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„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“

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Message from Mrs Procter



Where has this term gone? I cannot believe next week will be the last week of the half term. There are a few signs of spring around school and the mornings are definitely not as dark so spring is on its way.

I will be holding a Y6 residential zoom meeting on Wednesday 15th February at 4.00pm, a link will be sent out. I will record the meeting and send it out to all parents so do not worry if you cannot log on at this time. The centre was great and I know we will be in for a fabulous time. It is very much like Oaklands and we will be the only school on site.

As you will be aware there is another day of industrial action planned for the 28th February, we remain hopeful that the government will find a suitable solution to the funding issues facing education today.

If this action goes ahead the following classes **only** will be **open**.

- Little Acorns
- Year 1 Mrs Dobson
- Year 3 Miss Jones
- Year 4 Mrs Kane
- Year 5 Mr James

Weekly Reflection

In this week's Gospel we heard how Jesus talked to his disciples. In this story, Jesus was telling us that his followers will be like both salt and light – he was actually telling us about how we need to behave each and every day. The purpose of salt is to enhance, to make bigger and better the flavours on our plates. If we are salt, we are called to give 'flavour' and meaning to people's lives. Life becomes tasty and full of flavour when it contains the salt of Jesus – his words, his loving kindness, his mercy and forgiveness. Jesus needs people to make His love visible and to impact the world.

Jesus also says that Christians are the light of the world. He wasn't exaggerating when He said this. Jesus does not expect us to do this on our own but when we join together and spread the light of life through all of the church we can spread Jesus' light across the world.

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

The following children have shown they can use their manners this week.

FJH	Harry O'Hare	1DK	Scarlett Bull	2RL	Jake Edwards
FJH	Charlie Lowton	1DK	Tobias Barnes	2RL	Seb Sanderson
FBG	Hannah Davies	1SH	Jake Lewis	2HW	Max McCrary
FBG	Lydia Maitland	1SH	Emilia Reaney	2HW	Erika Nolan

3EJ	Louis Lockwood	4HS	Joseph Bolger	5AY	Toby Whiting
3EJ	Freddie Rogan	4HS	Emily Winniffrith-Davey	5AY	Phoebe Spencer
3DJ	Henry Nicholas	4HK	Alex Lockwood	5MJ	James O'Reilly
3DJ	Freddie Baker	4HK	Arthur Greenwood	5MJ	Alanna Ronald

6KH	Poppy Welch
6KH	Samuel Hatton
6RM	Matthew Quinlan
6RM	Ellenor Stewart

House Points

Last week's winners:

<u>KS1</u>	Matthew	<u>KS2</u>	Matthew	<u>Overall</u>	Matthew
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Faith Leaders- Lighthouse Assembly

On Monday, our Faith Leaders from Key Stage 2 led a lovely assembly on Jesus being like a lighthouse guiding us to shore. They asked each class to make a boat to add to our Entrance Hall display. We remember that Jesus is our light and will be with us through good times and bad. Well done to the children for reading so beautifully and to everyone who joined in our lighthouse song.



Year 1 Church Visit



This week Year 1 visited church as part of their RE topic. Children heard about the different parts of the church and were able to look around and ask Deacon Tony any questions they had. Thank you to Deacon Tony for again being so welcoming to us and sharing his knowledge with us.

Year 3 Prayer Sponsor Mass

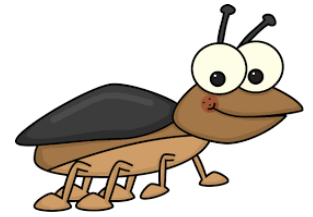
Thank you to everyone who came and supported our children at their Mass for prayer sponsors. We were so pleased with the number of parishioners and family members who joined us. Deacon Tony reminded us to pray incessantly and keep pestering God. Please keep all of our children in your prayers over the coming months.



Beetle Drive- Minnie Vinnies and Faith Leaders

The Mini Vinnies, Faith Leaders and School Council have teamed up to organise a Beetle Drive for Parishioners on **Friday 10th March** from 1:30 until 2:45. The children are asked to bring in some cakes, biscuits or buns on that morning please.

If any parents/grandparents would like to come along to help organise making hot drinks on the Friday afternoon it would really be appreciated. Please let Miss Jones know.



Safer Internet Day



On Wednesday we took part in Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'Want to talk about it?'. Each class recapped previous learning about e-safety and extended this by considering what they like about being online, what they dislike and what they would change about going online if they could. Well done everyone!

World Book Day

It's that time of year again! World Book Day is on **Thursday 2nd March** and we want to continue our mission of getting children reading for pleasure both in school and at home. This year we are inviting children to come into school in their pyjamas (or onesies) and bring in their favourite book to share with their classmates, teachers and other children across school. The day will see the return of storytime with Mrs Procter, Mrs Barker and Mrs Jones, which the children have been enjoying once a term over the last year.

9am Natter Group

Mrs Jones will be holding another 9AM Natter group. This will take place on Friday the 17th February in the infant hall. The aim is for parents to pop in and as it says, have a natter. Tea and biscuits will be available. It will last until 10am and is a chance for parents to make friends and share experiences. As the year goes on I will be inviting services to share with us what is available to our families and children but next week will just be us to get to know each other. If you want to attend please enter through the infant hall door in the infant staff carpark at 9am. See you then!

