



14th February 2020

"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 the following Friday afternoon.

The classes with the highest attendance this week of **100%** are 1DM Mr Mackey's and 4RM Mr Mackenzie's classes. Well done!

Weekly Reflection

Ethos Statement – I can use words that make the world a better place

This week we reflected on how easy it was to cheer each other up with a kind word of thanks or praise. We were given the mission to go out and try extra hard to choose the right words both at home and at school.

One of the smallest words we can say that makes a great difference is 'sorry'. Sometimes we say it so quickly and so often that we do not really think about what we are saying and we do not always truly mean it. Jesus tells us that we need to be contrite – truly sorry for what we do wrong and that when we are sorry we should not only use the word but try and make up for our mistakes by changing our behaviour too. In the story of The Prodigal Son we learn how God is there waiting for us to come back to him and say we are sorry. If we do, then he will always forgive us no matter what we have done wrong. If it has been a while since you last went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then perhaps you could consider seeking God's love in this special way. If you have not made your First Reconciliation yet, then maybe you could say a little sorry prayer to God.

The following children have shown they can use words to brighten up someone's day

FCB – Grace Trevor
FCB – Caleb Degg
FEM – Harry Gibson
FEM – Sophie Lynch

1DM – Pearl Parker
1DM – Izabela Kisiel
1SH – Molly McGuinness
1SH – Emily Winniffrith-Devey

2HW – Orla Vesey
2HW – Gabriel Pessino-Barnes
2AD – Georgina O'Neill
2AD – Lucas Doherty

3HB – Harlow-Summer Martin
3HB – Jake Formston
3EJ – Poppy Welch
3EJ – Lucas Dack-Hughes

4AY – Riya Gurnell
4AY – Jacob Clyne
4RM – Freddie Power
4RM – Taylor Dean

5RL – Michael Heron
5RL – Charlie Speirs
5HK – Kate Atkins-Leon
5HK – Emily Burnett

6GA – Finlay Dooris
6GA – Alfie Graves
6KH – Amelia Keeley
6KH – Charlie Dawson

Message from Mrs Procter

It was lovely to see so many parents attending parents' evening this week. If you did not manage to attend please see your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment after half term.

We have had another busy half term at Christ the King ending with our Y6 children enjoying their final residential with us. They were an absolute credit to us and really showed their determination and resilience when faced with new challenges- we were very proud of them!

This term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Fitzgerald who is moving on after half term. She has worked at Christ the King for four years and supported many of our children. We will miss her but wish her well in her new school.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February. I would be grateful if you could please ensure that your son or daughter arrives smart and in correct uniform- no earrings, trainers or severe hair cuts as we have high standards in everything we do at Christ the King and uniform has an important role in this, unfortunately lately standards in uniform are starting to slip.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term and that we get some better weather than we have been having in the last few weeks!!

Mid-Day Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy in school for a mid-day assistant, 5 days a week from 12.00-1.30pm. If you or any friends/family are interested please contact the school office.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Friday 28th February along with Yearbook photographs for our Y6 children. If your child is one of our Little Acorns who does not usually attend a Friday morning session you are welcome to bring them along first thing to have their photograph taken with the rest of their class.

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everybody who contributed towards our NSPCC Number Day – we raised £253.51 which will be donated to the Speak Out Stay Safe campaign.

Mental Health “Natter Group”

As part of our mental health committee we would like to start a 9 o'clock natter group on the last Friday of each month. It will take place in the Infant hall from 9am till 10am. This is a chance for parents to have a cuppa and a natter with other parents. We are proud of our Christ the King wider community and feel it is a good way to support those newer to the school or feel they need an extra support network. Our first 9 o'clock natter will take place on Friday the 28th of February and our school link CAMHs worker will be around to offer any support and advice. I will be on hand also with a few of my mental health committee volunteers serving tea. Please come to the Playzone entrance after you have dropped your children at school as we will be meeting in the Infant hall. Hope to see you there, Mrs Jones.

Prayer Sponsor Mass 2020

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our Year 3 children in their special prayer sponsor Mass. The children read beautifully and their behaviour was exceptional. Fr Tom reminded us all of the importance of prayer and talking to God on a regular basis. We ask everyone to keep them in your prayers over the coming months.

