

21st May 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who have responded so positively to our request to park further away from the school gates. This is really helping to ease some of the congestion on Durdells Avenue and Creasey Road. We are still seeing some parents stopping on the yellow zigzag markings – please remember that these are ‘NO STOPPING Zones.’

Over the next few weeks I would like to share some of the feedback from our recent parental questionnaire – including some of your comments on strengths and areas to improve.

Parent Feedback

The school is welcoming to all visitors.

[More Details](#)

Insights

Strongly agree	65
Agree	61
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Unsure	4



This welcome starts with a smile from the teachers at the classroom door, the admin team in the office, the response on a phone call.

My child is happy at this school.

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Insights






Strongly agree	67
Agree	53
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	1
Unsure	5



My child feels safe at Christ the King.

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 Insights


 Strongly agree	74
 Agree	52
 Disagree	1
 Strongly disagree	0
 Unsure	5








Feeling safe is about feeling safe in the playground, in the classroom, in the lunch hall, but more recently it has also included feeling COVID-19 safe. If ever you have a concern about safety, please alert the admin or senior team straight away. Mrs Ayton is our anti-bullying lead and with the senior team takes a lead in encouraging kind behaviour.

The school encourages children to adopt healthy lifestyle (for example free fruit / veg in infants, sports and PE, clubs).

[More Details](#)

 Insights

 Strongly agree	54
 Agree	72
 Disagree	2
 Strongly disagree	0
 Unsure	4



If you have more ideas about encouraging healthy lifestyles or need support in tackling your child's eating, sleeping or behaviour habits, please make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the pastoral team via the admin office.

A snap shot at some of the areas considered strengths

Their faith and ability to see the individual in a child not solely their academic skills.
Compassionate
Very community based. Teachers and staff are approachable and very helpful.
Staff are friendly and helpful
They keep God and His love for others at the centre. When you do that, it's hard to go wrong.
Lovely teachers
Supporting each other
They are inclusive
Dont know
Community - education around core subjects of English and Maths.
The openness and approachability. The headteacher is always visible during drop off and pick up which is very appreciated.
Teachers - all reception staff are amazing, very competent, helpful and kind. I observe hughe progress with reading and math skills,

A snap shot at some of the responses for areas for development:

Responses

N.a
Communication
More sport time for the kids
Outside clean u,fix fences ect
I don't believe there is anything that needs to be involved at this time.
What xtra care and support for individual student when needed
Just to continue with the focus on the children's wellbeing.
Not sure as all my children have been happy here
I can't think of any improvements that are needed at this time.
There is sometimes a lack of communication
Hard to know, it's been a tough year, teachers have a harder job than ever before! But making sure children are able to have fun and their mental wellbeing is looked after over their grades I think is most important! Though the government seems to disagree and wants kids to still be at the same standard as if a pandemic never happened....

A message from our Wellbeing Team

5 ways to Wellbeing



Take 2 minutes to watch this clip: What are the 5 ways to wellbeing.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF7Ou43Vj6c>



Pamphill in Wimborne is famous for its carpet of bluebells in May.
If you get the opportunity, it is worth a visit.
What better place to be active and take in the beauty of nature.

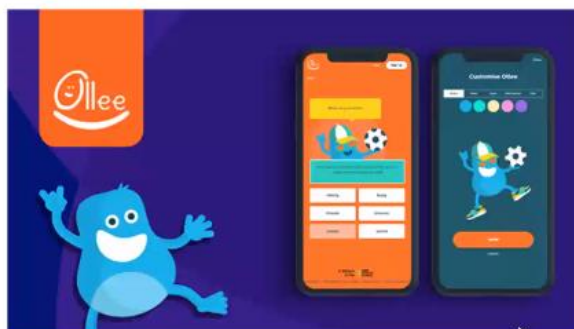
Risk Assessment

Covid-19 control measures remain largely unchanged for the next week, children's desks will remain in rows and year group bubbles will remain separate. Staff no longer are mandated to wear a face covering inside the classroom, however, face coverings must still be worn in communal areas inside and around the school premises by all adults. Schools trips and residential trips may now be planned for and will all be thoroughly COVID-19 risk assessed. We will continue to follow the Government road map and DfE guidance and alert you of any further changes.

