



12th February 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents,

Well done to everyone for all your hard work and tenacity this half term. A special 'shout out' goes to all the parents at home supporting the children's remote learning. I expect there is a huge sense of relief that you and your children can have a well deserved rest over half term. Please take time to enjoy the outdoors and do some family walks if you are able to. The staff and I are very grateful for all that you are doing and pass on our sincere thanks for your cooperation during these very difficult times. If your child is scheduled to attend school but will not be attending, please inform the school office or email covid@ctkcps.com as soon as possible.

Places for Critical Worker and Vulnerable Pupils

We have a number of critical worker parents who can make themselves available for extra shifts should childcare become available. Could you please therefore ensure that all absences are reported by 8am. We expect this provision to continue after half term until school opens fully

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February the children took part in another national event aimed at keeping children safe: Safer Internet Day 2021. Please talk to your children about what they like to do on-line and try to put in place boundaries to protect them.

The BCP Safeguarding team have alerted us to the following games 'Roblox' and 'Cunch Chronicles' game. Police have warned that **Roblox** is a game targeting children 8+. It is very popular, but causing concern because it is a platform with links to other games that have links to violence. Evidence shows that it can create fear, is competitive, has opportunities to gather coins to gain Robux to spend in the game.

Cunch Chronicles is causing concern as it appears to be an exciting game, entrepreneurial game, with buying and selling but it promotes criminal exploitation. The game is based on gang life activities.



Half Term

School will be closed over the half term break and reopen for critical worker children and vulnerable pupils on **Tuesday 23rd February**.

Return to School

It is likely that we will find out when schools will reopen very soon. It would be helpful if you can help prepare for children for a return to school:

- Please reassure your children that the school is just the same as when they were here in December – they will instantly recognise it and feel at home.
- Insist on good hygiene habits at home – hand washing, sneezing or coughing into their elbow or tissue, etc.
- Bedtime routine – if bedtimes have drifted later start to gradually bring them forward again so that the children get used to their school routine.
- Check Google Classroom / tapestry to check the curriculum your child's teachers have planned for this term – any lessons or activities you missed? The beauty of pre-recorded lessons is that you can go back over them. We don't mind if learning comes in late – it is better that they children have at least tried.
- Order lunches through Chartwells: As soon as the Government give the 2 weeks' notice that schools are reopening, Chartwells will then turn back on the parent ordering system for meals. We will let you know asap if it will be for hot food or packed lunches still.

Parents Evening

Parent consultations will be run virtually again this term. Please save the dates: Wednesday 24th March and Thursday 25th March 3.30-6.00pm. A letter will be sent home after half term to explain how you can book your meeting with the relevant teachers.

Free School Meals Vouchers

During the February half term (week beginning 15th Feb) those receiving free school meals will continue to receive food vouchers. However, they will be delivered by a company called **School Vouchers**. If you encounter any problems or if you need any help accessing or printing the voucher, please contact Mrs Moore at the school office or email: sally.moore@ctkcps.com

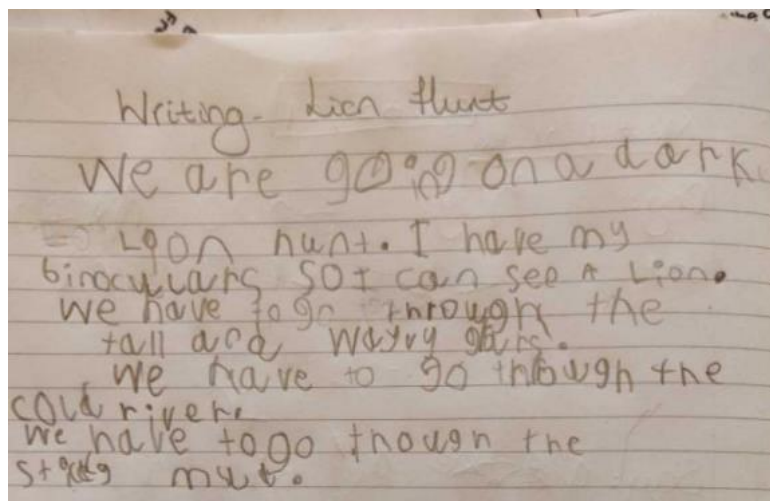
Good News Stories

Below we have some more fine examples of some of the remote learning going on around our school. Please say a big well done to your children and I hope they feel positive about their achievements.

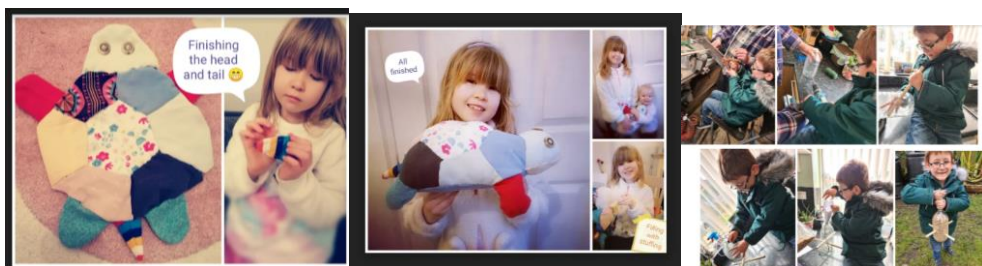
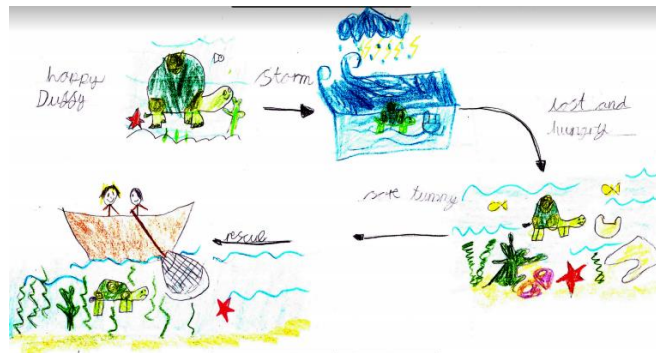
Year R have been writing thank you letters to the NHS – they were thrilled when the nurses at The Royal Bournemouth Hospital put up their pictures!



