



23rd April 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter to all of our families! As we journey through the 50 days of Easter towards the feast of Pentecost, we reflect on our relationships with those closest to us, our relationship with those within our community and on our relationship with God. We are people of hope, hopeful that the joy of Easter will empower each of us to love unconditionally and to forgive those who hurt us. There are still so many unwell people within our community and also many within our community experiencing loss; it is for these people we all need to reach out to with compassion and support with prayer.

The children have returned to school with smiles on their faces and eager to tell tales of meeting up with friends and wider family. The easing of lockdown and the gradual warmer weather is certainly going to encourage us to maximise learning in our outdoor spaces this term.

Applying for a place at Christ the King School

BCP continue to 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>

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.

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).

Fire Drills

On Monday 19th April the fire alarms sounded unexpectedly and the fire brigade attended site to investigate. We have to take every unexpected fire alarm sounding seriously and evacuate the school building until we can account for why the alarm has sounded. Fire drills are well rehearsed and although inconvenient, are necessary in order to save lives.

Staffing

Welcome to Miss Pain who is teaching in Year 2OA on Thursdays and Fridays. We thank Mrs McGrath who left our cleaning team before Easter. Staff from Perfect Finish are now responsible for the majority of the school deep cleaning.

ONLINE SAFETY

Police have warned schools recently about inappropriate videos being posted on TIK TOK. Please talk with your child and carefully monitor what they are watching on social media.

Promoting Good Health

Activity levels amongst adults and children during this winter lockdown have suffered and we hope to encourage as many families to walk, scooter or cycle to school as possible this term. Perhaps you could park your car a few blocks away from school and walk.

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

1. Keep doing your bit



The last year has proven that our #airquality can recover when we drive less. Keep doing your bit. Pledge to #WalkThisMay for @LivingStreets' #NationalWalkingMonth livingstreets.org.uk/WalkThisMay

2. Swap a short drive...



Leave the car at home during @LivingStreets' #NationalWalkingMonth to help keep you and your community healthy and happy. Pledge to #WalkThisMay livingstreets.org.uk/WalkThisMay

3. Keep putting...



Walking is good for our minds, our bodies and our neighbourhoods. And this past year it has helped us stay active and connected. Why not keep going? Pledge to #WalkThisMay for @LivingStreets' #NationalWalkingMonth livingstreets.org.uk/WalkThisMay

Hot Meals

This term we have resumed hot meals for pupils in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. Please remember to book meals a week in advance and talk to your children about their preferences. Although it is a good opportunity to encourage young children to eat a variety of foods, we also want children to settle into their new routines and eating food they like will encourage this.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who have responded to our questionnaire, we have had a record response. We will let you know the results as soon as they have been collated.

Easter arrangements for track and trace

There were no reported positive Covid-19 cases from any members of our community during the Easter break. All staff continue to take C19 lateral flow tests twice a week – and so far all results have been negative. We encourage all families to access free lateral flow tests free from your pharmacy. This further rollout of asymptomatic testing will help identify more cases of COVID-19, so I would encourage you all to take part.

Be COVID Safe

Thank you to the majority of parents and carers who continue to support our request to wear a face covering on the school premises. We do realise that this may be inconvenient, but this measure is in place to keep all the school community safe.

Please wear a mask at all times when on the school site. Thank you



If anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change in sense of taste or smell) you all must follow the stay at home guidance and order a PCR (laboratory) test: <https://tinyurl.com/vr6pdnmr>

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Easter and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.
- The chance to rest and recharge over the Easter break.
- The safe return to school, especially for families who have been aboard or have had to quarantine.
- Those within our community whose small acts of kindness often go un-noticed.

We pray for:

- The on-going health and protection of our UK 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, including Fr Chacko.
- Members of our community who are mourning the loss of a loved one or feeling the pain of separation.
- Those who have recently died, may their souls rest in peace, especially the cousin of one of our pupils.
- 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 —