The first of the Reconciliation sessions will take place on **Wednesday 11th March** at **6pm**.



Faith in Action Reflection Point



Twenty-eight of our Year 6 children joined in a Reflection Point session with members of the Diocesan Youth Team yesterday. They thought about the Beatitudes and what they teach us about being happy. The children carried out various tasks thinking about their own rules for being happy and how we are called to treat others. They continue to collect credits which will contribute towards gaining their pin badge in the summer term.

Gymnastics Competition

On Thursday this week a group of Y4 girls competed in a gymnastics competition at Wirral Gymnastics Club. The girls performed and behaved brilliantly and were awarded 2nd place. Congratulations to Lacie Copeland, Holly Duncan, Bella Gough, Josie-May McIntyre, Sophie Morris, Sofia Henckens, Laura Howell, Annie Walker, Francesca Green, Jessica Lally, Sophie Edwards, Emma Harvey, Lily-Rose Wylam, Orlagh Patten.

UNICEF Shoe Share

Thank you for the donations of unwanted shoes which you have been sending in to school as part of the ShoeShare Campaign. For every tonne of shoes collected a donation is made to UNICEF which goes towards education programmes around the world. Your old/unwanted shoes are sent for re-use which is why we ask that they are in reasonable condition. We are still collecting so why not have a clear out over the half term holiday?



Lunchtime Gymnastics Club – Y3/4



We are very excited to have Fusion Dance Academy starting a gymnastics club for Y3/4 children on Mondays at lunchtime, 12:30-1:15pm in the junior hall. This will start from Monday 24th February (first day back after half term) and will last for 6 weeks at a cost of £10. There are 20 places available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The children are fine to wear their PE kits for each session.

We only have a few spaces left so if your child would like to join in please return the consent form along with your payment to the office on the first day back after half term.

Creative Clubs

We are pleased to announce that due to the popularity of previous Arts clubs, we will now opening bookings for a number of new creative clubs during the summer term. Clubs will be open to both Key Stages. The clubs on offer will be as follows, Arts and Crafts (Mondays), Stop Motion animation (Tuesday) Toy making (Thursday). Clubs will start from the 11th of May please check your emails for more information and details on how to book.

Cross Country

Cross Country races will start again after half term so training is beginning from next week, every weekday at lunchtime. Meet Miss Hassan on the field at 12:15pm and don't forget to bring your trainers! Even if you cannot compete at the races, feel free to come along and join in for some exercise.

The next race is on Thursday 27th February (first Thursday back after half term) at Arrowe Park. The children will be given a permission slip if they want to take part. See you there! Miss Hassan.

Appeal for Pebbles to Paint!

We are still looking for pebbles for the children to paint to add to our collection from last year. We would like to be able to create a collection which will run all the way up alongside the entrance path. Please could you send in a pebble for your child which is roughly the size of a fist. Thank you as always for your support, Mrs Hughes.

Holiday Club

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team will be holding a holiday club that will be running at St Anne's Parish in February half term. We hope to have lots of young people together for a week of fun and faith. Professor Potts' Time Travelling Tales runs from 10.00am-1.45pm on Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February. There will be crafts, sport, challenges, drama and song, there is something for everyone. For more information please contact

Upton Hall School Activities Camp

Upton Hall School are providing an Activities Camp during the February Half Term break from Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020. The cost of the Activities Camp is £20 per day or £80 for a whole week booking and will take place between 8.30am and 4.00pm. The camp is open to all children aged 7 and over. For more information please visit their website, www.uptonhallschool.co.uk/news.

Year 1 Notices

Please can parents ensure if they have a probe sheet for their child that it is in their bag each day. Thank you.



If your child has wellington boots at home please send them in with them after half term as we will be pouring water on our feet as part of a science experiment. Please don't go to the expense of buying wellies as children will be working in pairs and will still be able to take part. Thank you.

