



**6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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

**Message from Mrs Procter**



I hope you all had a lovely half term despite the weather. We now find ourselves in a second lockdown and whilst this is frustrating we all must do what we can to ensure that we help to stop the virus spreading. Please can I remind parents to socially distance when they are waiting to pick up their child. Having friends back for tea is no longer permitted or meeting groups within the park.

School will remain open during the lockdown period to all children and it is law that all children attend school, we do not want to be issuing any fines for non attendance. As always we are continuing to make school as COVID secure as we can.



Quite a few parents have sent me the following letter this week that has been posted on social media, we really do appreciate your continued support during these strange and ever changing times.

To My Children's Teacher,

If you need my children to sit in odd arrangements while you figure out how to manage high traffic areas and teach the kids the importance of social distancing, that's okay.

If you need me to supply you with a bottle of wine on Friday so you can go home and destress and cry about your highly emotional and stressful week—I can do that too...name your poison.

If you need me to search high and low for every available container of Lysol or Clorox Wipes so you can spend your unassigned time after school wiping down every surface in your classroom—DONE!

If my children have to wear a mask so they can sit with you and read or sit beside a friend—no problem! I will make sure they understand the rules for mask wearing at school.

What I won't do:

- 1- Berate you on social media!
- 2- Undermine you and your profession at every turn!
- 3- Buy into the hysteric and irrational things I read online

Why?

Because I know that, at the end of the day, you don't have any control over the decisions that are made by higher ups, and you are just doing your job.

I know that you are a mother or father too, and you will treat my children as your own.

I know you are killing yourself putting in a ridiculous amount of hours on your own time to make your classroom a safe and welcoming place.

And I know in your heart of hearts you are doing everything in your power to make my children feel loved and successful during this school year.

You have been tasked with a seemingly insurmountable job of keeping kids safe and happy and engaged during a GLOBAL PANDEMIC and regardless of how I personally feel about Covid and masks and seating plans and all the craziness this new school year has brought...please know I support you!!!

## **Reports**

Tonight your child will bring home a copy of their report. All teachers have completed the reports instead of our usual Parents' evening. There is a slip on the bottom of the report for you to request a telephone call if you have a specific concern about your child's report. Please do not request a telephone appointment if you do not have a concern as with only two school lines it will be very difficult to allocate appointment times for 400 children. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Weekly Reflection**

### **Ethos Statement – I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.**

Jesus told us a story about a widow who never gave up. Jesus taught us about the importance of justice, of praying and never giving up hope.

Can you think of things that feel unfair to you? The widow is like us – we call to God in our prayers to give us what we need. God will answer our prayers, even if it is not in a way that we expect. How can we stand up for others and treat people in our world fairly and justly? How can we help others and let them know that we care?

God reminds us that the most important thing we can do is to pray.

God help us to make changes when we see something that is not right. May we find strength to keep going and never give up hope. Amen.

The following children have shown they know how to stand up for people this week:

FCB – Jake How  
FCB – Rosie Metcalf  
FEM – Max Williams  
FEM – Ryan Wu

1HW – Jessie Bastow  
1HW – Louis Lockwood  
1SH – Tommy Davin  
1SH – Penelope Lucas

2RL – Ruby Byrne  
2RL – Noah Beacall  
2HS – Benjamin O'Hare  
2HS – Poppy Smith

3AD – Leo Marshall  
3AD – Lacey Johnson  
3EJ – Anya Bailey  
3EJ – Olivia Connolly-Brown

4AY – Jack Herbert  
4AY – Lucy Sawley  
4DJ – Luka Thomas  
4DJ – Lexie O'Toole

5HK – Gracie Sillitoe  
5HK – Ben Buckley  
5RM – Emma Harvey  
5HK – Elsie Wootten

6GA – Chloe Atkinson  
6GA – Charlotte Stout  
6KH – Olivia Murphy  
6KH – Sam Jones

### **Midday Vacancy**

We have a vacancy in school for a midday assistant, 5 days a week from 12.00-1.30pm. If you or any friends/family are interested please visit the school website where you will find an application form which should be returned to [schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk). Closing date for applications is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon and interviews will be held on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Harvest Festival – Thank You**

Thank you for your contributions to the local Foodbank. Your donations will help families in need.

