



6th September 2019

"Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself."

Class Attendance

This year any class that gets 100% attendance will have an extra playtime on a Friday afternoon.

Several classes had **100%** attendance this week : Mrs Dobson 2AD, Miss Jones 3EJ, Miss Hassan 6KH. Well Done!



Message from Mrs Procter

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday but I am sure you are glad to be back into the school routine. It was lovely to see the children running into school on Wednesday morning looking so smart in their new school uniforms. Yesterday we had our welcome Mass with Father David which was extra special as it was his last Mass with us before he moves to his new Parish, the parishioners commented how smart our children looked and how beautifully they sang.

Over the holidays we have decorated the Infant Hall, replaced the flooring in the Infant corridor, replaced all the tables and chairs in KS2, built storage pods in the Junior Hall and transformed our outdoor area in FS2 - the children were very excited to see all the changes. This would not have been possible without the money from the Diocese building fund and money from the PFA to help boost the pennies in our school budget!

Foundation Stage 2 Open Evening

Our Open Evening for Foundation Stage parents is a chance for you to see first-hand what we have to offer, ahead of making the important decision about your child's Primary School. Our Open Evening is on **Thursday 17th October 2019 at 6pm**. We pride ourselves on offering the best pastoral support and our school boasts excellent facilities including our new outdoor area for FS2.

Children benefit from extensive enrichment programmes and in addition to our strong academic focus, they are given opportunities including residential trips, opportunities to play a wide range of musical instruments, be part of our award winning choir and first class sports facilities.

We would be delighted to have you join us at our Open Evening on **Thursday 17th October 2019 at 6pm**. You'll receive a welcome talk from the Headteacher and have the opportunity to meet the senior leadership team as well as the dedicated FS2 team and see the excellent facilities that we have to offer in our foundation base.

Mid-day Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy in school for a mid-day assistant, 5 days a week from 12.00-1.15pm. If you or any friends/family are interested please contact the school office.

Parent's Back to School Meetings

Parents are invited to attend a short information meeting with their child's class teacher next week. KS1 (Y1-2) meetings will take place straight after school on Tuesday 10th September and KS2 meetings on Wednesday 11th September. Meetings will take approximately 20 minutes.

Oaklands Residential Meeting – Year 6

There will be a meeting about the Year 6 residential visit to Oaklands on Wednesday 11th September immediately after the back to school meeting – this should also last about 20 minutes.

Parking in Church Car Park



Can we please remind parents and carers that, for the safety of our children, parking is not permitted in the Church car park before school. We are aware that parents are arriving prior to Mr Young closing the entrance and waiting in their cars until the gates are open. The car park is only to be used for people attending Church of a morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Change to School Lunches

A copy of the lunch menu for this year was sent out at the end of last term and can also be found on the school website. There have been some significant changes so please take some time to take a look at the meals on offer to your children. There has been a permanent change to the first hot option on Wednesday in week 3 when it will be roast beef dinner instead of braised beef. If your child is purchasing a meal in school please ensure that there are sufficient funds on their ParentPay account.



Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets will be sent home over the next week. Please check these to ensure that all details are correct, especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses, and return to school as soon as possible.

Earrings



Earrings are not allowed for safety reasons within school. It is already school policy that earrings are not part of the school uniform, if you need to view this policy it is available on the CTK website.

Children can wear clear acrylic, invisible retainers which can be bought from Amazon as these can be worn safely at school.

Mental Health Awareness

As we are all aware Mental Health Awareness is a hot topic of conversation at the moment and something that at Christ the King we have always tried hard to address. Looking to the future, I would like to develop this area within our school to ensure we are supporting our children and preparing them for the future. I feel it is very important that our children are resilient and able to look after their mental health as much as their physical health. Next year I would like to develop this area further and I need your support. I am looking to create a group of Mental Health Ambassadors within school that will support both our children and parents. To do this I would like to create a team of parents who feel they can support and offer advice to other parents and our school community. The Ambassadors will meet with myself at the end of September and play an active role in increasing mental health awareness within our school by helping to lead events and offering support when

needed. If you think you can add to this working party and are interested in attending the meeting in September, please can you email me to show your interest. I think this will be an exciting development for our school and will benefit our children and parents greatly, Mrs Jones SENCo jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk

Aldi's Kit for Schools Promotion



From September 6th until November 3rd, in line with their 'Get Set to Eat Fresh' initiative, Aldi are launching 'Aldi's Kit for Schools' to help schools with sports equipment. When you spend £30 in Aldi you will be given a special Team GB athlete sticker to bring into

school and put into our orange collection bucket which will be in the foyer. We need to collect 300 stickers to complete our Kit for Schools poster. There will be 20 schools throughout this promotion, our poster has various healthy eating challenges, helping to inspire the children to eat fresh, discover new foods and get active – we learn as we add our stickers! Posters are around school for more information and we will keep you updated in our newsletter as to how we are doing. Thanks for your support. Miss Hassan.

