

12th March 2021

Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,



WELCOME BACK! It is fantastic to have the children back at school this week and to have their smiles and energy filling the place again. We certainly missed them and are all so glad to be able to see them again. The children enjoyed the welcome of **'Bears, Bubbles, Balloons and Banners'** and seeing their teachers and friends again.





As part of the children's return to school we guided them in a reflection on the recent lockdown, including sharing their worries and what they have enjoyed, are proud of and what they are grateful for. Year 1 made lovely worry monsters out of junk:



Science Week

The children have enjoyed plenty of hands on learning this week as part of Science Week:

Year 1 Volcano science, floating and sinking and dissolving.



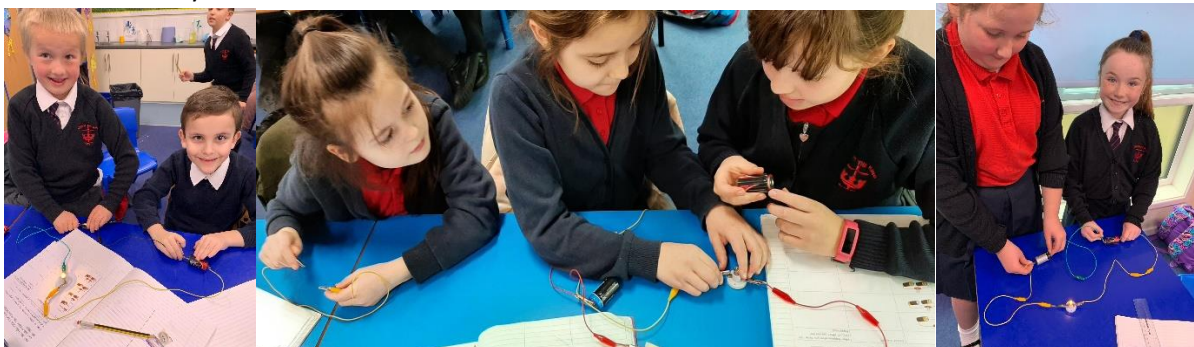
Year 2 stretchiest material investigation



Year 3 chromatography (making rainbows) and forces (helicopters)



Year 4 electricity



Year 5 oxidation



Year 6 used the VR headsets to investigate heart and lungs and a team investigation into our Virtue - justice.



Staffing News

Maternity Cover. After Easter Mrs Greenwood will continue to teach Year RGS Monday to Friday. In Year 2OA, Mrs Atkinson will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and we are interviewing next week for a teacher to teach Thursday and Friday.

Cycling to School

We encourage active travel to and from school and our cycle and scooter shed will be open for storage from next week. Please remember any bicycles or scooters left, are done so at your own risk. All pupils cycling or scootering to school are required to **wear a helmet**. Helmets can be stored in the classroom.

School Class Photos

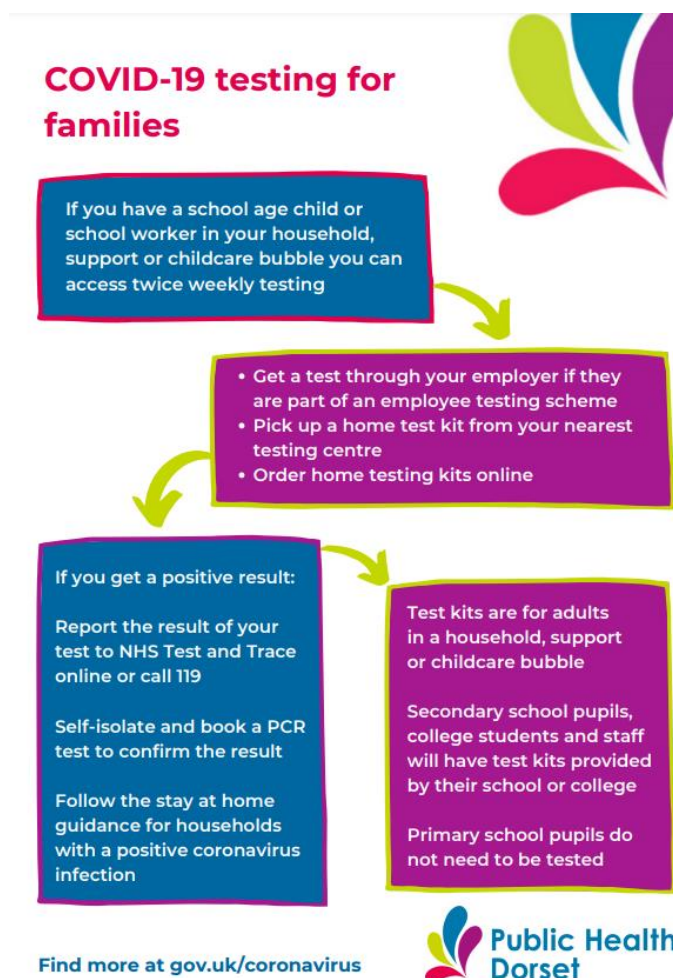
Class photos will take place on Monday 29th March 2021

School Video

Please follow the link below and share with family and friends:

<https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

COVID 19 – Testing Families



Where should Parents get their kits? Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

In the first instance you should get their kit from your employer; if they offer testing to employees or

- at a local test site (7 tests in a pack and two packs per person. Poole Leisure Centre car park (**BH15 1TN**) between 1pm- 7pm with no booking needed. Second collection point Christchurch Two Rivers Meet LC (**BH23 1HW**) and the Furlong Centre Ringwood (**BH24 1AT**).)
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site-see above
- by ordering a home test kit online-which you can pick up or have delivered. Only 1 person should go and get test allowance to reduce travel as we are still in lockdown
- Following positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the pupil or student and their close contacts should self-isolate-if negative pupil can return to school-if positive they must self-isolate for the time agreed with school
- Once a positive pupil has been tested and done self-isolation, they should be taken off the testing system

All lateral flow test outcomes must be reported to the NHS (guidance provided with LFD testing kits) and also to the school. If a person has a positive lateral flow test outcome, then they must immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test. We will provide more information on reporting to schools next week.

Let Us Pray



Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of St. Joseph. In the wake of the pandemic Pope Francis mentions the 'ordinary people' who are often overlooked. Ordinary people like yourselves, nurses, doctors, the refuse collectors, delivery drivers and shop workers. 'Each one of you can discover in Joseph,' says Pope Francis, 'the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support, a guide in times of trouble.' 'St. Joseph,' he added, 'reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.'

We give thanks for:

- The safe return of most of our pupils and staff
- The vaccination programme
- Our clergy and staff

We pray for:

- The ongoing health and protection of our community
- Those who have not yet been able to return to school or who are in quarantine
- Those who are unwell, especially a parent, a pupil and one of our governors
- Fr Chacko and all of our priests and local clergy

And finally, I hope you all manage to enjoy the weekend and I hope that Mothering Sunday is a day to rest and remember with gratitude our dear mothers and grandmothers on earth and in heaven.

Best wishes to you all.

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

faith
hope
love

