that all of this plastic has been saved from landfill and will instead, go on to be turned in to new items! #Laudato Si.



Emotions and Wellbeing

TrickBox is used in school to help children understand their emotions and to find positive ways to support their mental health. Ask your child to tell you about the Trick they have been learning this week.

Prayer and Liturgy

We celebrated Easter in our whole school Mass today which was led by Fr. Babu. Children from Key Stage 2 classes led different parts of the mass beautifully. We are so grateful to be able to come together as a whole school to worship and we look forward to inviting parents to join us at our next mass which is on Thursday 19th May at 10.45am - we will be celebrating '**Laudato Si**' (Praise be to You): our care and concern for our world – our home.

UKRAINE Food Collections

You may have read on local social media, that the people in Ukraine are in desperate need of food. The Castlepoint Collection Centre has now re-opened and they are receiving donations. As always, we encourage our parents to donate any contributions to the church lobby area. Mr Brej regularly takes these donations directly to the Castlepoint drop off.

The Ukrainian people are in desperate need of dried, packet, LongLife and tinned food. Please do help where you can.

CASH FREE School

A reminder that we are a CASH FREE school. If you have problems paying on line please TALK to the office as often problems are simple to rectify.

TIKTOK

Can we please remind parents that all children in our school are too young to have a TIKTOK account. The minimum age is 13. If you are permitting your child to use TIKTOK on another account, this should always be supervised. There have been reported problems of inappropriate messages being sent between children this week. We will be arranging the Safer Community Police Team to come in and talk to children about appropriate behaviour online.

Celebration of Learning

We are grateful to the teachers again this week for their hard work in planning exciting and engaging learning experiences for the children.

Year 1 started their Green Fingers' Topic this week. They came into school to find some Super Vegetables taped to the tables! Today, they designed and created their own Supertato or Super Carrot to help defeat the Pea!



Year 2 loved responding to lyrics and music written by Abi from Sound Storm, What a treat! They loved this! Thank you for the music ... 🎵 🎵 🎵



Summer Term Reminders

- Summer uniform – but pupils may wear their winter uniform on cooler days
- Closed toe shoes only.
- Bring in a named sun cap and a light weight coat – all labelled.
- Apply sunscreen before children come to school.
- Plenty of fluids for hot weather (water only – we can refill in school).

Values Assembly Dates - Parents are invited to join us, please see dates and times below, following the assembly, you will be invited to see the children's work in their classes.

Day	Year Group	Assembly Time AM	Year Group	Assembly Time PM
Thursday 18 th May	5	9am		
Monday 23 rd May			Year 4	2:15pm
Tuesday 24 th May	6	9am	Year R	2.15pm
Wednesday 25 th May	3	9.15am	Year 1	2.15pm
Thursday 26 th May			Year 2	2.15pm

Diary Dates

- Half term- Week beginning Monday 30th May
- INSET Day Monday 6th June
- Laudato Si Fortnight Monday 16th May- Friday 27th June
- Sports Day Friday 8th July. Reserve date, Monday 11th July
- Summer Concerts:
 - Year 3, 2pm on Tuesday 28th June
 - Year 4, 2pm on Wednesday 29th June
 - Jubilee Concert Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 5th July

Statutory Assessments

Please support your child by ensuring they have a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep. If you are concerned that your child is struggling to sleep or breakfast routines can be challenging then please talk to your child's teacher or our pastoral team including Mrs Hodge, Mr Smith and Mrs Lord.

Grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills

This can be a worrying time for many families, as we find out that fuel costs are increasing. The Citizen's Advice link below has a wealth of information about the support that is available.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

Catholic Life

Eastertide is **the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday**. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.



Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Our teachers and the work they do to create exciting learning opportunities for our children.
- A Bank Holiday and a long weekend that will give us time to spend with our families.
- Music, for the joy it brings to everyone.

We pray for:

- People in our world that do not have enough food to eat.
- Peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia.
- People who are struggling financially.

And finally, I wish you and your family a wonderful long weekend. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Kind regards,

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Head of School