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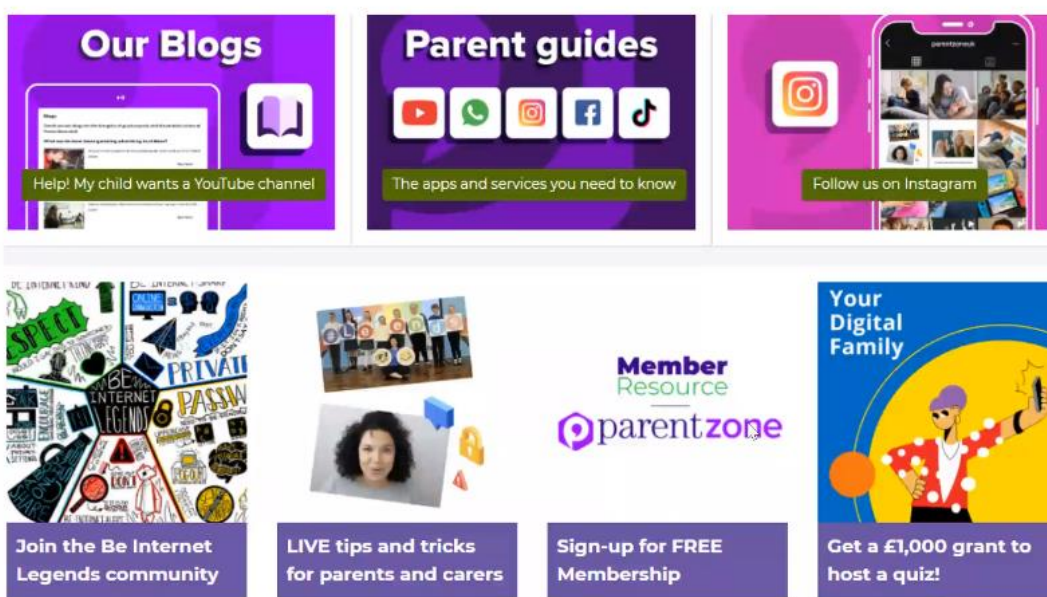
Police report that safeguarding concerns such as **cyber bullying** and **mental health** concerns are on a significant increase as a result of children spending more time on line unsupervised with unrestricted access. Many children are now using social media channels where dangerous messages can be hidden within cartoons or links that they can click. There is also a rising concern about **stranger danger** where children are spending more time engaging with people they don't know and heightened concerns about grooming children in extremism / racism. **TikTok** is often at the centre of these concerns in terms of promoting negative body image, the sexualisation of young children and the glamorisation of drug taking. Please take time to access the following resources on line to help parents know how to protect their children.

Resources – Emotional Health and Wellbeing



<https://app.ollee.org.uk/#/home>

Resources



PE Uniform

Please ensure all PE shorts, PE track suit bottoms and sweat tops are navy blue. PE shorts must be thigh length. Short shorts are not appropriate for a school. **NO LOGO** sportswear is allowed (Nike, Adidas, etc)



National Walking Month

Well done and thank you to all the families who are parking further away from school and walking with the children. We are sowing the seeds for healthy lifestyles which we all hope will support our children's future wellbeing.



Music News

All classes have really enjoyed singing again since Easter. It is so lovely to hear children's voices once more!

We would love to be able to share the singing with you, so we have provisionally booked some times for each Year group to present a short concert, outside. This will of course have to be in line with Government guidelines at the time. The dates are as follows, but will of course also be weather dependant! Each concert will last around 30 minutes.

Monday July 5 th	2pm	Year 2
Tuesday July 6 th	2pm	Year 4 (This will primarily be a Ukulele concert)
Wednesday July 7 th	10am	Year 1
Wednesday July 7 th	2pm	Year 3
Thursday July 8 th	10am	Reception
Thursday July 8 th	2pm	Year 5

More details will be sent nearer the time. Year 6 will prepare some music to perform at their Leavers Celebration.



“Together with Music”

Together with Music is a virtual intergenerational campaign that will build connections between care homes, residents, older people and their local schools and youth groups. We are delighted to have signed up for our school to take part in this as we have really missed our links with various care homes and clubs for the elderly that we used to visit. Our first project is for Year 6 to learn some songs from World War 2 to go alongside their topic they are learning about at the moment. These will then be filmed and sent off to **Together with Music**, who will forward them to a local Care Home for them to watch and enjoy. Who knows – they might even record themselves singing some songs and send them back to us!

Year 6 were inspired by **Patrick** who brought in his electric Guitar to show his skills to the Year group. Patrick, you were amazing! His class are now writing a Blues song, which is going to feature his playing!



