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„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“

16th December 2022

Message from Mrs Procter

Well that's a wrap! The Christmas productions all went off without a hitch, the children enjoyed performing again to a packed hall/ church and as always were an absolute credit to us. It was



lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles attend- there really is something special about watching the children re-tell the Christmas story. Please try as a family to attend Mass over the festive period to remind ourselves that we are celebrating the birth of Jesus. Mass times are **6-00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass and 8.00pm on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at 10.00am** it would be lovely for us to fill the church with our Christ the King family! We would like to thank our Parish families for their very kind voucher donations throughout the year, they really help to support many of our families.

Father Louis and Deacon Tony would like to invite any of our families to join them for Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day. If you would like to join them please let the church office know on 0151 208 0663 so they know how many potatoes to peel!

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and stay healthy as we have a lot of germs floating around Christ the King at the moment. Enjoy the break and we will see you all on **Wednesday 4th January**.

Scarlet fever and Strep A

We have had a few confirmed cases of Strep A within school- although I am very pleased to report nobody is too poorly. Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. **Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness**, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, please look out for symptoms in your child which include - a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Weekly Reflection

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'rejoice' and we are invited to find joy in something that will last. We are told to rejoice in the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, is coming to be close to us at Christmas. The Christmas story can become so familiar to us that we can forget how profound and incredible it is. What can a baby, a poor family and a dirty smelly stable got to do with our lives? It shows us the kind of God that Jesus is. God love us so much and so deeply that He comes to us wherever we are. This is certainly joyful. Jesus loves us so much and wants to be close to us. Let us pray that we can find the real joy in Christmas over the coming days.



Ethos Statement – I try to love others as I love myself.

The following children have shown they love others as they love themselves this week:

FJH	Aluna Graves	1DK	Alicia Cairney	2RL	Omari Ndingindwayo
FJH	Charlotte Hatton	1DK	George Battle	2RL	Jacob Kelly
FBG	Thomas Magee	1SH	Aubree Baily-Root	2HW	Orla Morad
FBG	Leon McGraa	1SH	Willow Mathews	2HW	Ryan Wu

3EJ	Chloe Davies	4HS	Millie Walker	5AY	Amira Johnston
3EJ	Jason Frost	4HS	Teddy Smith	5AY	Henry Green
3DJ	Penelope Lucas	4HK	Jensen Jagger-Tippey	5MJ	Emma MacMaster
3DJ	William Spencer	4HK	Anthony Mousa	5MJ	Ruby Ashcroft.

6KH	Lucas Hughes
6KH	Jack Herbert
6RM	Tessa Ashton-Martin
6RM	Sean Verlander

House Points

Last week's winners:

<u>KS1</u>	Mark	<u>KS2</u>	Luke	<u>Overall</u>	Luke
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Jesse Tree 2022

The rest of our Faith Leaders recorded a super video with special effects to introduce our next Jesse Tree story this week. After Moses died, Joshua became the Israelites' new leader. It was a long journey to the Promised Land. On the way, some of the people decided not to listen to God and so they could not enter the Promised Land for a long time. Finally, after forty years, Joshua led the Israelites out of the desert and into the Promised Land. Joshua reminds us of Jesus. Jesus leads us from earth to our heavenly home, just like Joshua led the Israelites to the Promised Land.



We finished our stories this year by thinking about how John the Baptist came to prepare people for the coming of Jesus and with the Nativity story itself. Our Jesse Trees are full of symbols in classes and our Entrance Hall display contains symbols from all the stories we have looked at over the last two years. It is a lovely Advent tradition and we already have plans to continue with this next year too. We are keen to get started on this. You will have to wait to find what we plan to do though.



Thank you once again, to all those who have shared and recorded stories with us this year.



Choir Christmas Concert

Last Friday, the choir performed in church in their annual Christmas Concert. The children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers and performed brilliantly, it certainly got us all feeling a bit festive. Thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting us in such horrible weather - we hope it was worth it!



Choir Celebration

The choir celebrated a great term with the return of our chocolate fountain today. They've worked so hard all term, they should be really proud of themselves. Here's to next term and retaining our award winning choir status!