### **3AD PE Days**

Please note that 3AD PE days have changed back to Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor).

### **Y4 Holy Communion**

Unfortunately Father Tom has confirmed that our re-arranged Holy Commuions will now not be able to take place in November and December due to lockdown. Church is currently only open for Funeral services and private prayer. At present we cannot advise of alternative dates but as soon as Father Tom contacts us we will of course forward the information on to you. We understand how disappointing this will be for the children and hope that new dates can be arranged soon.

### **Outdoor Clothing**

As the cold weather approaches please ensure that your child brings a coat, hat, scarves and gloves each day to wear at playtime and lunchtime.



### **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe**

Over the next few weeks, we will be using the NSPCC's programme, 'Speak out. Stay Safe.' This is usually delivered as a key stage assembly by the NSPCC but due to circumstances, they have sent us their assembly videos and lesson plans for staff to deliver in class. Please see the document attached at the end of this newsletter for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Barker.

### **School Library Service – Brown Bags**



If your child was provided with a brown paper bag containing reading books from the school library service during lockdown please could you return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Playzone**

We have received several enquiries as to whether Playzone will be closing due to lockdown. We would like to reassure parents that as Playzone is a childcare provision we will still be operating our breakfast and afterschool services.

## **Christmas Lunch**

This year, Christmas dinner will be provided in school for all children including Little Acorns on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. The cost of the meal is £2.40 for Little Acorns and KS2 pupils. There is no charge for pupils in KS1 or children entitled to a free school meal. **Please note that there will not be an alternative choice of meal on this day.**



**Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Pigs in Blankets  
Roast and Mashed Potatoes  
With Gravy**

**For Vegetarians:  
Brie and Cranberry Parcels**

**Fresh Carrots, Fresh Sprouts and Peas**

**Festive Biscuit  
Chocolate Crispy Cake  
Fresh Fruit Platter  
Water, Milk or Juice**

If your child is in KS1 (reception, Y1 and Y2) or in receipt of free school meals they will automatically receive a Christmas dinner. Children in Little Acorns who normally attend Tuesday sessions and KS2 have been sent home with a reply slip today which should be completed and returned to the school office. In order that the kitchen staff can place their food order the closing date for ordering Christmas Dinner is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Every child who orders Christmas Dinner will be issued with a ticket on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> December to hand to kitchen staff in return for their Christmas Dinner.

## **PFA News**

Thanks so much to everyone taking part in Crazy Hair day, the journey to school was definitely a lot more colourful on the way in on Thursday. We'd usually tell you what amount was raised but due to restrictions the cash is quarantined until next week, we'll let you know the total in next weeks newsletter.

Great news! We've registered with easyfundraising, it's a great site where you can help Christ the King PFA - Wirral raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping! Over 4,000 big name retailers are included, such as John Lewis, Usswitch, ASOS, Argos, Expedia, M&S, and BT. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It's completely free and over £31M has been raised for causes just like us so far. We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christthekingpfawirral/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=fb1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christthekingpfawirral/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=fb1)

Next PFA meeting – on Zoom is 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7:30, the zoom link will be on our facebook page (just search for Christ the King PFA) or e mail us for the link at [admin@christthekingpfa.co.uk](mailto:admin@christthekingpfa.co.uk)



Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme**

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

The NSPCC have developed an online version of their *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find more information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have. I can be reached via email:

[lbarker@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:lbarker@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk) or you can call the school office and I will return your call.

**Talking PANTS with your children**

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at [www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

**Childline Under 12's Website**

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at [www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids).

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Barker

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Inset day – Children not in school

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School closes for Christmas Break, 2pm