

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your partnership again this term and all the best to all of our families for a restful Easter break. I expect many of you are looking forward to meeting up with friends or families and possibly even getting a haircut soon. Whatever you choose to do, please keep safe and be mindful to continue to social distance. Please keep to the government rules for mixing with other households over the break and avoid all gatherings or making unnecessary trips.

### **Hot Meals**

After Easter we are resuming hot meals for pupils in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. Please look out for the new menus being emailed out this week. Pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue with the packed lunch options.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

A few parents have reported a problem with the link for our online questionnaire – please bear with us as we resolve this. Please take the time to complete our parent questionnaire. We really value your feedback as part of our service to you and aspire to be the best that we can be for our pupils.

### **Uniform**

After Easter our expectation for uniform will be back to normal and all pupils should wear school shoes (not trainers) with their main uniform. PE uniform must also follow our school policy. Pupils will continue to wear PE uniform to school on their PE days and on 'Fit Friday'. Summer dresses may be worn after Easter by the girls – please ensure you buy a 'pink' check.

### **Easter arrangements for track and trace**

If a member of your household develops symptoms within the first week of the holiday it is essential that you email the school at [covid@ctkcps.com](mailto:covid@ctkcps.com) as the DfE expects schools to inform Public Health England.

### **Be COVID Safe**

Thank you to the majority of parents and carers who continue to support our request to wear a face covering on the school premises. Over the past week there has been an increase in the number of parents and carers not wearing a face covering. We do realise that this may be inconvenient, but this measure is in place to keep all the school community safe.

### **CAFOD**

Thank you for all donations. We raised £192.99 last week which will all go to support disadvantaged children overseas.

### **Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges**

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital that staff and families keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. If your household are accessing the free COVID-19 lateral flow test, then please:

test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)

- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school for the summer term, ideally the night before.

### **Celebration of Learning**

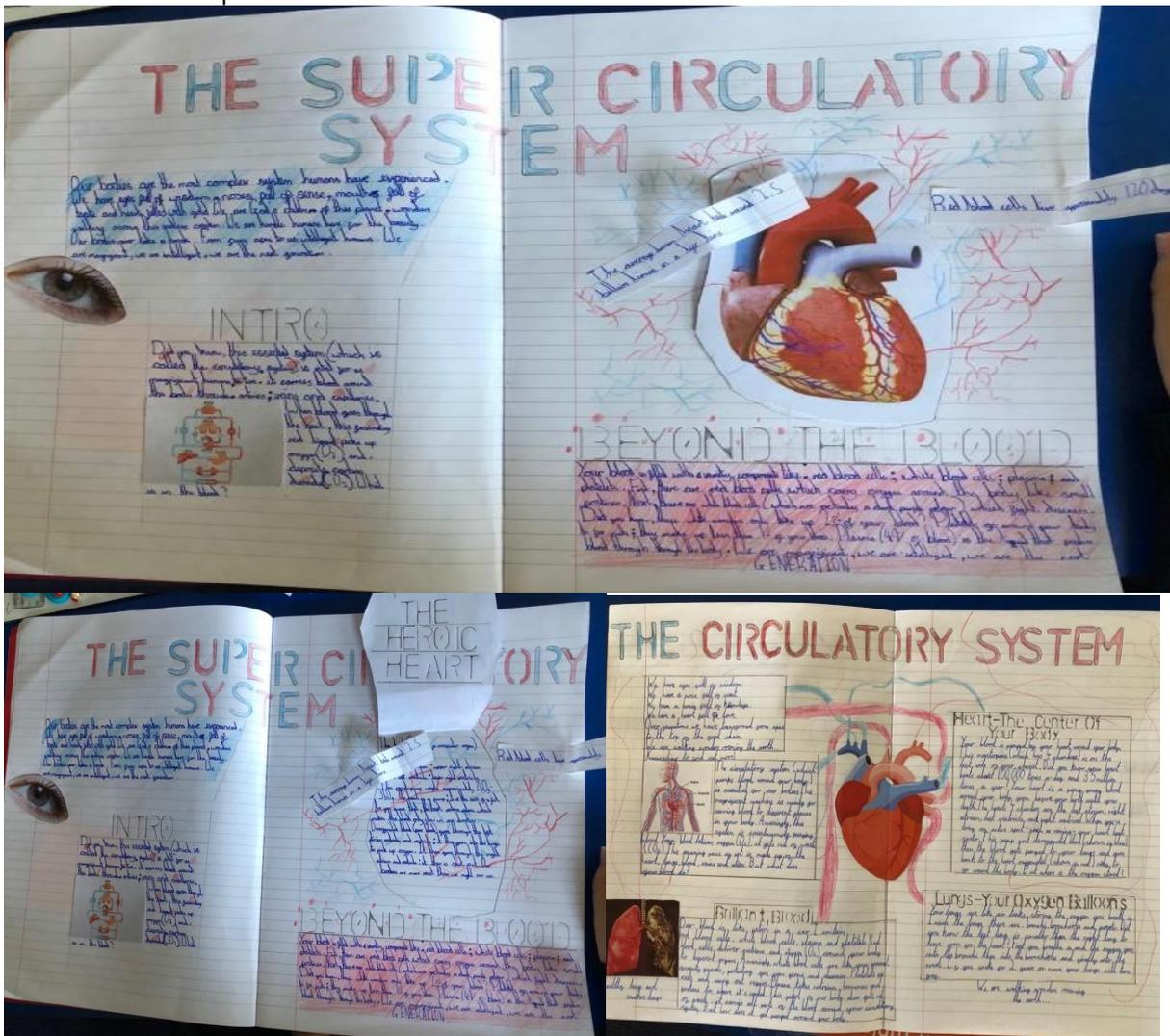
Year 1 had their Royal Day last week to end their Enchanted Land topic where they learnt about castles and Kings and Queens! The children learnt to draw crowns and made their very own crowns! They also made a place mat for their Royal Lunch this week, Year 1 have also been practising ball skills in PE - catching small balls and learning to shoot into a goal.



