



1st May 2020

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

Message from Mrs Procter to the children.



Well how did you do spotting the teachers at their First Holy Communion? All the answers that I received nobody found me, lots of people guessed at number nine but that was Mrs McDowell, I was number seven!! I hope you all had fun trying to solve it. I have another puzzle for you this week- you need to find the staff hiding in our new video which will be on the website this evening, it is quite

tricky!!



Today is VE Day and I know that lots of streets are celebrating safely from their front gardens today, my street are having an afternoon tea with sandwiches and scones- I will miss it as I am in work today but I have asked Mr Procter to save me one for when I get home!! The teachers have set lots of activities on seesaw this week all about VE day and I am looking forward to seeing them next week so please send them either on seesaw or to schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk.

Today in school we have had our own VE day celebration and made our own pizzas, scones and jelly- what a feast!!



I have a challenge for you- can you crack the Morse Code message, using the code below??

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6	-...- - - 	7	-...- - - 	8	-...- - - 	9	-...- - -



Use the Morse Code Alphabet Chart to help you translate this message.
Complete the task once you have decoded it.

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Now it is your turn to write a secret message for someone in your house to crack. It has been lovely to see all of your home learning this week from making banana bread, bike rides, a speical Ctk rainbow to name but a few taskd that have been completed. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations!!!



Lucas Webley Ben Nevis Climb

Lucas wanted to raise money for Autism Together so decided to set himself a challenge of climbing Ben Nevis. However, because of lockdown he has been unable to actually do the climb itself so he improvised. He decided to climb his stairs but he had to make sure it was the same distance and accurate. He worked out that 1 stair = 7.5 inches. There are 13 stairs, so therefore 1 flight of stairs = $7.5 \times 13 = 97.5$ inches or 8.13 feet. Ben Nevis is 4413 feet tall/8.13 flight of stairs = 542.80. So rounded up, he had to climb 543 flights of stairs to reach the summit of Ben Nevis.

Lucas finished his Ben Nevis stair challenge, 543 flights of stairs in 1 week! Up to now, he has raised £415 which is amazing! What a magnificent effort Lucas and for a great cause. Well done, we are very proud of you.

School Uniform day

It has come to my attention that Wirral Hospice St John's is facing an enormous challenge with COVID 19. 60% of its fundraising is usually done through their charity shops and obviously this has dried up. They have launched an urgent appeal.

So we thought that we could do a 'wear your uniform at home day' to try and raise some funds.

So, I would like our children to wear their uniform at home on **Wednesday 13th May** next week and make a donation to Wirral Hospice.

A number of other schools across Wirral are doing this and we would like to raise £3000 between us.

We know the high schools have been amazing at creating PPE for front line key workers so we thought the primary schools could do this to help.

All money will go straight to the hospice so there will be no money to be collected.

I'm hoping that together we can make a difference; if everyone donated just £1.00 we could raise nearly £500.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heswallprimaryfundraising?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=heswallprimaryfundraising&utm_campaign=pfp-tweet&utm_term=39f0bdec248e45d68aebd3f2ca988550

Important Information for Y5 Parents – 11+ Exam



Children wishing to sit the 11+ exam will need to have registered online **before 31st May** to reserve their place. More information is available at www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions. I usually hold a meeting in school to explain the process but this year will not be able to do so.

If you would like your child to sit the exam next year (at the moment they are still planning for September but this may change due to the current situation) you need to register online.

You can register your child and if nearer the time decide against it then you can withdraw them. The children will attend a test centre to take the exam; it is no longer completed within school. If you have any questions please feel free to email schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk. If your child is not taking the 11+ then you do not need to complete the admissions form for Secondary schools until September when they are released, they have to be completed by 31st October 2020.

Message to parents

It is very strange sitting in school today on a Bank Holiday but we have remained open for our Keyworkers. Children in school today are making their own pizzas for lunch. I would like to thank you all for your lovely messages that you continue to send into school. I received this last week from one of our parents and it really sums up how I feel about my staff here at Christ the King.

