



13th November 2020

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

Message from Mrs Procter



Thank you to all of our parents that we have had to contact numerous times this week about after school clubs, you have all been so patient! I am sorry for the changing plans but we are back to numerous Government documents being released and changing on a daily basis. We will continue to run our Full of Beans clubs as we had already sorted them into year group bubbles, we are trying to keep school running as normal as possible for our children as I am very mindful that their out of school clubs have all been cancelled.



This week we took part in a two minute silence to remember the lives lost due to war. The whole school came out onto the yard in their playground bubbles and stood in silence. Flossie played the Last Post for us all and I have to say it was a very moving moment, 438 pupils standing in silence is quite significant- even our little FS2 children watched out of their window.



As you all know residential are a huge part of Christ the King and we were very upset that last year our children in Y4 did not get to go to Burwardsley due to lockdown. This year we have been informed that The Oaklands Centre will not be open for this academic year, we are very upset to hear this as we love taking our Y6 children there. I have however managed to provisionally book the following residential for our children. These will of course only be able to go ahead if the Government guidance allows it. Nearer the time we will collect the money from parents but if the residential is cancelled due to Government guidance parents will receive a **FULL** refund. Please see dates for each year group below, you will see we have added an extra one for our current Y5 children as they missed out last year.

Y2 Barnstondale has been booked for 25th and 26th March.

Y4 Burwardsley has been booked for 24th to 26th May.

Y5 Beeston (as they missed Burwardsley) has been booked for 7th to 9th June.

Y6 Conway Centre 23rd to 25th June (All of Y6 together)

Over the last two weeks an increasing number of items are being dropped off at the school office during the day to be passed on to children. One morning alone this week there were 8 musical instruments, 2 water bottles and a PE kit brought into the office, meaning that staff were handling multiple items from multiple households.

To reduce the heightened risk due to Coronavirus I am afraid that I am going to have to stop any items being brought into the office to pass onto the children. Please ensure they bring in musical instruments, water bottles, book bags etc on the days on which they need them, as from Monday the office **will refuse** to take any items from you, thank you for your support - we all need to work together to keep everyone safe.

Next week in school we will be having a celebration day to celebrate the feast of Christ the King as goodness knows at the moment we all need an excuse to party! Further information is below.

Weekly Reflection

Ethos Statement – I try to be just and fair

"It's not fair" is often something we hear shouted on the playground or in the classroom or even at home. We all know somewhere inside of us that fairness and justice are really important. Unfortunately our world can sometimes be an unjust and unfair place and sometimes even we aren't just or fair in our dealings with others. Although things that we see at home or in school may not always be just and fair, injustice and a lack of fairness around the world leads to terrible suffering and so we pray for our world.

Let's pray that we may be brave enough to change the world and be just and fair whenever we can - so that every day it is a little bit more like the world God wants.



The following children recognise justice and fairness:

FCB – Samuel Brown

FCB – Ava Wright

FEM – Eleanor Jones

FEM – William Morley-Mason

1HW – Edith Teese

1HW – Jack Cringle

1SH – Emily Manford

1SH – Lydia Fletcher

2RL – Bridie Meador

2RL – Hugo Macmillan

2HS – Ben Platten

2HS – William Turner

3AD – Elenor Ruddock

3AD – Philip Kawka

3EJ – Theo Hancock

3EJ – Thomas Roberts

4AY – Sophie McKnight

4AY – Elijah Khozoie

4DJ – Isabelle McCabe

4DJ – Luka Thomas

5HK – Jessica Lally

5HK – Noah Keane

5RM – Joseph Hastewell

5HK – Jack Elwill

6GA – Liam Carter

6GA – Harry Forshaw

6KH – Naomi Phelan

6KH – LJ Black

House Points

Last week's winners:

Key Stage 1 = Matthew

Key Stage 2 = John

Overall = John

Keep up the good work everyone. The scores are very close again this week. Every point counts – make sure you are collecting yours.

Feast of Christ the King



Next Friday, 20th November we are going to be celebrating our school feast day. Children are invited to come to school in their **party/celebration clothes**. During the day we will watch our virtual liturgy led by children in Year 4, take part in various activities and there may even be a little treat for everyone too. We want to make this feast day extra special despite the restrictions.