Celebration of Learning

EYFS met some magnificent mini-beasts this week! We found out fascinating facts about giant snails, millipedes, giant stick insects, scorpions, tarantulas and hissing cockroaches. We were able to touch and hold some of the mini-beasts too but not the venomous ones! The children loved it and most of the adults did too 😊





Year 1 have been learning to tell the time this week and also learning about bees this week and how important they are to us. We have planted some flowers to support the bees, we have all tasted some honey, we made a bee using arts and crafts and we also learnt the bee waggle dance!!!! 😊

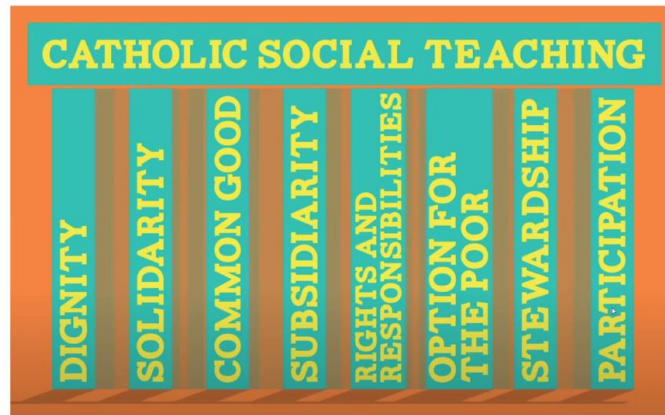


Applying for a place at Christ the King School

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 will be held virtually in June and followed up with opportunities for scheduled visits when the school is not in session. To find out more about our school and ethos please follow the link below and share with family and friends: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

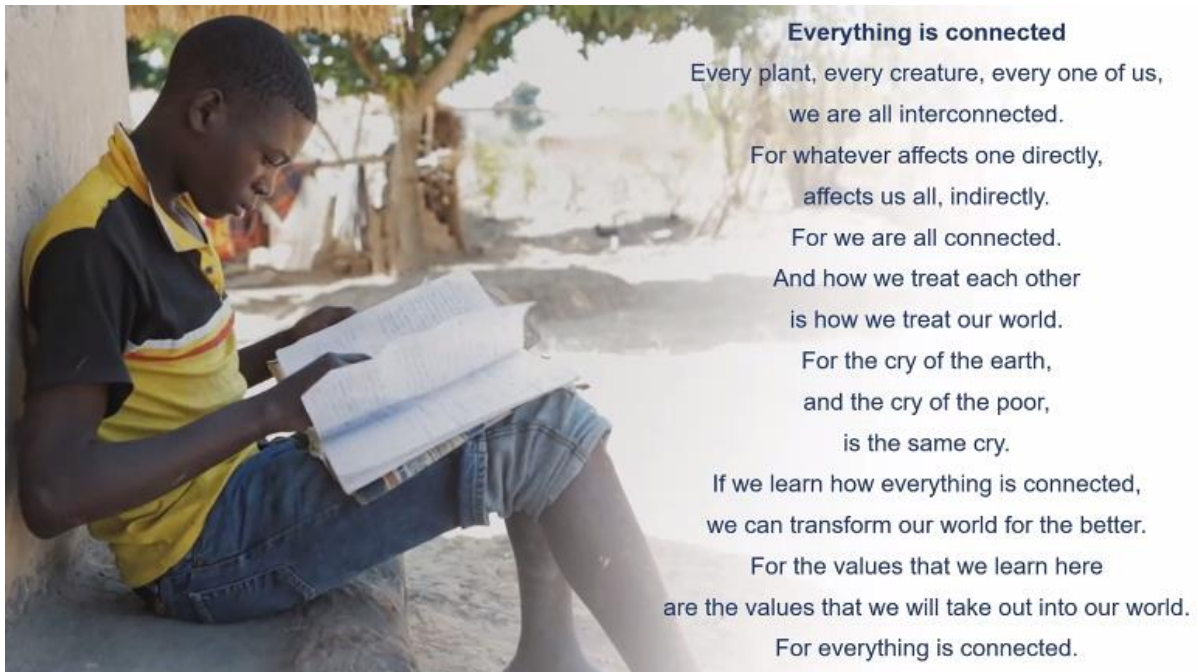
Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching provides the backbone to life in our faith school. For example, we can reflect on how we maintain the **dignity** of all individuals, parents, pupils, staff and members of the wider community. How do we challenge others, how do we respond to their needs, how do we love without bias or condition? Does valuing the dignity of all persons influence our decisions and actions? These are just some of the questions that we ask ourselves and weave into our teaching for adults and children alike.



Let Us Pray

This week the church has focused on the message of 'LAUDATO SI' – writings of Pope Francis which encourage us all to take responsibility to care for our planet and to care for the poor.



We give thanks for:

- Each other – that special friend who listens, the ones we rely on.
- Our team of IT specialists who continually support staff with IT issues.
- The world – our home, air, plants, animals, oceans.
- The easing of C19 restrictions so that we can gradually reintroduce extra-curricular clubs.

We pray for:

- The gift of 'Courage', that we will all use our voices wisely to create justice and peace.
- The gift of 'Courage' to ACT and respond to Pope Francis's plea for all people to care for the planet and each other.
- All who are unwell, the grandmother of some of our pupils, our chair of Governors and staff parents.
- The soul of all we have lost and gone before us, especially the sister of a member of staff.
- Fr Chacko and all of our priests and local clergy.

And finally, I wish you and your families a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

faith
hope
love