The media have been pretty quiet about this...Over these last six weeks and during a time when secondary and primary schools are usually shut, teachers and early years staff across the country have been into schools and nurseries where they have interacted with children of NHS staff and other Key Workers who are highly exposed to COVID-19. They have not been given face masks or protective clothing. They haven't been given hand gel. They haven't had free coffee, half price pizza, free data or special shopping hours. They have performed their jobs in ways they have never done before and have done this with a smile on their faces so that the children in their care don't know how scared they are; scared for those children, scared for their own. Scared of being responsible for taking the virus home to loved ones.

Thank you to all Teachers, Early Years staff, Teaching Assistants, sports coaches, kitchen staff, site managers, cleaners, office staff and anyone else heading into a secondary /primary school or nursery to keep it running so that our NHS and carers can take care of the sick and the vulnerable, our shops can stay open and deliveries can continue. You too are heroes! Nothing saying about teachers delivering free school meal to those entitled well done.



Thank you to all of you at CTK we appreciate you more than you know.

Having spoken to many parents this week I know that some of you are really starting to feel the pressure of being at home, the novelty for the children is wearing off and conflict is arising in many houses. Please do not compare yourselves to the "super parents" on social media who post how well they are doing and how perfect their days are- this is not true, remember people only post what they want us to see. Most parents including my teaching staff are now coping with bored, upset, fatigued and anxious children at home who are missing their friends in school and family members -they don't want to pick up a pencil and do home learning!!

You as parents are juggling home schooling, your own work, caring for family members and your own anxiety issues about the situation we are in. You are not trained teachers and we do not expect you to be following the national curriculum. Try to keep some sort of routine for your child so that they have a set bedtime, a time to be up by, an hour or two of home learning, lunchtime, daily walk etc as children need routine and this will help them to have more structure to the day. If they are having a day when even sitting at the table to do some homelearning is a battle then let them do some of the online learning that we have set like mathletics,

bug club, first news, BBC bitesize as all of this is educational. Please remember if your child is up, dressed, fed, happy and safe then you are doing an amazing job!!

We are all hoping to hear on Sunday night the announcement from Boris about the plan to move us out of lockdown. We as a school will be directed by the Government and will start to open school as soon as it is safe to do so, we have not been given any date or any indication of when that will be but I shall keep you informed. I hope that some of you will be able to enjoy a long weekend with your families, stay safe and well.

DfE Coronavirus Research

We have been asked by the DfE to alert dioceses to research that they are undertaking in connection with the impact of remote teaching and learning during this period of school closures, in order to understand the education challenges created by coronavirus. This research will make clear the challenges schools, teachers, families and young people are facing and be used to quickly inform the right government advice to ensure learning can continue.

The DfE is keen to speak urgently with **parents of nursery/school-age children**. Several upcoming research sessions are planned over the next few weeks, with the first slots of research beginning on **Tuesday 5th May 2020**. The session will last for approximately 45 minutes and will be led by a Department for Education user researcher.

Those who are interested may register via this https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heswallprimaryfundraising?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=heswallprimaryfundraising&utm_campaign=pfp-tweet&utm_term=39f0bdec248e45d68aebd3f2ca988550

Weekly Reflection

Ethos Statement – I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others

Christians believe that everyone is a child of God and we were all made by God to be like God. Because of this, and because God's life is within each one of us, we have to treat other people the same way we would treat Jesus. If Jesus walked into the room now and spent the day with you, how would you treat him? What would you do? There are many times in the Bible when Jesus treats outcasts and those others did not like with the dignity and respect. Like Jesus, we should respect and treat all people so that they will feel valued and of worth.



Your mission this week is to think about someone that you don't find it easy to get on with, or treat very well and think about how you can show that person that God loves them very much. Perhaps you could even pray for them and ask God to help you treat them with the respect they deserve in the future.

Father Paschal Byrne is doing weekly mass on YouTube. He was the Parish Priest for years at Christ the King and I know he is much loved by many of the CTK families. Mass will be available Saturday evening and all Sunday.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9-Dd4Tj9AWA>

