



25th March 2022

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has finally started to shine and the children have enjoyed the first warm days of Spring this week. Early Years pupils have visited Kinson library and welcomed a visit from the local police; they especially enjoyed listening to the sirens! Year 5 have enjoyed three days at Leeson House – they could not have had better weather for coastal walks in the Purbecks. The Year 3 Stone Age topic came alive with their dress up day and history visit, whilst Mrs Fisher and our KS2 pupils have all excelled at African drumming this week! Well done to everyone.

Thank you also to everyone who has given so generously to the local Ukraine appeal. You can still donate via the following links:

1. John Lewis and Barclays Bank are matching any donations made. This will go directly to the Red Cross. Alternatively, you can donate yourself directly on on-line.
2. We will accept cash donations across the week, we will forward your donations.
3. CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/>
4. CARITAS: <https://www.caritas.org/>
5. ACN INTERNATIONAL: <https://acninternational.org/>
6. BRITISH RED CROSS: <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/>
7. DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

The numbers of Covid cases within our school community have risen again this week and we are seeing a significant rise in cases in BCP and in many local schools. Please do continue to test regularly if you can access lateral flow test kits as this will help to identify asymptomatic cases and reduce transmission across the school considerably.

Covid Cases

This week there have been **10** new cases

Covid symptoms

Please be vigilant in monitoring symptoms if your child is unwell. If your child has any of the following;

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of or change in taste or smell

and they test negative on a LFT (Lateral Flow Test), then PLEASE BOOK A PCR. It is important that you then communicate the test result on the COVID 19 email covid@ctkcps.com

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.



CHOIR

It's so lovely to hear our Choir singing so enthusiastically again, Mrs Fisher does ask that if children are in the Choir, they stay every week, unless there is a reason they can't, in which case they are asked to tell Mrs Fisher during the day. On **April 4th**, the Choir will come outside the front of the school at **3.30** to sing some of their songs, so parents are invited to come early and hear them! If it is wet, we will invite you to come into the hall. The practice will finish at the usual time of 3.45pm.

Class Photos

Class Photos are scheduled for **Friday 1 April**. Children need to wear school uniform NOT Fit Friday kit. If they have PE on this date, please bring in a named pair of trainers in a PE bag for them to change into.

CASH FREE School

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

Shine Graduation

Congratulations to the following pupils in Year 6 who graduated this week from the SHINE programme: Oliver, Mordecai, Louise, Ludovico, Stephan, Niamh, Lola, Miriam, Evana.

The pupils took part in a ten-week study programme at Canford School last Autumn and this week led a celebration assembly to showcase their learning. Pupils were supported by parents and senior staff at Canford School on Wednesday evening for their graduation ceremony and as usual Canford School catering team did not disappoint!

Staffing Update

We welcome Miss Oppo back to school next week following her maternity leave. Miss Pain will be sad to leave Christ the King at the end of term but we wish her every success at her new school next term.

Staff Vacancies

We have a vacancy in school for a midday supervisor. Application forms are available on our website under 'About Us' then 'Job Vacancies'.

No Smoking Policy

Our school site is a no smoking zone – this includes vaping.

Wellbeing

The following course may be of interest to some of our parents and carers – follow the link here:

[Help Anxious Children Feel Calm & in Control - Creative Education](#)

Free Fun Maths App

If you are looking for something new, free and fun to support home learning then why not download this maths app to support the recall of number facts up to 100. It's called '**1-minute maths**' and can be downloaded for free from your app store. Although it is aimed at KS1, it could still be helpful to secure understanding for children across KS2 as well.

Attendance

Good attendance is 95% or above; sadly, we have seen a dramatic slide in good attendance across the school. Covid-19 has contributed to this as some pupils have needed to self-isolate or have been unwell. We will be sending out attendance letters to families where there are concerns and encourage you to work with us so that we can support you in getting your child in school regularly.

Guitar Concert

Our school guitarists are performing in a Guitar Concert on Friday 1st April at 11am. Mr Nutall has been teaching guitar at Christ the King School for many years now and seen many pupils go on to play in their secondary schools. Parents/ carers of our guitar students are invited to join us for the concert and must arrive at the main reception. Covid control measures will apply and we ask that one parent only per child attends as space will be limited. We hope the concert inspires younger children to take up the guitar. New places will be available for Year 3-Year 6 from September onwards.

Assessment Information

Next half term, Year 6 pupils will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments, week beginning Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May, in English and Maths. Their Writing and Science assessments will carry on until the end of June. Assessments are also scheduled next term for pupils in Year 2 for their end of Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments, Year 1 Phonics Assessment, Year 4 Times Table Assessment and the Foundation Stage Profile. Year group teams will disseminate information regarding these assessments before Easter. It is imperative that we maximise learning time for all of our pupils and avoid absences unless a child is unwell.

Diary Dates – full dates are on the website

Inset days for 2022-2023:

1. Thursday 1st September 2022
2. Friday 2nd September 2022
3. Monday 31st October 2022
4. Monday 20th February 2023
5. Monday 5th June 2023

Inset days for 2023-2024:

1. Friday 1st September 2023
2. Monday 30th October 2023
3. Tuesday 2nd January 2024
4. Monday 19th February 2024
5. Monday 3rd June 2024

End of Term

A reminder that there is free after school club provision on the last day of each school term until 3.00pm for those parents who are unable to make alternative arrangements for the earlier pickup time. Please email the school office if you require a place for your child.

Catholic Life

Annunciation of the Lord

March 25—Solemnity

Liturgical colour: White



The flutter of a wing, a rustling in the air, a voice, and the future began to begin

The Feast of the Annunciation is the reason why we celebrate Christmas on December 25. Christmas comes exactly nine months after the Archangel Gabriel invited the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, an event we commemorate on March 25. Today we honoured our Blessed Mother Mary on her feast day; the day she said YES! Children from Years 3, 4 and 6 were met by members of our Parish. They had a prayerful journey which started by saying the Hail Mary at the grotto of Our Lady, they lit candles and read prayers by the Lady Chapel and finally they gave thanks for the love that all mothers show their dear children at the statue of Mary and Jesus.

We hope that all mothers are honoured this weekend as it is Mothers' Day is on Sunday 27th March. We are grateful to all mother figures in our lives, those alive and for all those who have passed before us.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- All the exciting learning experiences this week and the chance to participate in trips and have visitors into school again.
- All mothers, grandmothers, aunties, foster carers and mother figures in our lives – we are grateful for the life they have given us and the care, guidance and love they share.
- The sisters in our parish, especially Sister Michelle who invited us to join in the parish Annunciation celebration.
- The generosity and donations offered for our Ukraine appeal.

We pray for:

- All mothers who struggle with the demands of bringing up a family, especially those who suffer with ill health or challenging circumstances.
- For those without a mother figure in their lives, that they draw on the love and support of all those around them, fathers, carers and teachers.
- The sisters in our parish who support parish and community work – may their love and commitment be an inspiration to us all.

And finally, I wish you and your family a relaxing weekend and I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher

Melanie Lord
Head of School