Calling all Key Stage 1!

Would you like to learn to be a photographer? Miss Wilkinson is hosting a **Digital Photography** club on a Wednesday after school until 4:20pm. The first session will be Wednesday 1st March and will run until the Easter holidays. If your child would like to attend please email hwilkinson@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk



Year 3 Stone Age Trip

Good News! We have been offered a new date for our cancelled trip. We will be going on Tuesday 21st March. Children will require a packed lunch and warm clothing on the day as before. Nothing else needs to be done as all monies had been paid. Thank you for your patience. Fingers crossed it doesn't snow!

Chess Club



After an enthusiastic response from year 2, Mrs Allen will be moving chess club from Friday lunchtime to an after-school club on Wednesday evenings. This will run from 3.15 – 4.00 p.m.

The club will be open to all pupils who are interested in the game – beginners are welcome, as well as more experienced players. Numbers will be limited, so it will be on a first-come basis. Please fill out the form below (or write a note) and give to Mrs Allen (5MJ) if you would like to attend. The club will commence

on Wednesday 1st March – look forward to seeing you there!

Important-Residential trip payments

Can we ask that all payments are completed before the deadline dates for us to complete payments of all invoices relating to the relevant residential trips. We have had the payment facility live on ParentPay since September to allow for family budgeting in the current economic climate and the option of small regular instalments which we hope you have found useful. Reminder of deadline dates are as follows:

- Year 6 Residential payments to be completed before the 28th February
- Year 2 Residential payments to be completed before the 17th March
- Year 4 residential payments to be completed before the 30th March

British Values Week

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February will be 'British Values Week.' All classes FS1-Year 6 will be looking at the theme of 'Fairness' within our society.

Wirral Music Festival

The choir will be competing in the Wirral Music Festival on Saturday 25th March. Attending is a great opportunity for the choir to show off their talents and the more that can attend the more impressive we are.

FS2 Trip to Imagine That!

Imagine that! We are going to an interactive museum as part of science week on Tuesday 28th March 2023. The trip will include a minimum of three science workshops. They have introduced some exciting new workshops for the new academic year, exploring the properties of solids and gases in an amazing visual experience. If that is not enough, we then get to explore all of the different areas: imagination village, creation area (we get to paint on cars!) and science investigation area (where we stand inside a giant bubble!). The cost of the trip is £15 which must be paid via ParentPay before 17th March. Your child must wear their school jumper or cardigan but can have their own t-shirt and bottoms. A packed lunch from the school canteen will be provided for the trip and the children with allergies will be catered for. We will leave and return within school hours so drop off and pick up times will remain the same as a normal school day.

This trip was fantastic last time we went and we are really looking forward to taking the children. Thanks, FS2 Team :)



New out of hours cost of living helpline

Involve Northwest, in partnership with Citizens Advice Wirral, have launched a new out of hours helpline for individuals who are struggling with the cost of living.

It will be live every Tuesday night (5pm – 8pm), until May this year. It's a free advice service to provide help and support around:

- Helping people to manage their money
- Fuel & Food poverty
- Debt

Currently, they have a team of 3 experienced Advisors to staff the phones and, if the team cannot resolve anything during the call, referrals will be made for additional support. Due to the number of Advisors, people may experience a short wait when trying to connect. **The number for people to call is: 0808 175 3660**

CARITAS- Warmer winter funding

Caritas have secured funding to provide people on the Wirral with warm clothing (such as coats, hats, gloves) bedding (throws, quilts) and heaters. This can be for adults as well as children, grandparents, neighbours... Sometimes we buy everything for the kids and can't afford to get ourselves something or the kids grow that fast that we can't keep up! It is cold out and help is available. If you would benefit from such items or know of someone who would, then please speak to Alex in the parish office or you can contact Caritas directly on 0151 652 1281 ext 104. They can either be collected via the parish office or dropped off directly. We will be discrete as you need us to be.

News from the PFA!

We may have appeared quiet after Christmas, but the PFA Elves have still been hard at work. This week, sent home in your bags, you will find the entry sheet for *Drum roll * The Official PFA Pancake Day Competition!! Design and colour in your ideal dream pancake. Make it as traditional or as wacky as you like.

Entries need to be returned by Tuesday 14th February for your chance to win one of our pancake themed prizes!! The best part of this competition is that it is totally free to enter! A winner and a runner up will be chosen from each key stage group and announced on Thursday 16th February 23. If you misplace your entry sheet do not panic. Spares are available from the office or a link will be on the PFA Facebook page to print your own.

Good Luck!!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13 th February	Swimming 5MJ commences
Monday 13 th - 17 th February	British Values Week
Friday 17 th February	School closes for Half Term Break
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 6 th March	Year 6 Residential
Friday 10 th March	Minnie Vinnies Beetle Drive

Monday 13 th March	Science Week
Friday 24 th March	Class Photographs
Saturday 25 th March	Wirral Music Festival
Monday 27 th March	Year 2 Residential trip
Tuesday 28 th March	FS2 'Imagine that' Visit

Chess Club with Mrs Allen

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

I give permission for my child to do chess club on Wednesday afternoons 3:15-4:00 and will ensure my child is picked up at 4:00 from the main office.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/carer name: _____