Year 1 Trip to Greenacres Animal Park

Year 1 will be visiting Greenacres Animal Park on Friday 6th March. We will travel by coach and arrive back at school in time for normal 3.15pm pick up. Each child will be provided with a packed lunch by school. The cost of the trip is £12 which should be paid via ParentPay from today. **We will also be looking for parent helpers so if you are able to help out on the day please speak to your child's class teacher.**

Year 2 Barnstondale Residential Visit

All children who have paid the deposit for the Barnstondale residential visit will have brought home kit lists and a medical/dietary information form this week. Please ensure that the forms are completed and returned to school during the first week back after half term.

Year 3 Trip to the Liverpool World Museum

Year 3 will be going on a trip to the Liverpool World Museum on **Thursday 5th March**. During this day they will take part in different workshops, including Meet the Mummy and Discover Ancient Egypt. This will really support the work that they are covering on Ancient Egypt in class. The cost of the trip will be £10 and can be paid on Parent Pay.



Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day



To celebrate the end of our work on Ancient Egypt, Year 3 would like to end this topic with a celebration and so are holding an Egyptian Day on **Tuesday 24th March**. Children are invited to dress up for this day but please don't feel that you have to spend lots on costumes. We are sure that you have things in your homes that you could use. You could even attach bandages to a white T-shirt for a mummy, a tunic with sandals or make an Egyptian headdress.

Year 4 Visit to The Catalyst

As part of our digestive system topic next half term and in line with British Science week this year, we will be going on a trip to the Catalyst in Widnes. The children will take part in science-based activities throughout the day and complete a 'Tasty Toothpaste' workshop. The trip will be on Thursday 5th March 2020 and we will be leaving school by coach at 9am. We should be back to school by 3:15. The cost of the trip is £10.00 per child, please pay this via ParentPay. All children will need a packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag. If your child is entitled to a free school meal school will provide their packed lunch. Miss Yates and Mr Mackenzie are looking for parental helpers to accompany their classes on the trip. Please let them know if you are available. Many thanks as always for all your kind help and support, Miss Yates and Mr Mackenzie.

Year 4 Information Meeting for Parents

Please join us on Thursday 5th March at 6pm in the Junior Hall for information about the Y4 residential trip to Burwardsley. We will also be sharing information about the new Year 4 Multiplication Test Check which will be introduced this June.

Year 5 Trip to Wirral Country Park

On Friday 20th March we will be going to Wirral County Park (Thurstaston) to support the understanding of the science topics we are studying this term. We will participate in pond dipping sessions and a geology walk! We're really looking forward to it! The cost of the trip is £11.50 and can now be paid via ParentPay. The children will need to bring a packed lunch in a disposable bag – children in receipt of free school meals will be provided with their lunch by school. The children are allowed to wear their own sensible clothes along with waterproof shoes. We will arrive back at school in time for normal pick up.

Year 6 SATS Meeting

Please join us at 9 am on Friday 13th March in the Junior Hall for an informational meeting about SATs. We will explain the timetable, how you can support your child and show you some example questions.

Reply Slips

Gymnastics Club

My child class would like to take part in gymnastics club on Monday lunchtimes and I have enclosed £10 payment.

Signed

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Dates for your Diary - 2020

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| Monday 24 th February | School Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 26 th February | Ash Wednesday School Mass |
| Friday 28 th February | Class Photographs |
| Thursday 5 th March | Y3 Trip to World Museum, Liverpool |
| Thursday 5 th March | Y4 Trip to The Catalyst |
| Thursday 5 th March | Meeting for Y4 Parents re Burwardsley Residential, 6pm |
| Friday 6 th March | Y1 Trip to Greenacres Animal Park |
| Wednesday 11 th March | Sacramental Preparation Session 1, 6pm in Church |
| Friday 13 th March | Y6 Parents Meeting about SATS, 9am |
| Monday 16 th March | Barnstondale Residential Trip, Y2 |
| Wednesday 18 th March | Sacramental Preparation Session 2, 6pm in Junior Hall |
| Friday 20 th March | Y5 Trip to Wirral Country Park, Thurstaston |
| Tuesday 24 th March | Y3 Egyptian Day |
| Tuesday 24 th March | First Reconciliation, 6pm in Church |
| Thursday 26 th March | Clarinet Concert for Y4 parents |
| Friday 3 rd April | School Closes 2pm |