Odd Socks Day

On Monday next week (16th November) children are invited to come in to school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique. It's organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which is a group of organisations, charities and individuals who work together to try and stop bullying. Their message to children is "be proud of who you are and be accepting of one another." We are not asking the children to make a donation.



Dangerous Parking



We appreciate that the roads around school can be very busy and congested before and after school, however, we must be respectful of those living around us. Once again we have received complaints from our neighbours, and also fellow parents, about parents parking across driveways, blocking their access, double parking and becoming verbally abusive - this really is not acceptable!

Parking on grass verges or over resident driveways is strictly prohibited. Parking on blind bends, on double yellow lines or areas marked with zig-zags is not only hazardous to pedestrians but also to other drivers. Leaving hazard warning lights on in your car does not mean that you can park on lines or zig zags. Please find a safe and convenient place to park at all times when dropping off and collecting children. Thank you for your co-operation.

ParentPay

If your child has a school meal please ensure that their ParentPay account is kept in credit – all meals must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Save The Children Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 11th December. Children are invited to come in to school wearing their Christmas Jumper along with jeans/leggings or tracksuit bottoms and we would ask for a £1 contribution which will be donated to Save the Children. You don't even need a new jumper. You can dig out last year's or take a boring old jumper and add some tinsel.



Guitar Lessons – Important Information

Unfortunately due to other commitments, Mr Carroll will not be continuing with guitar lessons in school. His final lesson for all children will be next week – any children with remaining lessons will receive a refund. If you have any queries regarding refunds please contact Mr Carroll directly – cazalar63@gmail.com. Mr Mackenzie is in the process of sourcing a new guitar teacher and we will let you know more details as soon as we have them.

Violin Lessons

This year our violin lessons will be taught by Jo Richards. If your child is interested in violin lessons please can you send your child's name to the school office with your preferred contact email.

PFA News



Thank you once again to everyone for Crazy Hair Day last week. As you know we could only count the money this week after a period of quarantine and what a great result - we banked **£361.55**. We are currently looking at the funds we have and that we can raise to pay for toys for the playground. The children need playground toys for each bubble and we need to finance the mass repair of a lot of items in the adventure playground.



Ordinarily at this time of year, we would be sending £5 worth of raffle tickets home in each child's bag. We can't handle tickets or cash this year so have taken our raffle online with a company called Raffall. They have licences for an online competition/raffle and will oversee the drawing of the winning tickets. All prizes must be distributed and accounted for before Raffall will release the funds to our charity bank account.

We are very aware that things are different for so many of our families this year but if your child can sell tickets to family, friends, neighbours to the amount of £5 we could raise around the £2000 mark. We really have no other way of fundraising as we have no fairs or discos or even our beloved gift room. Our Prizes will remain the same as previous years:

1st Prize - £100, 2nd Prize - £50, 3rd Prize - hamper

https://raffall.com/140339/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-christ-the-king-parents-and-friends-association?fbclid=IwAR0Dm6fgzioAgP7aCu4qwtZLD6W2g61Bf7_FMvz8v-dLru8TOklTW6dX30

Happy selling and thank you in advance.

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.

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.

Morning Snack

Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring in a snack to eat at morning break. This must be a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children are not allowed to bring in cereal/breakfast bars/crisps or any other type of snack.



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.

Christmas Lunch



This year, Christmas dinner will be provided in school for all children including Little Acorns on **Tuesday 15th December**. The cost of the meal is £2.40 for Little Acorns and KS2 pupils. Payment should be made via ParentPay under the Christ the King Catholic Primary School Meals section. 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 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 8th December. Every child who orders Christmas Dinner will be issued with a ticket on the morning of 15th December to hand to kitchen staff in return for their Christmas Dinner.



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 or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have. I can be reached via email:

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.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Barker

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day

Friday 20th November

Feast of Christ the King – Children to wear celebration/party clothes

Monday 23rd November

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4th December

Inset day – Children not in school

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December

School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December

School closes for Christmas Break, 2pm