



14th May 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had in school, with our author virtual visit and celebrations for Mrs Durrant's retirement. On Thursday Michael Rosen, a world-famous children's author, thrilled the children involving them in many of his well-known raps and poems and Mrs Durrant was presented with gifts, songs and cards from staff and pupils at our virtual liturgy on Wednesday.

Farewell to Mrs Durrant

Mrs Durrant joined Christ the King School in 1995 as a member of our midday team, appointed a member of the school admin team in 1997 and became senior office manager in 2007. Mrs Durrant has worked with 5 headteachers at Christ the King school and seen many changes and served the needs of many hundreds of pupils and scores of staff. We are very grateful that she has been part of our school family and sad that she is leaving us. We wish Mrs Durrant a happy, peaceful and healthy retirement. God bless her.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Oppo following the birth of her baby daughter Serafina, and congratulations to Mrs Shutler following the birth of her baby son, Albie. Both babies were born on Sunday 25th April. We send our best wishes to both mothers.

Risk Assessment

Covid-19 control measures remain largely unchanged for the next week, children's desks will remain in rows and year group bubbles will remain separate. Staff are no longer mandated to wear a face covering inside the classroom, however, face coverings must still be worn in communal areas inside and around the school premises by all adults. The trust is reviewing all control measures and we will update you as measures are adapted or eased.

Summer Events

We are hopeful that we will be able to have bubble or phase sports days at the end of this term, Mr Smith, our PE leader, will send out more information and dates before half term.

PE Uniform

Please ensure all PE shorts, PE track suit bottoms and sweat-tops are navy blue. PE shorts must be thigh length. Short shorts are not appropriate for a school.

Michael Rosen

saw the much awaited virtual visit of Michael Rosen and he was certainly worth the wait! Michael had the children (and adults!) beaming from ear to ear and laughing throughout his visit. He captivated us all with his wit, wisdom and wonderful poetry. He performed the ever-popular Chocolate Cake, The Michael Rosen Rap, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, These are the Hands, Strict (aka No Breathing!) and Busy Day (Pop In, Pop Out...). He also shared some new poems and taught us more about composition of poems and stories. What a star! His performance is all the more inspirational, considering his journey over the last year. Michael survived Covid and even had to learn to walk and talk all over again due to the impact of the virus. Thankfully, he is much better now and was delighted to spend time with us. A truly memorable, marvellous visit for us all which made for an exciting end to the week (almost).



Parking outside School

The church car park is not accessible to the school community - this is private land and is reserved for church use only. There is also the additional risk of vehicles crossing the pedestrian areas at busy times. Please note that the yellow zigzag markings are a 'no stopping' zone without exception. We politely request that all parents adhere to this. It is not school policy to name and shame, including taking of photos, we simply maintain that we should be considerate and consider others before ourselves.

We request for parents to park a short distance from the school and walk - especially since this month is 'Walk to school month'. During lockdown we are aware that for many pupils, activity levels decreased. We need to do everything we can to maintain healthy lifestyles.

National Walking Month

May is [National Walking Month](#) and will include our annual 'Walk to School' Week. (17-21 May 2021)



Walking is good for our minds, our bodies and our neighbourhoods. If you live close enough, please walk to school, if you need to drive then try parking further away and walking the last mile to school. You'll feel great for doing it!

'Let's Go Zero 2030'

One of CAST's Strategic 5 Year Goals for all CAST schools is to work towards reducing our carbon footprint. Becoming carbon neutral by 2030 is an ambitious target and it will require real effort from each one of us, and very conscious decision making about how we utilise resources to the best effect. In encouraging more pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school we are conscious that we need to review storage of cycles and access to and from school.

We have noticed children whizzing along pathways and around corners – we do expect children to walk their scooters up the school pathways on site please.

Below is a photo of our scooter racks by the bike shed, all scooters should be stored here, the bike shed is reserved for cycles only.



Assessment

The DfE are not providing 2021 SATs and formal assessment tests for pupils this summer. Our Academy Trust, expect us to continue to report our ongoing assessment and this year teacher assessments will be reported at the end of June - parents will receive teacher assessments in the end of year written report in July. Please do not arrange time away from school as teachers will plan to assess pupils throughout June and all pupils will benefit from maximum time in school.

School Volunteers

As covid control measures start to ease we will look to welcome volunteers back into school in the near future. If you have volunteered in the past or would be interested in supporting the learning in school in some capacity please email Mrs Perry , our deputy HT who will organise induction and rotas for volunteers.

Sporting News from Mr Smith

Sports Clubs

We are pleased to announce the resumption of our extra-curricular sports clubs. Planet Education are delivering after school multi-sports clubs to KS1 and LKS2 classes. Also, girls and boys football lunchtime clubs in UKS2 are back up and running!

Virtual sports events

Well done to all classes who took part in one of our virtual inter school sports events. We took part in events from athletics to football challenges against Bournemouth Primary Schools.

Sports week

Sports week will take place from Monday 12th July to Friday 16th July. During this week, Sports day will take place on Tuesday 13th July. Details about the day are to follow so watch this space!

Celebration of Learning

Year 3 enjoying cricket this half term. We have also been growing cress as part of our plants topic in science.



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 will be held virtually in June and followed up with opportunities for scheduled visits when the school is not in session. To find out more about our school and ethos please follow the link below and share with family and friends: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

May Procession

The month of May is a special time for us, because it is dedicated to Mary. We celebrate that Mary is the mother of Jesus and also our mother. Mary knows Jesus better than any of us, so she's the best one to show us how to live like Jesus, and help us to get to know Him. Mary also knows how to pray better than any of us, so we ask her to pray for us and with us.

Thank you to all who brought in flowers for our May procession. The Statue of Our Lady in our entrance foyer and in the church grotto are now adorned with flowers and look beautiful.



Ascension Day



Prayer for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Where is the Lord to be found?

Where is the Kingdom of God located?

Lord, remind us that the Kingdom of God is about our hearts and minds open to your presence, your saving action, and your consolation.

In a world that is broken remind us that...

You are present whenever two or three are gathered in your name.

You are present when we do as you did and put others first.

You are with us when we share our talents, commitment and joy to bring your message to this broken world.

Through the Ascension you are with us in a radical new way that transcends time and space.

Lord, help us to be your presence in the world, through all that we are and all that we do.

We ask this through you, Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Mrs Durrant and the 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to our school community.
- Mary, our heavenly mother and the inspiration she gives all mothers.
- Our virtual author visit – Michael Rosen.
- New life – including all new babies within our community.

We pray for:

- Mrs Durrant, that she will be blessed with a happy and healthy retirement with her family.
- The on-going health and protection of our community.
- Our brother and sisters in India and South America and Europe suffering the devastation of a second wave of Covid-19.
- Members of our community who are unwell, especially the grandmother of some of our pupils
- The soul of all we have lost and gone before us.
- Fr Chacko and all of our priests and local clergy.

And finally, I wish you and your families a happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

faith
hope
love