Attention budding Historians in KS2!

After Christmas on Wednesday's (3:20-4:20) until February half term, Miss Lloyd will be holding a history club. We will cover areas of history that are not covered in school, unpicking the time period they fall, key events, (some gruesome) facts and debating topics. First stop... *the Terrible Tudors*! If your child is interested and in Y3-6, please email your interest to Miss Lloyd on rlloyd@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk

The club is **completely free** but may result in some further reading and home projects! It is also on a first come, first served basis.

Miss Lloyd



Attention KS2 Coders!

After Christmas on Wednesdays (3:20-4:20), Mr James will be holding a Computer Coding club. We will begin with block based coding through some online platforms such as Scratch and hopefully move onto some text based coding projects- these will all be accessible at home as well if children wish to further expand their computing knowledge! We will be creating lots of different projects and having a go at coding our own games using the school's Chrome books. If your child is interested and in Y3-6, please email your interest: mjames@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk The club is completely free! It is also on a first come, first served basis. You will be notified if your child is given a place. Mr James

Parish News- Christmas Eve Mass

We are inching ever closer to our wonderful Christmas Eve Family Mass and need your help... We are looking for parents and children to participate in the Mass and we have lots of jobs to fill for those interested:- Perhaps we could get some musicians to bring their instruments to help us (so time to dust off that guitar or tambourine). But if like me, you are not able to play an instrument, don't panic – we need some new singers (all ages and abilities welcome) to help make the Mass a very special family occasion. We are also looking for children to help with the offertory procession and to help with the Gospel words, (we need Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels & some

sheep!) for the special family Mass. If anyone has spare nativity costumes, they would be gratefully received too. Please can any children who would like to volunteer to help at the Christmas Eve 6pm family Mass, please let me know. Thanks Lindsey Thompson (07900 136 402). Lastly, **EVERY** Friday at 3.30pm we are meeting in the Church to practice the wonderful Carols and hymns so please do join us. We hope to see you there!

Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert



Well done to all children who performed in a wonderful Carol Concert earlier this week. Great reading and singing. It certainly got us in a festive mood. Thanks to all who came and supported the children too.

Year 3 Reminders

- Just a reminder that Y3's **PE** days will be **WEDNESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS** in Spring 1. They should come to school in their PE kits on these days. (There will be NO PE on Wednesday 4th January).
- **Payment** for our school trip (£17.50) should be paid in full by **Monday 9th January**.
- There will be a short **parents' meeting** for all those children who are making their **Sacraments** in 2023 that will be held in church on **Tuesday 10th January at 3:30pm**.



Year 4- Anglo Saxon/Viking trip

On Wednesday 25th January 2023, Year 4 will be visiting Tatton Park to deepen their knowledge of Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The details of the trip can be seen via this link.

https://www.tattonpark.org.uk/learn/school_visits/education_programme/anglo_saxon_and_viking.aspx

Payment for the trip is £14.50 per child and this will go live on ParentPay today.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Important- ParentPay End of Year

Can we ask all parents/carers to bring any outstanding payments for 2022 up to date please for auditing purposes before the end of year.

May we also politely remind everyone that lunch payments should be made in advance of any lunches taken.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

New Year Resolution- start each day on time for a full day of learning

Persistent late arrival at school not only affects the learning of the student arriving late, but also the learning of the rest of the students in the class. Ongoing, persistent lateness, after the registration period has closed, can lead to statutory measures being used by the Local Authority.

Can we also remind parents that when possible, appointments should be made for pupils at the end of the school day so they are not leaving class early and disrupting the lesson (we appreciate that there are times when it is beyond your control).

Persistent lateness and early leaving over a school year can often accumulate to several days missed learning for students and may be drawn to the attention of the Local Authority resulting in a fixed penalty notice.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 th December	School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Break
Monday 19 th /Tuesday 20 th December	INSET days (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	School reopens to staff and pupils
Saturday 24 th December	Family Mass - Christ the King Parish Church 6pm
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	Year 3 Stone Age Visit
Wednesday 25 th January	Year 4 Anglo Saxon/Viking trip