



Autumn Term 2018 (2)

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Christ the King School I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year! Thank you all for your continued support throughout 2018.

CAST Vision and values

Our new Trust CEO, **Mr Raymond Friel**, has introduced a revised set of gospel values which are based on the Beatitudes in St. Matthew's Gospel. The full CAST Vision and Values document can be found on our website. You may like to follow our Raymond Friel on Twitter!

Staffing News

Our heartfelt congratulations go to **Mrs Christopher** who will be leaving us this term to take up a Headship at the Catholic School in Wool. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. Please take a moment to wish her well.

Mrs Bye will be moving from Reception to Y1 as the new class teacher for Robins. **Mrs Bunford** will teach full time in Year RB.

Welcome back to **Mrs Durrant** and **Mrs Bending** who have returned to work following short absences. Please keep other absent staff in your prayers.

The Christmas Posadas tradition begins!

Las Posadas is a wonderful 400+ year old [Advent](#) celebration in many Latin countries. For 9 days, from December 16th-24th, the families prepare for Christmas by acting out and reliving the days Mary and Joseph experienced as they journeyed to Bethlehem, as written in the Gospels.

Mary and Joseph travelled from place to place seeking rest, only to be continually rejected, causing the Baby Jesus to be born in a stable manger.

This Catholic [Christmas](#) tradition was brought to Mexico in the 16th century by Spanish Augustinian friars as they evangelized the New World. Today the Las Posadas continues to be a wonderful way share and celebrate our Christian faith and heritage. Christ the King Church are continuing this tradition with a statue of the 'Holy Family' spending time in different homes over the Advent season. Thank you to our church community for allowing the 'Posadas' to spend some time in school last week.

Attendance

We really would appreciate notification of absence before 9am. If the phone cannot be answered, there is an answer machine that we do listen to as soon as possible; also some parents have started emailing the reasons for absences. Please give us advance warning of changes in pick up – ideally in writing to the teacher / office staff. The phone lines can be very busy from 2.45pm and we may be unable to answer calls at this time.

Sponsorship of Sports Kit



A big thank you to Cars of Kinson for sponsoring a new football kit for our school. It looks lovely and we can't wait to wear it at our next match!

Mr Smith and Mr Cooper

Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter – you can find us on the website homepage – or simply download the Twitter app on to your phone.

School Development Plan Priorities 2018-2019

Every year we carry out rigorous self-evaluation to identify what we do well and what we need to do to improve further. This year our two main priorities are:

1. To support wellbeing and mental health within our community.

Q: What can you do to help?

Talk to your child about 'Trick Box'

Tell us if you or your child is anxious about anything.

Lead Teacher: Mrs Perry

2. To accelerate progress all children make in reading.

Q: What can you do to help?

Listen to your child read every night or morning.

Read to your child.

Let your child see you reading.

Talk about books, the words, their meaning.

Visit your local library.

Buy a book for Christmas.

Donate good condition books to your class library.

Lead teacher: Ms Kent

Health and Safety

Please can we remind **ALL** adults that collect children from Christ the King school, that it is illegal to park on the zigzags and pedestrian crossing in Durdells Avenue at any time. Please also be considerate and do not park across our neighbours driveways. Neighbours have informed us that they are reporting to the police and local authority.

The school nurse will be having a drop in session on Friday 15th February 2019.

Please has anyone got outgrown girls socks or tights, all age groups, that can be donated to the medical room.

School Meals

We cannot guarantee a hot meal for any pupil whose parents have not ordered hot food, or forgotten packed lunches.

Please ensure that you have ordered your child's meals until Easter 2019. We will call you if lunch boxes have been forgotten as we will need food brought in.

Facebook/ messaging groups etc;

Even when talking on closed groups, do not identify individual pupils by name that may have had accidents or incidents that are private. This has led to distress and embarrassment for a pupil who has wrongly been named regarding an event.

Poppy Appeal

We have received a card from the British Legion thanking the pupils and families for raising over £243 for this worthy cause.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event on Saturday 1st December and to all parents and staff that helped in so many different ways. We raised £925.46. A special thank you goes to the PTFA committee for their tireless efforts. We are thrilled that the money raised will support our school improvement priorities.

Community Events

Mixing generations and reaching out to all in our local community is a key part of our church's mission. Thank you to Mrs Fisher and the school choir for all their hard work this term. They have performed recently at Open Door – a regular event at the Cornerstone Church, at Canford Magna Care Home, at the Year 6 Elderly Citizen Christmas Party and at our Carol, Service. They were due to perform in Bournemouth Town Square on 15th December, but sadly the bad weather prevented this. Well also to our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 pupils for performing so well in their Nativities and Carol Services.

Gratitude

We are grateful for so many blessings during 2018, not least the good health of our staff and pupils, but also our pupil outcomes which were immensely successful in all phases. (National KS2 result comparisons are now available on line). We also are grateful for the lives of members of our community that passed away over the past few month and ask you to continue to keep their families in your prayers: **Mr Paul Donlon**, previous Clerk to our Governing Body, and **Mr Ralph Cooper**, previous head teacher at CtK. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Well done to all our boys and girls for working so hard this term. Everyone deserves a well-earned rest! Enjoy the break.

Kind regards
Mrs Clare Tickel

