

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is one of my favourite seasons. The Romantic English poet John Keats wrote a famous poem **“Ode to Autumn”** published 200 years ago in which he describes Autumn as “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” Hopefully this month we will all find the time to enjoy an autumn walk and feast our eyes at God’s creation.

### **Long Hair**

All long hair should be tied back please – this helps safeguard against head lice and is safer when doing PE / design activities.

### **Medicine**

All medicines must be delivered to the office – please do not send into school in book bags. Our medicine policy and documentation is on the website or can be collected from the office.

### **Harvest Celebration 2021**

Please donate some non-perishable food items for Kinson & West Howe Food bank. We will celebrate this collection on Monday 4th October at our Harvest Mass in the church 11:00 am. Suggestions: Tinned foods; packets within use by dates.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

All children may wear GREEN and bring in £1 to raise money for CAFOD on Friday 8th October – let’s all ‘Go Green’ and help to make a difference and build a brighter world.

World leaders are meeting in Glasgow this November to make decisions about the future of our planet and its people. We are going to Go Green this Harvest to support communities protecting the Amazon and to stand up for people dealing with the climate crisis.



### **Choir**

We are delighted to be starting a new School Choir! Please collect your Choir children from outside the main entrance at 3.45pm on Mondays. Only children who have specific written permission to walk home after Choir will be allowed to do so, as in the winter months it can be nearly dark when they leave school.

### **Instrument lessons**

Thank you to all the parents who requested Instrument lessons. All requests have been passed on to the relevant teachers, who will be in touch with you. If it isn't possible for your child to have a lesson at the moment, they will be placed on a waiting list for when a place becomes available.

### **Class Music**

It's been lovely to see classes enjoying their Music lessons, including singing and Years 3,4,5 playing the Recorder. Each class starts their lesson by listening to a piece of music covering many different times and Genres. They are enjoying this very much and are learning to appreciate the history and context the music was written in, plus the different styles of music from around the world.

### **PTFA Christmas Art**

Your child has the opportunity to design a Christmas Card that you will be able to buy, if you need extra forms, please pop into the office and pick one up

This is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for our school and design Christmas cards for friends and family. **All art work entries should be returned to school by 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

### **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 for Reception 2022 will be held in October and will be recorded and 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>

### **Spanish Day**

Don't forget that children can dress up in Spanish or South American costumes on 12<sup>th</sup> October as part of our celebration of Spanish culture and language.

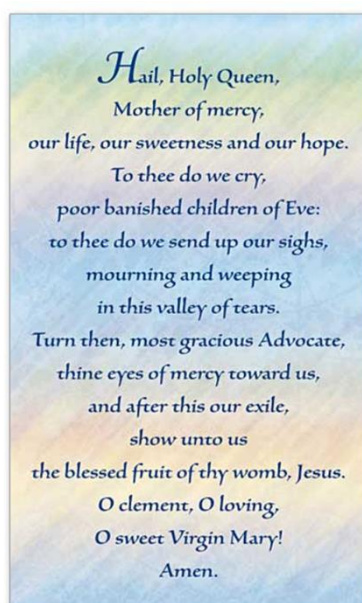
### **Play Equipment**

Please keep your children off play equipment before and end of day (including the pre-school climbing frame).

### **Reflection**

During the month of October, we reflect on the role of Mary, our heavenly mother. We will be miming the Hail Mary Prayer in school and have the opportunity to pray the rosary together.

The following prayer is an old prayer asking Our Lady to remember us and pray for us. It is one that is embedded in the traditions of the Catholic Church. Perhaps the children to see if their grandparents remember this prayer – most may even remember it by heart.



### **Let Us Pray**

#### **We give thanks for:**

- The tree maintenance and patience of our community.
- Year 3 pupils for ensuring the tree surgeons consider the wildlife and habitats our trees provide.
- Harvest time and the abundance of food provided by our farming industry.

#### **We pray for:**

- All those suffering with mental health issues.
- All those looking for work and struggling financially.
- Continued health and protection for all in our community from Coronavirus.
- Our local clergy, especially Fr Chacko and those leading our local churches.

**And finally,** I look forward to seeing you all next week. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher

