



6th May 2022

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed the warmer spring weather this week and we are anticipating warmer weather again as we move further into this term. It is great to be slowly getting back to normal and we are very excited about welcoming parents into school later this half term for year groups assemblies and an opportunity for you to look at your children's work. We expect a maximum of two parents per child at each assembly please. If you hoped to have additional people at the assembly, please let the office know as this will depend on space available.

Filming Assemblies

In line with school policy, parents will be able to record snippets of the Values Assemblies, but we ask that you focus on your own child please and do not post on social media.

Covid Cases

This week there has been 1 case.

Queens Jubilee Picnic Menu from Chartwells

Please find attached a copy of the themed menu '**Queens Jubilee Picnic Menu**' which will be provided on Thursday 26th May 2022 to the children who have hot meals.

The meal ordering website will be updated with this themed day and previous bookings made by parents will automatically transfer to the themed menu items.

The cut-off point for ordering meals for Thursday 26th May is **Sunday 15th May 2022**, please find the website link: www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk

Weather Wise

English weather is endlessly variable and as a result the English are renowned for talking about the weather! Many say that there is no such thing as the wrong weather – just the wrong clothing! With this in mind please ensure your child is prepared. We expect each child to bring a school jumper, rain coat and a sun hat to school every day. Please also ensure you apply sun screen to your child's face, arms and legs (unless in long trousers) to provide them with additional protection.

Nut Free School - Sun Protection

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have **no nut products** in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay

Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

We also need to ask, that any sun protection that you use on your children DOES NOT CONTAIN the following ingredient: AMYGDALUS DULCIS OIL (Almond oil)

We have checked the ingredients on a number of popular brands on the Boots website and they do not contain this product. You should hopefully find that your usual brand is also nut free and suitable for use on your child whilst attending our school.

Uniform and Hair Styles

Please check our uniform guidelines on our website prior to purchasing school uniform. Black school shoes are to be worn throughout the summer term – no open-toed sandals or slip-on shoes please.

Children should leave jewellery at home and hair must be tied back if long - no shaved hair styles (minimum grade 2 cut).

Laudato Si - How do we show respect for our Common Home at Christ the King?

The earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us. At Christ the King Reception children learn about minibeasts and the wonder of God's creation. In Year 3 children learn about the important role that bees play in pollinating and creating food for us.

Our changing environment prompts us to stop and think about how we live on our planet. We are called to respond and to adopt new ways of living as Pope Francis highlights in his encyclical, *Laudato Si': On the Care for our Common Home*. Year 2 have become ambassadors of recycling and Year 4 learn about the importance of water as a precious resource.

It is the world's poorest communities who are affected by changes to our planet. CAFOD's development programs are attentive to environmental concerns and seek to promote care for the earth and its resources. As a school we fundraise to help support the poorest people in the world.



Celebration of Learning

We are grateful to the teachers again this week for their hard work in planning exciting and engaging learning experiences for the children.

Summer Term Reminders

- Summer uniform – but pupils may wear their winter uniform on cooler days
- Closed toe shoes only.
- Bring in a named sun cap and a light weight coat – all labelled.
- Apply sunscreen before children come to school.
- Plenty of fluids for hot weather (water only – we can refill in school).

Diary Dates

- Half term- Week beginning Monday 30th May
- INSET Day Monday 6th June
- Laudato Si Fortnight Monday 16th May- Friday 27th June
- **Sports Day Friday 8th July.**
- 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

Statutory Assessments

Please support your child by ensuring they have a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep. If you are concerned that your child is struggling to sleep or breakfast routines can be challenging then please talk to your child's teacher or our pastoral team including Mrs Hodge, Mr Smith and Mrs Lord. Year 6 pupils arrive early next week for their SATs breakfasts – please check Year 6 Dojo for updates and details. We all wish Year 6 all the best for their SATs next week – the last time we had formal assessments in school was summer 2019!

Grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills

This can be a worrying time for many families, as we find out that fuel costs are increasing. The Citizen's Advice link below has a wealth of information about the support that is available.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

Catholic Life

In the Catholic Church the month of May is Mary's month. It's the month we honour Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. If you attended Catholic school, you probably remember taking part in the "May crowning" at the beginning of May—where a wreath of flowers was placed on the head of the statue of Mary as prayers were said. This ritual is a way to show our love for Mary.



Why May?

Historians aren't exactly sure why May was chosen to honour Mary, but many believe that May being the month when spring is in full bloom has a lot to do with it. May is the height of spring—gardens everywhere are alive with blooming flowers and trees are filling their branches with leaves. This new beginning and new birth in nature reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honour the woman who gave life to our Saviour.

Ancient Connection

Another belief as to why May was chosen to honour Mary dates back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. In the ancient Greek world, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fertility and life. Roman culture linked the month of May to Flora, the goddess of bloom and blossoms. The Romans celebrated ludi florales (floral games) as a preparation for entering into the month of May and to celebrate the beginning of spring. (The month of May was the official beginning of spring in the Roman culture). Over time, the ancient tradition of celebrating life and fertility in the May led Christians to adopt May as the month to honour the Mother of Jesus.

When Did the Tradition of Honouring Mary in May Begin?

The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary dates back to the 13th century. But it might come as a surprise to know that it wasn't until the 18th century when this practice became popular. The practice became common among the members of the Jesuit Order in Rome. Because of the far reach of the order's schools, the devotion took hold, and by the 1700's it began to spread worldwide.



Let Us Pray

Hail Mary
Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed are you amongst all women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb
Holy Mary
Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now
And at the hour of our death
Amen

We give thanks for:

- The bluebells and spring flowers that adorn our outdoor spaces.
- Our midday supervisors who care and support the children at lunchtime.
- The learning that has taken place in school this week.

We pray for:

- The gift of 'Courage' to stand together in solidarity and peace, especially with our brothers and sisters of Ukraine.
- Our Year 6 pupils and all those taking assessments this month.
- The souls of all we have lost and gone before us. May they rest in peace.
- Fr Chacko, Fr Babu and all of our priests and local clergy.

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

Kind regards,
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