



16th July 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please look out for two important letters coming home in book bags today: your child's annual report of learning and also a letter with details of their class and new teacher for September 2021.

The reports contain your child's attendance and the following assessment data: end of key stage assessments, Key Stage 1 phonics and Year 4 times tables test outcomes. Where parents are separated duplicate copies of all documentation is available at request from the office team. Please email or phone the office and they will forward the relevant information.

Please also ensure you take the time to read the letter about classes for 2021-2022. We have taken the decision to mix all year groups again this year – something we frequently do to encourage children mixing with a wider networks of friends. It is healthy in our view to have a wide social circle rather than limiting friendships to one or two individuals.

I await an update from BCP and Plymouth CAST regarding guidance for schools following the government changes after 19th July and also how this will impact on schools for the Autumn term. I hope to update you next week. I do anticipate that we will retain some of our control measures for some time, others however, will no doubt be reviewed and relaxed.

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

Schools have been advised to maintain all Covid-19 control measures until the end of term. We will therefore continue to request that all persons on site wear a face covering until children leave on Friday for the summer holidays.

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.

Staggered start times for each year groups will be shared in our newsletter next week. There will continue to be no changing for PE on site next term and we will endeavour to ensure that classes have 2 days in PE kit and 3 days in main uniform.

Hands – Face – Space - Ventilate

Staffing Update

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.

Class Concerts

The links for the various concerts are as follows:

Year 1 <https://youtu.be/b6DcMj-l-Mw>

Year 2 <https://youtu.be/k8Y1XbaNvNA>

Year 3 <https://youtu.be/0rzDBRVjiMg>

Year 4 <https://youtu.be/LRsvYDTfVjQ>

Year 5 <https://youtu.be/3mi4dycGrQ4>

The links to all the Class Concerts are now on the School Website (go to “Curriculum”, “Music”, “Class Music”) They are well worth a watch!

Instrument Lessons

Thank you for all the enquiries for Instrument lessons for September. All the email addresses of those who have requested lessons have been passed on to the relevant teachers, who will be in touch before the end of term. It might be an idea to keep an eye on your “junk” folder, as emails have been known to end up there.

If there are any spaces left in September, lessons will be re-advertised.

Joe's Jazz Mambassa.

Years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed these performances which included a mix of Brazilian Samba with rhythms and actions for the children to join in with!

"Thank you so much for one of the best things that has happened this year" – Abbie

"I think Soundstorm are the best band ever" - Hugo

"The concert was really catchy and jazzy!" – Suzanna

"Thank you for that amazing concert" – Evie

"I enjoyed the man playing the drums. The sound of the drums was loud!" - Reuben

"I think it was amazing because we were allowed to participate" – Faith

"Thanks for the music – it was really good and all the instruments were so cool" – Natalia

"I liked the Rhythms" - Anastasia

"It was so cool and inspiring and fun to watch" – Cheyann



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 **stewardship** – kaitiakitanga – is about being responsible guardians. We are kaitiaki - guardians of the earth. Exercising stewardship is caring for the gifts God has given us, including the environment, our own personal talents and other resources.



First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be leading our liturgy on Monday which will be shared with parents to enjoy afterwards. Mrs Lord, our Catholic Life and RE leader, has sent out the relevant information to our Holy Communion families.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- The visiting Samba band this week – Year 3 and Year 4 bubbles both enjoyed the concert.
- The service of committed staff, especially Mrs Durrant our senior administrator, Mrs Moore our senior finance manager and Mrs Dean, an inclusion TA and midday supervisor.
- The Year 6 pupils leaving Christ the King and 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.
- 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 weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

faith
hope
love



Celebration of Learning

Year 1 Pirate Day





Year 4 Design and Technology – Dragon Eyes!



Year 4 enjoying adventures at Butcher's Coppice



Year 5 Gulliver's walk - learning about our local history in Kinson