School Choir

Choir for Y4 upwards will recommence on Thursday 12th September. Due to Mrs Hunter's Key Stage change please note that choir will now run from 12.15-12.45pm, children are welcome to bring a snack with them.

Cross Country

New school year and the first of the cross country races is never too far away! The first race is on September 19th and will be based at Birkenhead Park. Practice will begin next week (w/c 9th Sept) at lunchtimes for the children. All children in Years 4/5/6 are welcome to attend, even if they've never ran before. Specific details for the race will be given to those who attend training and can make the actual event on the day. If you have any queries, pop in to see Miss Hassan.

Art Club

Our after school Art Club was extremely popular last year and will be starting again for children in years 1-6 on Tuesday 10th September – please see the email sent out earlier this week for more information.

Full of Beans

Full of Beans after school clubs start again next week for children in years 1-6. Please see the flyers which were sent out via email earlier this week for more information.

Brass Lessons and Brass Band Autumn Term

Brass lessons and brass band will recommence on Wednesday 11th September. Brass Band will be on after school until 4pm for continuing pupils only. We are looking forward to welcoming our new brass pupils who will join us as soon as they can play a few notes! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
Miss H Mackenzie - Brass Teacher

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will recommence on Thursday 12th September, so if your child would like to carry on with/start guitar lessons, please send an email to ekellyguitar@gmail.com for further details. There are limited guitar places, so please contact directly to reserve a place!

Church Choir

Church choir with Judith will start again on Friday 13th September at 3.15pm. If you wish your child to take part please contact Judith on 07726 965272.

Y4 Visit to Tatton Hall

We are doing a Living History session based on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will leave school by coach at 9 am. We should be back to school by 3:15. Each child will need a packed lunch in a disposable bag and a bottle of water. If your child is entitled to a free school meal we will provide their packed lunch. The cost of the trip is £15.00 per child which should be paid via ParentPay as soon as possible. No spending money is required.

Mrs Small and Miss Yates are looking for parental helpers to accompany their classes. Please let them know if you are available.

It would be wonderful if the children could dress up for the trip – some suggestions are listed below. Please note that the Old Hall where we will spend most of our day is not heated. So the children will need to dress accordingly.

Many thanks as always for all your kind help and support.

C Small and A Yates

Vikings - Girls – long dress under a tunic/apron held up by a pair of brooches, sometimes joined by a chain or string of beads, shawl, thick woolly socks, soft leather shoes.

Boys – Woollen shirt underneath a tunic or a three-quarter coat and belt made from fabric. Long cloth trousers held up by a sash or drawstring, thick socks, leather shoes or long leather boots.

Both men and women wore fur or woollen hats and cloaks in cold weather. Cloaks were fastened at the shoulder with a brooch or pin.

Anglo Saxons – Girls – Long plain dress/tunic with jumper underneath, cloak (old curtain/blanket) fastened with brooch, short boots or willies, long hair should be tied back or plaited.

Boys – Sweater under a plain tunic, cloak (old blanket/curtain) fastened at shoulder with fancy brooch, belt around middle, dark trousers.

Y5 Swimming

5RL will be swimming w/c 9th September, 5HK will be swimming w/c 16th September – a letter with guidance regarding swimming costumes was sent out earlier this week.

Y5 Victorian Visit to Port Sunlight

As part of our Victorian topic, we will be studying the local history of Port Sunlight and why Lord Leverhulme decided to settle there. We will be going to Port Sunlight on Friday October 4th, during the day we will attend workshops based around Victorian life, go on a guided walking tour of the village and look in the exciting museums. We will be getting the train to and from Port Sunlight, due to this we will need some parent helpers for the day (approximately 7!) please let Miss Lloyd or Mrs Kane know if you are able to help, it's much appreciated! All children will need a packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag. The cost of the trip will be £9.50, please pay this via ParentPay as soon as possible.

Y5 Bikeability Week



Y5 will take part in Bikeability week from 21st-24th October. The children have already received the information sheet and there is no charge for this course. In order for your child to participate we **must** receive the signed consent form in to school by Friday 18th October. Any child who has not returned their form by this date will not be able to participate.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9 th September	5RL Swimming all week
Tuesday 10 th September	Parent's Back to School Meeting, KS1 (Y1 & Y2)
Wednesday 11 th September	Parent's Back to School Meeting, KS2 (Y3-6)
Wednesday 11 th September	Y6 Oaklands Residential Meeting
Monday 16 th September	5HK Swimming all week
Friday 27 th September	Y4 Viking Living History Trip, Tatton Park
Friday 4 th October	Y5 Visit to Port Sunlight
Tuesday 15 th October	Individual Photographs
Monday 21 st October	Y5 Bike Right Course all week
Thursday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term
Friday 25 th October	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 4 th November	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 5 th November	School Re-Opens