



8th October 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Mrs Lord and the Gift Chaplains for leading our Harvest Liturgy on Monday.
Thank you to everyone who donated food for our local food bank.

PE Kit Routines

From Monday 11th October pupils in **KS2** (Year 3 to Year 6) will be expected to wear their school uniform to school Monday to Thursday and bring their PE kit in to school on their PE days. KS2 pupils will wear PE kit to school on Fridays for Fit Friday.

KS1 pupils will continue wearing PE kit to school on their PE days. We will reintroduce KS1 and EYFS children changing on site next term.

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. Please ensure you collect medicine from the office once your child no longer needs it.

Parent, Teacher and Friends Association.

The PTFA are having a mufti-day on Friday 22nd October. The theme is 'sport' Please can your child come to school in sports clothes of their favourite sport, ie football, tennis, cricket, ballet etc. In return, we are asking for a £1 donation to the PTFA. Every parent is a member of the PTFA

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you to everyone who wore green today to raise money for CAFOD – let's hope our contributions help CAFOD to make a difference and build a brighter world.

Pre-School

Pre-School places are filling up fast. If your child is turning 3 between Sept 1st 2021— December 31st 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>

Spanish Day

Don't forget that children can dress up in Spanish or South American costumes on Tuesday 12th 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).

St Francis of Assisi - Patron Saint of Animals

The feast of St Francis of Assisi was on 4th October. St Francis is the patron saint of our yellow house and also at the heart of Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' message to care for our planet.

Blessing of the Animals

There will be a special opportunity for families to bring their pets to an animal blessing service at Christ the King Church – see details below:

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday 17th October
3pm
Christ The King Church Garden

Do come along if you are able. We look forward to meeting your pets.

What is the meaning of this blessing – Why should we bless the animals?

To bless the animals means to recognise and express their relationship to God the Creator and to human beings.

Some questions:

- Do you know what animal tempted Eve in the garden of Eden?
- Do you remember what Noah did when there was a flood?
- Do you know which large fish saved Jonah from the waters of the sea?
- Do you know which animals fed the prophet Elijah?

Answers:

Snake / Noah saved the animals in an arc / Whale / Ravens – type of birds

Nowadays, animals help us in many ways:

- Guide Dogs help the blind and disabled
- Stroking furry animals brings comfort
- Animals can be loyal and loving

- Animals can be funny
- Animal noises can be entertaining and joyous such as the singing birds
- Animals are all beautiful, even the tiniest ones such as butterflies and bees.
- We can look at one animal and see such detail – how amazing is our God!
- Every animal has a purpose e.g., the spiders in the garden protect the plants from flies.



Animal Blessing

*Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
 You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.
 You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.
 We ask you to bless these pets.
 By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.
 May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.
 Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!
 AMEN*

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- All animals who share God's creation with us.
- The reading workshop attended by Year R parents on Tuesday.
- Our Harvest Liturgy led by our Gift Chaplains on Monday.
- The generosity of families providing food for our local food bank.

We pray for:

- An end to animal cruelty, that people show compassion to all God's creatures.
- Those who are hungry, that our Harvest collection makes a positive difference.
- 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

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hope
love

