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*“Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.”*

**Message from Mrs Procter to the children.**



My goodness me I was very pleased to see just how many of you joined in with wearing your uniform at home day. It really made me smile seeing you all dressed as part of our Christ the King family- we are missing you all so much. Some of you look like you have grown and some of you have very stylish hair!

The primary schools on the Wirral have raised over £6,000 so well done!!! You have all shown me that you are remembering our school rules and thinking of how we can help each other even in these unusual times- we are very proud of you all.





Last week a lot of you completed the VE day activities that your teachers set and it looks like you had a lot of fun in the sunshine. We have been busy in school and been enjoying the dry weather although it has been a little chilly on the yard.

This week I would like to set you a challenge of making a card or picture for your class teacher as they are missing you all and I know a little message from you would really cheer them up. You could draw or paint a picture and take a photograph of it or even drop it off on your daily walk to the school office and I will make sure that they get it.

My wall in my office is a little bare so I would love a picture of what Christ the King means to you. I cannot wait until I can see you all again, stay safe and well.



Have a look on our school website as our Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl have sent you all a video message.

### Important Information for Y5 Parents – 11+ Exam



Children wishing to sit the 11+ exam will need to have registered online **before 31<sup>st</sup> May** to reserve their place. More information is available at [www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions](http://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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

## Message to parents

Well what a week-- I think that this week has been one of the hardest in my career!!!! I heard on Sunday night as you did that schools will possibly be re-opening on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 children, although we were given very little detail of how this would work. This week I have started to receive more information each day of how this will look but I have to say school will be a very different place than it was.

I have spent my entire career being responsible for children and ensuring that they are safe but now find myself in a position of the unknown. I will be opening our school knowing that I cannot guarantee that the children will not catch or spread the virus. You know that here at Christ the King the Governors and I will do everything we can to minimise the risk to your children and my staff.

The Government have acknowledged that we cannot possibly enforce social distancing in school as children will want to mix with their peers and adults within their classrooms. I know many parents have had a difficult decision to make but rest assured that if you decide to keep your child at home we will continue to set work for them. The teachers will still be setting work and responding to the year groups who are not returning to school. My staff are obviously anxious about returning to work but they are very much looking forward to seeing the children and making sure that they reassure them, we know that the children will quickly adapt to the new way of school life- just like they have to being at home.

Keyworker children can still come to school as they have been doing since we entered the lockdown. We have one more week before our half term, teachers will not be setting work or commenting on seesaw and tapestry as they will be having a well- deserved week off. I realise that some of your children will now be coming to the end of their homelearning booklets do not worry after half term we will be setting work daily to keep them busy. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe and well.

## Weekly Reflection

Jesus told his disciples a story to teach them the importance of staying connected to him, with an example that they would understand. He used a vine. Healthy vines are plants with lots of branches growing from them and bearing fruit. If you break a branch off the vine then it stops growing and will wither up and die and it will not grow any more fruit.

Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me, you will have much fruit, but apart from me, you can do nothing." Jesus wants us to produce a lot of fruit. Good fruit like being kind, generous, and faithful. Most of all, he wants us to love others as he has loved us.

We need Jesus to help us - the branches must be connected to the vine before they can produce fruit. We must stay connected to Jesus to produce the good fruit that God expects of us.



Father Tom is doing weekly mass on YouTube. Mass will be available Saturday evening and all day Sunday to view. You will also be able to see how fabulous our new alter looks, so if you get a chance please celebrate Mass together this weekend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKcoICb2AtM>