Year 6- sketching skills linked to self-portraits. This week, we worked on the eye.



Year 6 Fantastic writing linked to our lockdown learning on the circulatory system. Here are some finished red book pieces



Year 6 Easter hunt



Year 3 observational drawings of flowers.





Year 4 Easter Hunt. They had to find all the pieces of the picture and put them together as a team to win their prizes. Year 5 Ancient Greek Puppets- Maja with her creation of Perseus!



### Instrument lessons.

Like many things, our usual pattern for Instrument lessons in **Flute, Guitar and Keyboard**, had to be adapted during this past year. Normally, lessons would be open to children in Year 3 and above. However, this wasn't possible last September as lessons had to be delivered in either smaller groups in the case of Guitar, and individual lessons in Flute and Keyboard, rather than shared, resulting in there not being the time available to offer lessons to new children.

We are really hoping that in September we will once again be able to offer the chance to being learning an instrument and details, of lessons available and charges will be sent out next term.



Year 2 musicians having fun with Boomwhackers, to help learn about Pitch and Rhythm.



**A message from Mrs Lord, our RE and Catholic Life leader:**

**Holy Week**

In these uncertain times where we can't control whether we will be able to go to Mass or not, you might like to take time at home to remember the events of Holy Week.

It starts with **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus is welcomed triumphantly into His own holy city of Jerusalem. Later in the week, **Maundy Thursday** marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum (the three holy days) and when the disciples shared the Last Supper. That night we remember Jesus in agony in the garden and we try and spend some prayer time keeping Him company. Then follows His betrayal, arrest and cruel trials which continue into **Good Friday**: Jesus' final passion and death on the Cross. **Holy Saturday** is the quiet day of the three holy days. Then there is the climax of joy, as the Church celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead! 'Alleluias' resound throughout the Liturgy and continue on until Ascension and Pentecost.

Ten:Ten have produced 4 audio reflections which you can listen to as a family.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/holy-week-reflections/>

1. The Last Supper (Maundy Thursday)
2. The Arrest (Maundy Thursday)
3. The Trial (Maundy Thursday / Good Friday)
4. The Crucifixion (Good Friday)
5. **Prayer**

Father God,

Thank you for the grace of Lent.

Please help us in our Lent adventure to pray more.

Help us to stop doing some things so that we are free to go out to others with acts of service.

Show us how best to prepare for Easter.

Amen

Wishing you all a very Holy Eastertide, God bless you all. Mrs Lord

### **Let Us Pray**

We give thanks for:

- That all in our community have completed the Spring term – we give thanks for all the new learning this term.
- Those within our community whose small acts of kindness often go un-noticed.
- The warmer weather and the opportunities to learn in our school outdoor grounds.
- Our risen Lord Jesus.

We pray for:

- The on-going health and protection of our community.
- A safe and happy Easter break for all in our community.
- Families mourning the loss of a loved one or feeling the pain of separation.
- Those who are unwell, especially a parent, a pupil and one of our governors.
- Those who have recently died, may their souls rest in peace.
- Fr Chacko and all of our priests and local clergy.

**And finally**, I hope you all manage to enjoy the Easter break. Easter blessings on you and your families.

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher

*faith*  
*hope*  
*love*

