



## Spring Term

### Dear Parents,

Dear God:

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

### Safeguarding Updates

- Please ensure that should your child suffer from asthma, their inhaler held in school is in date and of the correct type.
- All medication has to be handed in at the office and an authorisation form signed to administer it.
- Please help keep all children safe and share the **PANTS RULE** with your child. Follow this link [www.nspcc.org.uk/NSPCC-PANTS](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/NSPCC-PANTS)

### Communication

Please could parents let the school know if there is a separation between them, and provide us with a second address so that we can ensure that duplicate copies of letters, school reports, parent evening invitations etc. are shared and made accessible to both parents.

### Music

KS2 are enjoying some extra music opportunities this term:

**A SAMBA BAND** is taking place on Thursdays after school from 3.15-4.15. Some loud but lovely music is emerging from the Music Room!!

**Year 4** are going to be enjoying a term of learning to play the Ukulele. They have all been lent an instrument through "Sound Storm", our local Music Hub, and are having lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

Our **Choir**, having had such a successful time at Christmas by performing beautifully wherever they went, are now busy learning new songs. They will be singing at the "Open Door" Club at the Cornerstone Church on Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup>. We are also planning a bigger concert in the Summer Term for parents and the wider school community to enjoy.

### Coffee Morning

Mrs Barrington will be holding a coffee morning in the parish lounge on 28 Feb (Wednesday) from 9am. Natalie Whittington, Tesco Community Champion is going to talk about how TESCO offers support in our community, there will be cake provided by her and obviously tea/coffee.

*"High Expectations For All"*

### **Golden Pen**

When a pupil reaches this milestone, we award them with a “Golden” fountain pen as recognition of their wonderful handwriting however we are unable to replace lost or broken ones. **World**

### **Book Day**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day. This should give you all plenty of time to come up with some wonderful ideas for dressing up as your favourite book character.

### **Spanish Day**

On Wednesday 7th of February we are going to hold another fantastic Spanish Day in our school. Children will have the opportunity to dress up in Spanish costume and we will give prizes for the best outfit; or perhaps you would like to wear something in red and yellow, as they are the colours of the Spanish flag!

### **School Council**

Miss O'Sullivan wishes to pass on a massive thank you both from herself and all at the women's refuge. The ladies who came to collect the donations before Christmas were speechless when they saw the vast amount and assortment of goods that you all gave. You can rest assured that you have made a difference to a lot of women and children. Thank you

### **Big Battery Hunt**

We have signed up to a nationwide campaign to help recycle more batteries which will run up until April 2018. Today your child will bring home a collection box to personalise and is theirs to keep. We would like children to collect any old batteries (with parental supervision of course) and once the box is filled bring it into school to empty in the main box. There is a separate letter coming home with more information on.

### **Sports News**

For the new term the children are learning about a different sport in PE. In EYFS and KS1 we are learning to use our feet to stop, move and control balls. In KS2 we are learning about Hockey and the many skills involved. We have learnt how to do a push and hit pass, how to stop the ball and how to tackle. We are now starting to put our new skills into competitive situations. We have a number of upcoming competitions. On 31st January the netball team are attending a High 5 Tournament at Bournemouth School for Girls and Year 5 footballers are going to a competition on 5th February. We also have an indoor cricket competition coming up with details to follow.

Remember, Netball Club is on a Tuesday from 3.15pm-4.15pm and Girls Football is on a Thursday from 3.15pm-4.15pm.

We will be sharing photos of our upcoming events so keep a look out on the website.

### **The Minnie Vinnies**

The Mini Vinnie Group have introduced a new 'quiet space' area at morning playtimes when children are given the opportunity to be still and reflect. They have the opportunity to draw labyrinths with chalk or make labyrinth shapes out of special stones. This is becoming a more popular and needed activity for some. Photos will be on the website soon.

Bella Tusset-Wilden & Ella Doe (President & vice president of the Mini Vinnie Club)

### **Curriculum Fun**

As you can see from our dates below the children have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the wider curriculum.

Please also look out for your child's “Fabulous Finale” held at the end of each topic. Class teachers will send out details each half term.

<b>Spanish Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Mufti Day For Children with Cancer UK Charity</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Spring Half term</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Book Fair</b>	<b>W/B 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Mufti Day For Chocolate</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
<b>Return to school</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>
<b>End of Summer Term</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>

*Mrs Clare Tickel*

Head teacher

## Car Share Scheme

*Please see the following in case any of you are interested BUT remember this is a private arrangement and **absolutely nothing** to do with Christ the King School.*

I am a parent trying to promote school run car sharing to reduce congestion at the school gate and local roads. It has been welcomed by many parents and is starting to become very popular in other schools. I have started a web site [www.schoolruncarshare.co.uk](http://www.schoolruncarshare.co.uk) which is a means of parents communicating via a message board to self-arrange the school run.

Parents can sign up, read the message board and locate other registered parents living nearby, then arrange the journey sharing by meeting at the school gate.

It is likely they will recognise the other parent or the children might know each other. Parents can then make sure they are comfortable with their car sharer before making any arrangements.

It is also a great way to show children how easy it is to make small changes and help the environment.

Some schools have raised concerns that if they inform parents about car sharing arrangements there might be liability concerns. The independent schools association (ISA) and local councils have given guidance; they have confirmed that individual parents making private arrangements to car share are outside the scope of regulations. Their guidance is:

Schools putting interested parents in touch is not organising or managing the activity, the decision is still a private one between the interested parties.

Having information about car sharing schemes on a school website or text/emails or by other means is not organising or managing the activity as the arrangement will still be an informal one made between the parents. The vetting and barring scheme also does not prevent parents making informal car sharing arrangements.

See Buckinghamshire county council <http://schooltravelplanning.com/parents/car-share/> where you can download the vetting and barring guidelines also see Devon county council [http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/green\\_travel/stplans/stpcarshare.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/green_travel/stplans/stpcarshare.htm)

Schools can facilitate the introduction of parents who wish to car share.

Please feel free to ask any questions about this site. I have given you as head teacher a free login and password to view and monitor the message board if you wish. I think you will agree for parents to pay a small annual fee of £1.50 the environmental benefits are huge. There are no other costs. This small credit/debit card payment will give some registration security and address verification.

This car share scheme can only work if the information is shared with other parents. I would be grateful if you could do this via text or email or via your website, newsletter or any other means. This is a great way to show an environmentally responsible approach to the school run.

Small local environmental changes can have global effects.

Your login is the email address this is sent to, the password is 123987

Kind Regards

Chris Hughes

[www.schoolruncarshare.co.uk](http://www.schoolruncarshare.co.uk)

