

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

### Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have so much to celebrate and be proud of this year as a school community. We have all been resilient and focused on what really matters. At times it has been challenging for families, and staff alike, with the restrictions in place and the need to follow government guidance for self-isolation of 'close contacts'; we have however, journeyed through this together and arrived safely at the end of another successful academic year.

We have enjoyed the opportunities this year to learn mime and sign language, to sing and perform and to develop our IT and computing skills.

We are proud of all of our pupils and the hard work that they (and you) have put in to ensure continuity in learning this year.

We are grateful for the many special moments along the way – the smiles, laughter and virtual hugs.

Thank you to all of our parent community for your partnership this year. For those staff and families currently self-isolating and thus missing the final week of term, we send our love and thanks your way.

### **COVID-19 Guidance for the Summer from Public Health Dorset**

An email has been sent out from Public Health Dorset with guidance for the summer holidays. Please read this very carefully and follow the advice. Thank you for supporting our COVID-19 control measures until the end of term.

### **Summer Home Learning**

The basic requirement over the summer is that all pupils log on to and use IXL and read as often as possible. Teachers will send home year group specific summer home learning.

### **Covid-19 Control Measures – Update for Summer and Autumn 2021**

This is especially important since we have several staff and pupils now self-isolating due to being close contacts of positive contacts outside of school.

We will continue to have staggered start and finish times next term as, following the removal of control measures nationally, Public Health envisage a rise in the numbers of Covid-19 cases. There will not be a requirement on schools this summer to track and trace but should you become a close contact of a person testing positive with Covid-19 you will still be required to self-isolate in the interests of public health.

Families are advised to use LFD tests in the two week run up to the return to school in September and not to return to school if you or a member of your household has symptoms of Covid-19.

## **September Arrangements**

Staggered start times for each year groups

PE kit

## **Transition videos**

All class transition videos will be sent to pupils via DoJo, tapestry or Marvellous me. They can also be located on our website.

## **Staffing Update**

From September Mr Smith will be SENCo as Mrs Perry will be leading DSL next term.

Mrs Moore is retiring at the end of this school year after 7 years of dedicated service, prior to that Mrs Moore supported the school as a financial consultant. She has been an exceptional finance manager and a wonderful colleague to work with – a font of all knowledge. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Dean, who has worked in our inclusion team and is a valued midday supervisor for the past 7 years. Mrs Dean has helped so many children manage the emotional challenges of school – we wish her well for her exciting new life aboard.

We look forward to welcoming our new senior office administrator, Mrs Heathcock, in September.

## **Guitar Concert**

The links for the various concerts are as follows:

## **Summer Help**

For any families who need additional support for food and utilities due to the pandemic this continues to be available through the Citizens Advice Bureau. This support which also comes from the grant will be up and running by later next week and the number we have been given for parents is **01202 081732** and there will also be an online contact form re-activated later next week again at [www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/summersupport](http://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/summersupport)

## Year R Concert

Link to Reception Concert: <https://youtu.be/4Ai706n0Tdg>

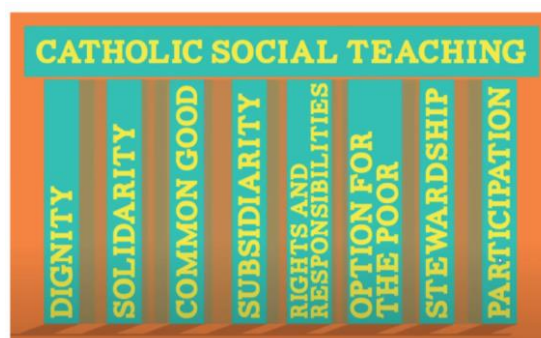
All the links to the Year Group Concerts are on the School Website (under Curriculum – Music – Class Music).

## Applying for a place at Christ the King School

BCP still manage our admissions, however we still urge families to complete our school application forms which are available from our office or online. This year our new parents' presentation was held virtually in June and will be posted on our website. To find out more about our school and ethos please follow the link below and share with family and friends: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

## Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic social teaching principle of **Participation** is recognising that everyone has a part to play in our communities. Promoting participation - *nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou* - means recognising we each have something unique and important to contribute to society. We are called on to be active members of our local and global communities.



## End of Year Celebrations and Liturgies

Well done to all of our pupils graduating this summer from pre-school or from Year 6. The staff are proud of all of your achievements and what lovely young people you have grown up to be. Thank you to Mrs Riggs and her pre-school team for organising the Pre-school graduation on Wednesday and thank you also to Mr Cooper and Mrs Ayton along with the Year 6 team for organising the Year 6 graduation. Both ceremonies were dignified and special for all involved.

