

1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the month of July, our final month of this school year. We welcome the glorious weather and the longer days and lighter evenings.

We are continuing to see a rise in Covid cases and reassure you that we continue to be vigilant in school. We promote good hygiene measures and ventilation in all classrooms. Please note that if your child has a fever, a new continuous cough or a change/ loss of taste or smell then you should visit

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children>

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **Covid Cases**

This week there has 4 been cases.

### **Classes 2022-2023**

Children in Year 1- Year 5 will have their transition day next Thursday – an opportunity to meet with their new teacher and class mates for 2022-2023. Look out for a note in your child's book bag indicating who their teacher will be next school year.

### **Summer Concerts**

Congratulations to Mrs Fisher and the children from Year 3 and 4 who both performed their concerts this week. You were a delight to watch!

Children are practising hard for their Summer Concerts and are looking forward to showing you their musical skills. We are sure you will enjoy their performances. We are hoping the concerts will be outside if the weather is fine and not too hot, otherwise they will be in the hall. Tickets aren't needed for the performances.

Mrs Lord will be recording the performances and you will receive a YouTube link from your child's class teacher.

Years 5 and 6 "Jubilee Celebration" Tuesday July 5th at 1.30pm  
Reception Tuesday July 12th 2pm  
Year 1 Wednesday July 13th at 2pm  
Year 2 Thursday July 14th 2pm

Please do come and support the children. They are looking forward to performing to you.

### **Diary Dates**

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July is our School Jubilee Bank Holiday and school will be closed.**
- First Holy Communion Mass – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am
- Transition Day (Children will meet their new teacher) Reception-Year 5 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (am)
- KS2 Sports Day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (pm)
- Year 6 Diocesan Leaver's Mass - Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Drop off at St. Mary's School 9am.
- CTK Leavers Mass (Y6 parents invited) Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July time TBC
- Pre-School Graduation- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 10am
- Year 6 Graduation- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July time 1.30pm

### **Art Club Gallery Showcase**

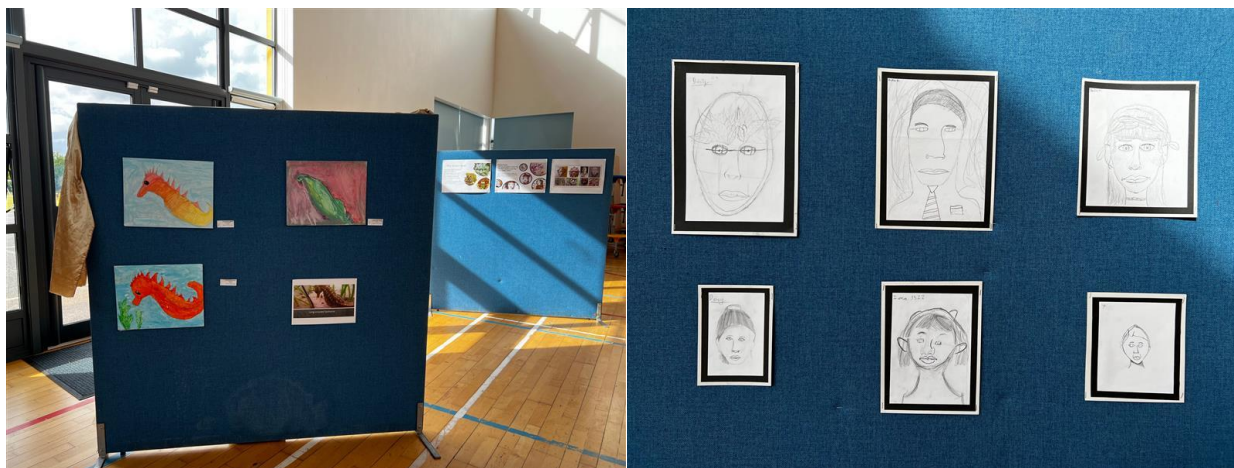
Ms Kent and her fabulous artists had their first gallery open evening. Some of the artwork had been inspired by images of animals that we would find in our locality (e.g., hedgehogs, kites, seahorses) from the Dorset Wildlife Trust. All of the artwork was on sale and the preview evening made a fabulous £50. The proceeds will be split, £25.00 to purchase new art supplies and £25.00 to support the excellent conservation work that the Dorset Wild Life Trust do.

It was a very sophisticated event, with sparking cocktails and nibbles for all of our guests. Watch this space... there will be more gallery evenings next year!

If you were unable to attend, the art work can still be purchased for a donation of their choice.