Year 1 have been continuing with their phonics, writing stories and learning about internet safety.



Year 2 have been learning about recycling and mapping this week's story 'Duffy's Lucky Escape'. We love the turtle collage using fabrics and the home made bird feeder using recycled plastic bottles!



Year 3 have been exploring Cave Art through their history topic.





Year 4 have been exploring how special each child is – created in the image of God. What amazing poems they have created!

FANTASTIC ME

*I am exquisite and wonderful
I wonder how everyone is feeling right now
I want endless happiness wherever I go
I am exquisite and wonderful*

*I pretend that our unique world is a perfect place
I feel blessed for being here
I worry about the fragile planet Earth
I cry when I'm sad
I am exquisite and wonderful*

*I understand that many people suffer from the perilous pandemic
I believe in good
I dream about becoming a great gymnast
I try to make myself a better, bigger, brighter person
I hope that every precious child somewhere is at least as happy as I am*

*I am exquisite and wonderful
I thank God for His miraculous creation
I watch how my life dances alongside me like a leaf blowing in the wind
I think that the best is yet to arrive.*

All about me

*I am friendly and excitable
I wonder when school will return
I want everyone to enjoy it when they're at home
I am friendly and excitable*

*I pretend my grassy garden is colossal
I feel delighted when I help someone and then he or she helps me if I need it
I worry about my fantastic friends
I cry when I've done something wrong
I am friendly and excitable*

*I understand that life's not always fair
I believe everyone should be able to choose what they believe in
I dream about helping people make friends
I try to help out at home
I hope I can help make the world safer
I am friendly and excitable*

*I love my fabulous family
I play with my friends
I hate coronavirus
I am friendly and excitable*

My life dances beside me like a leaf in the wind.

Mrs Mead also led Year 4 in a virtual cooking class – the results look delicious!



Year 5 have been exploring our mission as people of faith in RE. Ben suits his new name 'Bishop Ben' 😊

Imagine you are a new Bishop. Write a letter to the parishes to tell them about your mission in the diocese. Say how parishes can help because of what they believe and what their responsibilities are as a church community. Make sure you use scripture references.

To my brothers and sisters in the parishes,

As your shepherd I am writing to encourage all the priests and congregations to remember what is most important in our lives. 'God's Way brings love, justice and peace for the entire world'.

We must help people know about Jesus. Isaiah 61 says to help the poor, comfort the broken hearted and set the prisoner free. We can do this in many ways in our parishes.

Missions like Trussell Trust and St Vincent De Paul are ways to show God's love to our community. There are lots of followers of Jesus but we don't all do the same things.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by [a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

We should also work with other churches so that we have unity.

Love in Christ,

Bishop Ben

Year 6 have been exploring internet safety and discovered that many of our Year 6 pupils use games and apps that are for older children (13 and 16 year olds). The children gained a greater awareness of how to interact with others on line and how to keep personal information private.



LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (17th February), which for our children falls during half term.

Fr Digby had written about Lent, which we pray will help you as you prepare for this important season in the Church year.

Within six weeks, we'll celebrate the most important feast of the Church's year, Easter. Through baptism, we share in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then, at Pentecost, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are given the new life of Christ to be lived out in this life but to be experienced in its fullness in heaven, sharing the very glory of God's life.

Perhaps all that sounds a bit much to get the head round! No matter. Let's just receive the message that Easter is worth preparing for. The period of preparation is 'Lent', a word closely connected with 'Spring' and new life. Contrary to some images of Lent being bleak, one of the prayers of the Church calls this penitential season a 'joyful season of grace'.

As outlined in the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, we're asked to emphasise three aspects of Christian living: prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Fr Digby

Pray. Stop. Go.

Our theme for Lent this year is 'Pray. Stop. Go.' which is a child friendly interpretation of this same Gospel. Throughout Lent, our resources will encourage children to make their **prayer** life richer, to **stop** doing some things which in turn will free them to **go** out to others with acts of service. Please do ask children about their 'Lent Adventure'. Here's a teaser trailer to help you get excited:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Safer Internet Day – giving opportunities for adults and children to focus on keeping safe online.
- The learning and opportunities that the children have had this half term.
- The NHS staff and army personnel working hard to roll out the vaccine programme.
- The NHS staff on the frontline in our hospitals for their resilience in the face of suffering.
- Our staff, pupils and families who are recovering from illness, especially Covid-19.
- Our clergy – they sustain us and give us hope.

We pray for:

- The recently deceased, especially the mother of a member of staff, that their souls may rest in peace and their families will find comfort.
- A safe and restful half term break for all pupils, their families and the staff.
- Fr Chacko and all members of our Christ the King School and Parish family.

This is a prayer which some children have used daily throughout the week commencing 8th February:

Dear God,

**As I breathe in and as I breathe out,
help me to remember you.
Help me to love you and love others.**

Amen

And finally, have a restful half term week and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Best wishes to you all.

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

faith
hope
love

