



Summer 1 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who ensured their children were in school on time last half term. A special thank you to all Year 6 parents who delivered their child to the SATs breakfast club on time during SATs week. The Year 6 pupils celebrated the end of their formal tests with pizza and a residential trip to Butchers Coppice. A special thank you goes to all staff who work so hard during the summer term to ensure testing and 'special work' is carried out in a stress free environment. Our pupils' mental health and well-being is paramount and we take great care to ensure the children are confident, relaxed and continue to enjoy school - statutory testing is necessary but only measures one dimension of your child's education. Assessments continue throughout the month of June for all pupils so please ensure your child attends school daily.

Attendance

Thank you to all of those parents who have started to email the school, christtheking@ctkcps.com, with reasons for a child's absence due to the phone lines being busy. It really does help.

Staff News

Mrs Scott, (Y3W) has commenced her maternity leave and we wish her well for the imminent birth of her baby.

Hot Weather

Please ensure your child bring a sun hat / cap and a water bottle to school daily during the summer term. Please also ensure you apply sun cream to your children before the start of the school day.

Uniform

We take our school uniform policy very seriously. Please note that the school summer dresses are pink – red school dresses are not to be worn at school. Shoes must be closed toes all year round.

PE uniform is listed on our website and regular reminders are sent out that no sports logos are allowed other than the CTK logo! Persistent disregard of this policy will not be tolerated.

Hair Styles

Shaved fashion styles are not suitable for school. Please ensure that a minimum of grade 2 is requested when children are taken to the hair dressers. Long hair must be tied back away from the face.

Parish Links

Please look out for Fr Chacko, our Parish Priest, who will be popping into school on alternative Fridays.

Pre School

If you have a child who is turning 3 between April 1st and August 31st 2019, then for Reception places 2020, please call into the office for the paperwork.

Spanish Day

What a delightful turn out of colour on our Spanish Day which was held on Wednesday 22nd May. The children had the opportunity to dress up in Spanish costume or in red and yellow, as they are the colours of the Spanish flag! Children worked on the project "The Day of the Cross" - a big celebration in Spain. Photos of the marvellous crosses each class decorated will be posted on our website for everyone to admire; we also had an assembly where the children presented their class decorated cross. I can assure you that it was a very special day for all. Thank you Mrs Rodriguez, for organising the day.

Music News

We have some lovely events coming up in the second half of the Summer Term.

On **Wednesday June 5th**, we have a practitioner coming in from our local Music Hub "Soundstorm" to teach our Year 5 and 6 children how to compose music on iPads using a special app "Garageband".

On **Tuesday June 18th**, our Year 5 children will be visiting the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to see a special Schools Concert by the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**. Year 5 are learning about the music they will hear and also learning a song and Body Percussion piece to sing with the orchestra.

Our next big event is our "**Music for a Summer's Day**" Concert on **Friday June 21st at 1.30pm and 7pm**. This will feature our School Choir, Flautists, Guitarists and a Year 5 Recorder Group. Tickets are available from the School Office, priced at £3 for adults, £1 for children.

On **June 25th**, we have a first for our school! We are having a visit from a Norwegian School Band "**Korsvoll Skolekorps**". They are coming to give a concert to our children and tell them a little about life in Norway. We will then be giving them a little performance by our Flautists and after they have had lunch, will be showing them around our school. We are looking forward to this very much.

On **Wednesday July 10th**, our Year 2 children will be visiting the "**Open Door**" club at the Cornerstone Church, Holloway Avenue, to present a play "There's a Sunflower in my Supper" to the elderly people there. More details will be sent to Year 2 nearer the time. We hope to be able to do a performance to parents too.

Our KS2 Summer Show "**Porridge**" will be held on **Tuesday July 9th at 7pm and Thursday July 11th at 1.30pm and 7pm**. This is a very entertaining show that the children are working very hard for and that we are sure you will enjoy. Information about tickets will be sent out at a later date.

Walk to School Week

Thank you for supporting Walk To School Week. The children were very excited to tell about their start to the day, one has even walked around the block before school a few times daily!

School Meals

www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk .

You can order your children's meals up to the end of October 2019.

This is very useful as if you fall behind with your orders; it takes a minimum of 2 weeks to get back on track.

If you have any questions or issues accessing the website, please contact Chartwell's on 01202 691030 or email the team at BPDadmin@compass-group.co.uk

Resources for lunchtime

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children are all enjoying sunny days together on the field. We have a quiet area for those who like to read at lunchtime. If you have any books you would like to donate for lunchtime play, please do bring them in to the Office. We would also love some small world play resources, such as wooden doll's house with furniture or a garage with cars; if your child has grown out of these, we would be able to make good use of them in school.

Reception

If anyone is getting a new kitchen, would you consider donating the old cupboards to Reception for their outdoor play area? See Mrs Bunford or Mrs Davies.

Also if anyone has any off cuts of wood that would be suitable for our children to use for hammering nails into, we would appreciate that.

Children First (Catholic Children's Society)

Just a reminder that there is an orange collection box in the office for donations of used stamps, postage cards, coins, old banknotes, costume jewellery, medals, badges, keys, watches, ink cartridges and old mobile phones. Children First are able to raise much needed funds to help Catholic families throughout the Diocese.

Find out how you can help the Catholic Children's Society through their website:

www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

Battery Collection Point

Thank you to all of you who have already sent in used batteries for recycling.

Keep filling those boxes and sending them in, the children know they are helping the environment in doing this.

Health

If your child is feeling under the weather, has toothache, pains etc but insists on coming to school, please can you provide pain relief to the office just in case it's needed?

Trick Box



This month's trick is '**Mirror Miirror**'. It encourages children to be positive about their personal qualities and recognise they can be good friends to themselves! Do please encourage your child to talk about and use the tricks they are learning in school.

Dogs

School sites are not for dogs.

"It shall be unlawful to bring a **dog** onto the **grounds** of any **school**, regardless of whether the **dog** is restrained by a leash, chain, rope, cord or similar device"

Dogs shall be **allowed on school grounds** as an exception to this section under the following circumstances:

1. Is a registered hearing or sight dog and we have received a letter warning us that this will be happening.
2. Part of an agreed risk assessment activity

Safeguarding

We expect parents and carers of our pupils to behave with manners and restraint when on or near the school site.

If there is a discussion between adults, hopefully it can be conducted in a civilised manner without an audience.

Any incidents of disagreements that disintegrate into foul language and threats of violence are distressing for children to witness and will not be tolerated.

We cannot enforce good conduct but disturbances of the peace are reportable to the police.

Parking

The new BCP have started an initiative whereby parking enforcement agents will be targeting schools throughout the borough in a concentrated effort.

Remember, it is illegal to park or stop on the zigzags.

Please be aware.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease is a rising issue in the UK and it is important to be properly informed, particularly when there is a lot of misinformation and misconceptions out there about the illness. Lyme disease is predominantly caught from the bite of an infected tick. Whilst the UK countryside is some of the safest in the world, tick bites are probably the highest risk we face when outdoors, in terms of likelihood and impact. Ticks can be as small as a poppy seed and have a painless bite, so they are often missed.

Check out the Lyme disease web site for valuable information and activity packs for the children.

Kind regards

Mrs Clare Tickel