



19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term we are seeing an increased level of both staff and pupil absence due to a range of issues, not just COVID. The control measures that we have put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are now maintaining cases at a consistent but low level. We thank everyone for cooperating – especially wearing face covering on school premises, encouraging good hygiene measures at home and not sending your child to school if they are symptomatic of Covid-19. We encourage all families to use lateral flow tests on a regular basis to identify non-symptomatic cases or book PCR tests for anyone who develops symptoms.

### **Covid 19 Symptoms**

If your child is symptomatic of Covid-19) or tests positive following a Lateral Flow Test or PCR test please email the school COVID line: [covid@ctkcps.com](mailto:covid@ctkcps.com) and a member of the admin or senior team will phone you.

Symptoms include:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.
- Upset tummy

### **THRIVE**

Please look out for a leaflet coming home on Monday highlighting our school commitment to THRIVE, an approach we are implementing within school to support the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils. At the heart of this approach is the belief that if we provide children with the skills and tools to optimise social and emotional development then they will go on to build positive relationships and find it easier to access learning.

### **Synodal Journey**

In response to Pope Francis's wishes for the church to listen to its people, Bishop Mark has launched the diocesan Synodal Journey. 'Synodal' comes from the Greek word meaning to walk together. During the next few months, starting in Advent, Bishop Mark wants schools and parishes to meet and discuss the future of the church.

### **PTFA – Pre-loved Uniform Sale – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Don't forget to pop into the Parish Lounge on Monday between 2-30pm & 3.30pm – all pre-loved uniform for just 50p per item – come and grab a bargain!

### **PTFA Mad Hair Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Tease it, spike it, wear it how you like it!

How crazy is your hair?

Donations please as follows for the Christmas Rainbow Raffle Hampers:

Anything in the colours below that can go in a hamper, ie. chocolate, sweets, biscuits, candles, perfume, shower gel, wine etc

All alcohol MUST be handed to the office.

Reception & Pre School – Green

Year 1 - Blue

Year 2 - Yellow

Year 3 - Purple

Year 4 - Black/Silver

Year 5 - Red

Year 6 - Orange

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 29th November – Thank you for your support.

### **Feast of Christ the King**

This Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November is the Feast day of Christ the King. We encourage families to attend mass – please could all CTK children attending the 9.30am mass this Sunday attend wearing their school uniform. Thank you.

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

If you are in receipt of income support, or your child receives income related free school meals, please could you confidentially speak with the school admin team who will assist you in an application for Free School Meals. Although children in EYFS and KS1 already receive free hot lunches, we still desperately need parents to fill in these applications. Once registered for Free School meals we can then access additional support for your child, funding to support learning, uniform, trip and extracurricular subsidy. Please apply if you are eligible.

### **Hot Lunches**

Please choose the hot meals with your child as we cannot always offer alternatives if your child dislikes the menu. The menu is repeated on a three week rota so please check with them if they like the selected meals.

### **Packed lunches**

We are a NUT FREE school – we have children with serious allergies so please check the wrappings of food included and ensure all products are nut free and made in a nut free environment. Thank you.

### **Christmas Nativities and Carols**

Mrs Fisher has been unwell since half term, however all classes have continued to rehearse their Christmas carols and songs. We will inform you by 29<sup>th</sup> November if there will be any changes to our planned events.

### **Pre-School**

Pre-School places are filling up fast. If your child is turning 3 between Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2021— December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 you should contact the office, complete a booking form and reserve your place as soon as possible.

### **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>

### **Let Us Pray**

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

- The opportunity for Year 3 pupils to visit Dorchester Museum to enhance their learning.
- The opportunity for Upper KS2 pupils to celebrate mass with Fr Chacko to mark the Feast of Christ the King
- The prayers and support of our parish and local churches.

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

- Staff members who are absent with ill health, that they recover and re-join us soon.
- 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 next week. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher

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