



13th December 2019

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

Class Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week of **94.29%** is FEM, Miss Montgomery's class. Well done!



Celebration Mass

As you will be aware Mrs Small will be retiring at Christmas after 35 years at Christ the King. We are holding a special Mass to thank her and Mrs McMahon, who is also leaving us to go and join Our Lady of Pity, for their continued support and commitment to our school - school will not be the same without them!

The Mass is at 4.00pm on Wednesday 18th December in Christ the King Church, please feel free to come and join us.

Mrs Kelly will also be leaving us at Christmas for two terms as she has been seconded by the Diocese to go and support another Catholic school as Acting Deputy Headteacher. This is a reflection of the outstanding work she does within our school; whilst we are very sorry to see her go we wish her well in her new school and know that she will soon make an impact.

Weekly Reflection

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



We are still in the special time of Advent when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Today we are going to look at our lives and try to change them for the better, so that we are ready for Jesus. Last Sunday's Gospel reading was the account of John The Baptist preparing the way for the Lord. John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus. Do you think there are things in your life you could do better? Are you always helpful? Do you always share? Do you listen when someone is upset and try to cheer them up? Do you let everyone join in your games? If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

God of love, help us always to try to do the right thing, even when we find it hard, so that we are ready when Jesus comes. Amen.

The following children have shown they love others as they love themselves

FCB – Edith Teese
FCB – James Taylor
FEM – Amelia Davies
FEM – Henry Nicholas

1DM – Pearl Parker
1DM – Jacob Jones
1MH – Bridie Meador
1MH – Molly McGuinness

2EK – Noah Granton-Jones
2EK – Anya Bailey
2AD – Amira Johnston
2AD – Leo Marshall

3HB – Rosie Martin
3HB – Luka Thomas
3EJ – Sophie McKnight
3EJ – Aimee Copeland

4AY – Blake Sawyer
4AY – Gracie Sillitoe
4CS – Lacie Mae Copeland
4CS – Nathaniel Jarmay-Naylor

5RL – Ava Graves
5RL – Charlie Speirs
5HK – Alfie Drury
5HK – Autumn-Octavia Roberts

6GA – Finlay Dooris
6GA – Lilli-Mae Smith
6KH – Charlotte Jones
6KH – Luke Formston

Respect Thy Neighbour

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 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.

School Spider App

We have been made aware that some parents are not receiving notifications from the School Spider app – the little Spider icon which lets you know that we have sent you a message. If you have been experiencing any issues with School Spider please could you email Miss Cavanagh (jcavanagh@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk) in the office so that we can speak with the developers and hopefully rectify any problems. Thank you.

Advent Prayer Sessions



Thank you to our Years 3 and 5 Faith Leaders who prepared and led a wonderful Act of Worship this morning before school. They helped us to reflect on the importance of trusting in God and how many people in our Christmas story had to trust in God too. Thanks also to all those who attended. We look forward to our Faith Leaders from Years 4 and 6 leading another session for us at 8:40 on Friday 20th December.

KS2 Carol Concert

Our KS2 children will be performing their Christmas Carol concert in Church on Tuesday 17th December. Children should wear their school uniform for both performances along with a Christmas jumper – this should be brought into school in a plastic bag for the 2pm performance and not worn all day. Members of the Choir should also bring a Santa hat. Performances will take place at 2pm and 6pm and children are expected to attend both. Tickets will not be needed however please be aware that the evening performance is traditionally busier than the afternoon.



Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 19th December. If you did not order a lunch for your child please make sure you send them to school with a packed lunch as there will not be an alternative available on this day.

Rudolph Run DEADLINE ON MONDAY

All of the children will take part in the Rudolph run on Monday. Each child will be given a pair of antlers and a red nose to wear - please send in a pair of trainers for them to wear if you have them. Please make sure your child has their sponsor form in school on Monday. We will be collecting the money in from Tuesday 17th and hope to send it to St John's before we break up so the deadline for sponsorship will be Thursday 19th December. Let's make a huge difference to St John's Hospice. Thank you for your support.



CtK News Council



The News Council held Christ the King's first ever General Election on Thursday 12th December to coincide with the UK General Election. Ballot slips were given to all KS2 children and then placed in the ballot box. Results are as follows:-
Conservative:- 5% (12 votes)
Labour:- 60% (139 votes)
Liberal Democrat:- 5% (12 votes)
Green Party:- 25% (58 votes)
Brexit :- 3% (8 votes)
Did Not Vote:- 2
Spoiled Ballot: - 1

Choir Information

Choir children will be singing at the following and require their choir shirt with school skirt or trousers:

Wednesday 18th December – Children should be at Church for 3:45pm for Mrs Small and Mrs McMahon's Mass. Alternatively, the children may remain in school where they will be given a drink and a snack and escorted across to Church. Children to be picked up from church at 4:45pm.

Thursday 19th December – The children will spend the afternoon singing for the Mondanians. Please bring in a Santa hat to wear for this performance.

UNICEF

The UNICEF steering group met today and we celebrated 30 years of the rights convention with a little party. We will be starting our shoe appeal in the new year.



Brass Band Christmas Concert



Many congratulations to all of the children who took part in our Brass Band Christmas concert on Wednesday. They should all be very, very proud of themselves for putting on such a fantastic performance. Thank you to all of our audience for

coming to watch us play, we really do value your ongoing support.

There will be no more lessons or Brass Band rehearsals until Wednesday 8th January now - have a lovely Christmas and see you all in the New Year! Miss Mackenzie Brass Teacher

French Club

If your child is interested in French Club which is run by Anke Bosmans please see the email which was sent out on Monday this week for information about how to book a place.



STEM Kids

STEM Kids will be holding a Young Engineers after school club for years 3-6 every Thursday from 3.15-4.15pm for 6 weeks, to be held in Mrs Hunter's classroom



Dates: 09/01/2020, 16/01/2020, 23/01/2020, 30/01/2020, 06/02/2020, and 13/02/2020
Cost: £42.00 per child

Children construct a range of projects including: **Balloon Powered Cars, Vibrating Bugs, Electronic Pocket Torches, Windmills and Slime.** All projects can be taken home. You can register online at www.stemkids.co.uk.

Places are limited and are reserved on a first come first reserved basis. If the club is full please register your interest on the waiting list as we may be able to extend the number of places available. Full Terms and Conditions are on their website.

Year 2 Visit to Bromborough Methodist Church



Year 2 had a lovely time at Bromborough Methodist Church last Friday. They listened to the Christmas Story and they got to meet Mary, Joseph and many others. A special thank you to Mrs Lawrence (Nancy-Rose's mum) for spending the afternoon with us and allowing her baby to take the part of Baby Jesus.



Year 3 - Swimming

Year 3 children have been sent home today with a letter about their swimming lessons in January so please check their bags. Mrs Hughes' class will be swimming w/c 6th January and Miss Jones' class will be swimming w/c 13th January.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 th December	Rudolph Run
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Little Acorns only
Monday 16 th December	CtK Church Choir Concert, 7.15pm`
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert in Church, 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 18 th Decmeber	Theatre Workshop Production, am
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas parties, pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Choir to Sing at Mrs Small/Mrs McMahon's Mass
Thursday 19 th December	End of Term Mass in Church, 9.30am*
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th December	Choir to Sing for the Mondonians
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas, 2pm
Monday 6 th January 2020	School re-opens
Monday 6 th January 2020	3HB Swimming all week
Monday 13 th January 2020	3EJ Swimming all week

* Parents are welcome to join us celebrate Mass in Church, however seating will be limited