



10th June 2022

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed a restful half term with your children and managed to participate in some of the local festivities for the Platinum Jubilee. We are especially grateful to the teachers who organised our Christ the King Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 26th May before the half term break. It is good to see that the children have returned refreshed and hope that pupils remain well and attendance this half term picks up for all year groups. The impact of the pandemic compounded by other illness and unauthorised holidays has had a significant impact on pupil attendance which has dropped below the national average of 95% for many schools nationally. Please avoid term time breaks, despite the lure of cheaper offers, as the children need every opportunity they can get to join in with their learning.

Covid Cases

This week there has been 0 cases.

Parent Carer and Young Carer support services

Please see information below regarding: -

1. A link to the Young Minds Parent/Carer **helpline**
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>
2. Information about a national sibling and young carer project
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>
3. A free course for parents/carers worried about their child's mental health run by Dorset Healthcare's Discovery Project **01202 584478**

Year 1 and KS1 Phonics Screening

Well done Year 1 and Year 2 staff and pupils for working so hard over the past few weeks. All Year 1 pupils took the national phonics screening assessments this week along with a small group of Year 2 pupils. We are very proud of their achievements and especially thank our Phonics and Read Write Inc leader, Miss Warr, for all the efforts she has put into running the phonics programme for the pupils and training staff. Next week we move onto Year 4 times tables assessments – the first time Year 4 pupils have taken these new national assessments for Year 4.

Parking

Last half term we had several complaints from residents and parents about parking by the back school gate on Creasey Road. Please do not park on the corners of the roads or on the grass verge. Also avoid double yellow lines and yellow zigzags at the front of the school on Durdells Avenue.

Music Tuition



Instrument lessons for September

There will be some places available in September for children who would like to begin learning the Flute, Keyboard or Guitar.

Lessons are open to all KS2 children, if spaces are available. Each child will have a shared 20-minute lesson. Lessons are £60 a term and fees are payable a term in advance. This guarantees children 10 lessons (Guitar lessons are £54 for 9 lessons a term). Lessons are held in school time, in consultation with the class teacher.

Please contact the instrument teacher directly if you would like more information, or to book a place.

Flute: Mrs Fisher will continue to give the Flute lessons. Each child will need their own Flute. Flutes can be hired from Soundstorm at an approximate cost of £96 a year (or £36 a term). Second Hand Flutes are also usually widely available. If your child would like lessons in September, or you would like more information, please e-mail Mrs Fisher on rose.fisher@ctkcps.com

Guitar: Mr Nuttall will continue to teach children the Guitar. Children will need their own nylon string Guitar and footrest. If you would like Guitar lessons, or more information, please contact Mr Nuttall. peter.nuttall@hotmail.com

Keyboard: Mr Marshall will continue to teach Keyboard. Children will need their own Keyboard at home to practise on, but can use a school Keyboard for their lessons. If you would like Keyboard lessons, or more information, please contact Mr Marshall. kieranmarshallatstmarks@yahoo.com

When a child starts learning an instrument, we would expect them to make a commitment to carry on learning for the year, with regular practise being a part of this. Only under exceptional circumstances should a child “give up”. Please therefore discuss this with your child before requesting lessons. However, if for any reason your child did have to stop lessons, a half a term’s notice would need to be given, with the following half term’s payment (£30) needing to be paid.

Diary Dates

- New Intake Evening for Year R starters September 2022 – Wednesday 22nd June 6.30pm
- First Holy Communion Mass – Thursday 7th July at 10.45am
- Transition Day – Friday 1st July
- Year R Starter taster days – parents will be contacted directly
- EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Friday 8th July (am)
- KS2 Sports Day - Friday 8th July (pm)

- Year 6 Diocesan Leaver's Mass - Friday July 8th (am)
- CTK Leavers Mass (Y6 parents invited) Tuesday 19th July time TBC
- Pre-School Graduation- Wednesday 20th July 10am
- Year 6 Graduation- Wednesday 20th July time TBC

Summer Concerts:

- Year 3, 2pm on Tuesday 28th June
- Year 4, 2pm on Wednesday 29th June
- Jubilee Concert Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 5th July
- Reception, 2pm on Tuesday 12th July
- Year 1, 2pm on Wednesday 13th July
- Year 2, 2pm on Thursday 14th July

Catholic Life



As we journey through June, we hold the Sacred Heart dear in our prayers.

“As May was the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, does it not follow that as May leads into June, Mary leads us to her the love of her Son, symbolized by His Heart?”

You might wish to pray the following prayer with your children in the month of June.

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 I love You so much
 and I give You my heart.
 Help me to love God.
 Help me to love my neighbour
 as a child of God.
 Help me to love myself
 as a child of God.
 Amen

Army of Hope

Our Gift Chaplains will be selling these packets of seeds for £1.00, on behalf of The Army of Hope. All proceeds will go to the Army of Hope Bournemouth to Ukraine Appeal. The seeds will be for sale from Monday 13th June. Please do support this worthy cause and have fun growing the sunflowers!



Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- The rest and joy of the half-term break.
- The opportunity for pupils to learn water safety and learn to swim.
- The Jubilee celebration for Her Majesty the Queen.
- The sun and rain which are helping the trees to grow.
- The talented sports coaches who add so much to the life of the school.

We pray for:

- The strength to show forgiveness and compassion to all those around us.
- Refugees from conflict and disaster across the globe.
- All families experiencing difficulties with the cost of living.
- Any children anxious about transfer to a new school at the end of this term.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost – the birthday of the church. Enjoy this poem by William Blake who describes the Holy Spirit as ‘fire’. We pray for the fire of God’s Spirit to ignite our faith and guide us always.

**Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.**

William Blake (1757-1827) from *Pentecost*



Reception class celebrated the Feast of Pentecost by making special crowns with tongues of fire.

And finally, we wish you and your family a wonderful weekend. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Kind regards,
Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher

Melanie Lord
Head of School

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