Our First Holy Communion, children in Year 3 and Year 4 led a beautiful liturgy on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July followed afterwards with cake to celebrate. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July we celebrated our leavers, both staff and pupils in our Leaver's liturgy. We hope that all Year 6 enjoy their secondary schools and continue to live their lives grounded in faith, hope and love.

## Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- This academic year, the learning, friendships and achievements during 2020-2022.
- All those leaving our school community this summer, Mrs Moore, Mrs Dean and our Year 6 pupils leaving – thank you for the many happy moments they have enjoyed at Christ the King School.
- The chance for pupils in Year 6 to have swimming lessons (our aim is that all pupils should leave primary school able to swim 25 metres).

We pray for:

- A peaceful final week of the school year, that everyone remains well and healthy for the school holiday.
- A cautious and safe response to the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions in order to maintain public health of the most vulnerable.
- Staff and pupils moving on this year, especially Year 6 moving to secondary schools, Mrs Moore, Mrs Durrant, Mrs Dean, Miss Branca.
- The soul of all we have lost and gone before us. May they rest in peace.
- Our priests and local clergy.

**And finally,** I wish you and your families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer with your children.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher

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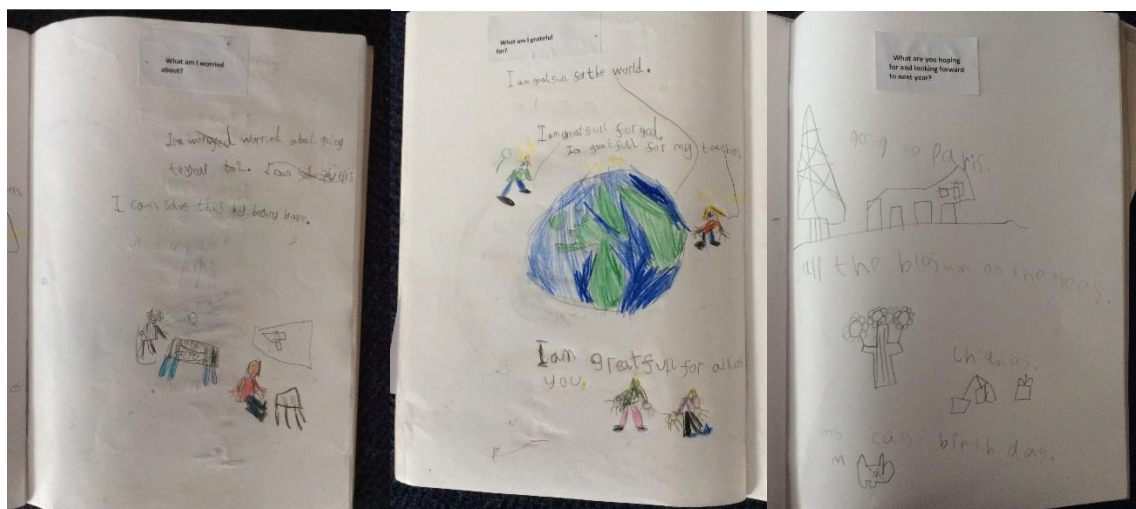


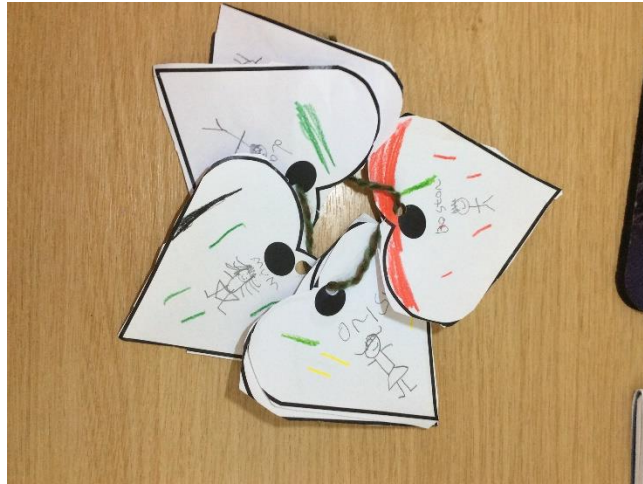
## Celebration of Learning

Year 2 Spa – a fun way to cool down on a very hot day!



All children have been doing lots of wellbeing learning over the last week 😊 See Year 1 work below. Year 1 read 'The Invisible String' book. We made our own hearts, we wrote who is connected to us and we used 'invisible' string to tie them together 😊





Well done Year 2 pupils for being creative and learning about keeping healthy.