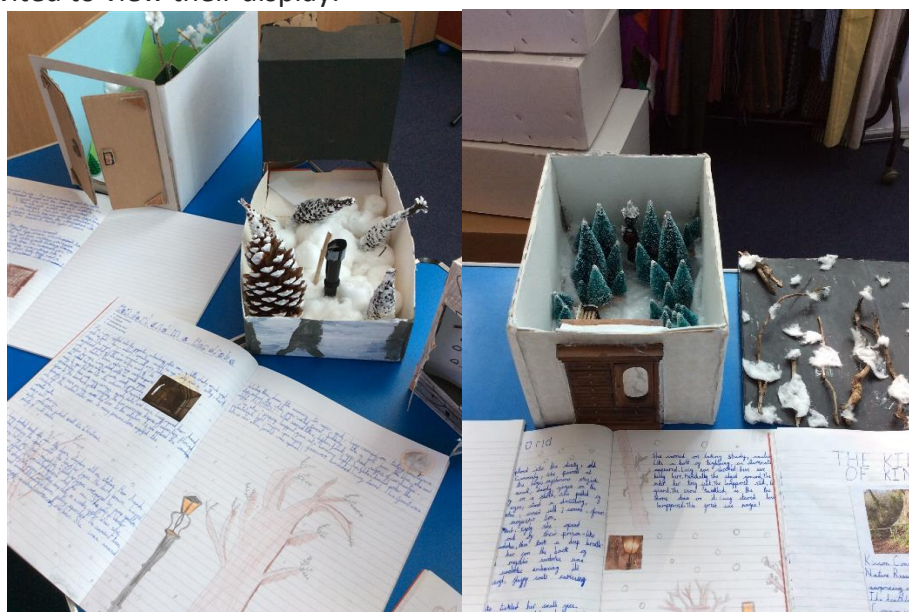


### **Celebration of Learning**

Year 2 have been painting images and modelling sand lighthouses



Year 5 proudly displayed their homework (Model of Narnia) which linked nicely with their writing in school. All classes were invited to view their display.



### **Sports Day - Picnic lunch Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the field with their child/ren - weather permitting.

### **Parking**

Please continue to consider our neighbours in the surrounding areas when you drive to school for drop off / pick up. Please do not obstruct driveways or park on yellow zig zags.

### **School Uniform**

We are noticing an array of trainers being worn on non-PE days! May we remind you that school shoes remain the expected uniform right up until 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We expect to see school shoes being worn with school uniform. Please also consider purchasing appropriate colour trainers when you replace your child's trainers in the autumn term. Bright coloured trainers are not appropriate. White trainers for PE please.

### **School lunches**

Please ensure you order school lunches in plenty of time and if you have forgotten to place an order in time, you MUST send your child in with a suitable packed lunch.

### **Safeguarding**

This week we had a fire drill. This is an essential part of school life; ensuring that all children are safe. The children are very used to the procedures, the alarm may make them jump at first, but they quickly and quietly make their way to the assembly point with their class teacher. Classes have also been practising for a Lockdown drill. We are very used to hearing the word Lockdown in relation to Covid, but the Lockdown being referred to here, is when the risk to our school community may be on the outside of the building. In order to remain safe, all external doors are locked, blinds are pulled down and the children gather together in silence away from any windows. At no point do we discuss or elaborate on scenarios that you will have undoubtedly heard about in the news. We simply explain that if the danger is on the outside, we need to remain safely in our rooms. The signal for this is a continuous whistle. Your child may talk to you about their Lockdown Rehearsal or Drill.

### **Army of Hope**

Our Gift Chaplains will continue to sell these packets of seeds for £1.00, on behalf of The Army of Hope. All proceeds will go to the Army of Hope Bournemouth to Ukraine Appeal. Please do support this worthy cause and have fun growing the sunflowers!

### **End of Year Gifts**

At the end of a school year, we are often overwhelmed with gifts to say 'thank you'. Our staff are unable to accept cash gifts or gifts over £25. Staff really do not expect presents, but if you do want to give something, staff would appreciate cards and letters, kind words, homemade gifts or donations to charity on their behalf.

### **Catholic Life**

This week in the Church's calendar was a feast day shared by two apostles. Church tradition has always celebrated St. Peter and St. Paul on the same day.

"Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so, we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."



These two men are phenomenal examples of sinful men who changed their lives for Christ. Even when following Christ, Peter showed fear and doubt, but he would always remain Christ's rock. And Paul's conversion story and subsequent teachings show the true power of God. These men were not without flaws, but their faith and their love of Christ serve as the perfect example for how we should live our lives today.



### **First Holy Communion**



Many congratulations to the children from Year 3, 4 and 5 that made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was a pleasure to witness the children receiving the Blessed Sacrament of Jesus for the very first time. Our second group of children from Years 3, 4 and 5 will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, so please keep them in your prayers. Congratulations to all involved – we are very grateful to our parish catechists who have supported and prepared our pupils for this special sacrament.

### **Foundation Governor request from St Joseph's**

I am writing as Chairman of the LGB at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Poole. Despite repeated appeals in our own school and parish, come September we will be short of three Foundation Governors at St Joseph's.

Our LGB meets once each half term, so six times per year, and each Governor has a specific area of responsibility which usually requires one meeting per half term with the relevant school lead so that they can then update the LGB at the following meeting. Currently meetings are usually held on line but we are slowly returning to meeting at the school which is situated in Sancreed Road, BH12 4DZ. The commitment is therefore serious but not too onerous. Full training and guidance for Governors is available from Plymouth CAST. It may be worth stating that Foundation Governors have to be Catholics first and foremost.

If any of your school community is willing to put themselves forward, I would ask that in the first instance they contact the St Joseph's School Office on 01202 741932.

Hugh F J Fogarty – Chair of Governors at St Joseph's

### **Let Us Pray**

We give thanks for:

- Our parish catechists and all involved in preparing our pupils for their First Holy Communion.
- Our pupil Gift Chaplains who are helping to raise money for the Ukraine Appeal.
- The gift of creativity and the opportunity to paint and draw inspired by the beauty of nature.

We pray for:

- All of our performers as they prepare for their end of year concerts.
- For our Year 6 pupils who are preparing for their transition to secondary school.
- For all pre-school children who are preparing their transition to primary school.

**And finally,** we wish you and your family a wonderful weekend and a CTK Jubilee Bank Holiday Monday. See you all on Tuesday.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Kind regards,  
Clare Tickel  
Executive Headteacher

Melanie Lord  
Head of School



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