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

**17th November 2023**

### **Message from Mrs Procter**



We have had an eventful week this week within school as we have been focusing on what it means to be bullied and why it is not acceptable. The children were very clear of their role in ensuring we do not tolerate any form of bullying and were able to clearly state that they must inform an adult immediately.

Our School Council lead an assembly on Monday looking at all forms of bullying especially cyber bullying as we often find that children do not realise that comments made online are also a form of bullying.

The children enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Tuesday to show that all differences are accepted here at Christ the King and we decided together that this is one of the things that makes CTK so special!!

### **Weekly Reflection**

#### **Ethos Statement – I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.**

Jesus told us a story about a widow who never gave up. Jesus taught us about the importance of justice, of praying and never giving up hope.

Can you think of things that feel unfair to you? The widow is like us – we call to God in our prayers to give us what we need. God will answer our prayers, even if it is not in a way that we expect. How can we stand up for others and treat people in our world fairly and justly? How can we help others and let them know that we care? God reminds us that the most important thing we can do is to pray.

God help us to make changes when we see something that is not right. May we find strength to keep going and never give up hope. Amen.

The following children have shown they know how to stand up for people this week:

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| FJH | Isabella McCrary | 1DH | Jonah Chee           | 2HK | Eloise Ireland      |
| FJH | Alfred Peers     | 1DH | Florence Martin      | 2HK | Matias Ha           |
| FBG | Theo Naismith    | 1SH | Oakley-Elias Roberts | 2HW | Zofia Cooper        |
| FBG | Harrison Ryan    | 1SH | Hannah Davies        | 2HW | Sebastian Whittaker |

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|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|------------------|
| 3EJ | Eleanor Jones  | 4DJ | Ben Sutton     | 5AY | Penny Whittaker  |
| 3EJ | Seb Sanderson  | 4DJ | Louis Lockwood | 5AY | Austin Lucas     |
| 3KH | Amelia Cliff   | 4RL | Penelope Lucas | 5MJ | Benjamin Platten |
| 3KH | Penelope Dixon | 4RL | Leo Llewellyn  | 5MJ | Poppy Smith      |

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| 6HS | Lennon Balmer |
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| 6HS | Olivia Smart       |
| 6RM | Anya Bailey        |
| 6RM | Noah Granton-Jones |

### **Team Points**

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| <b>KS1</b> | John | <b>KS2</b> | Luke | <b>Overall</b> | Luke |
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### **Holy Souls**

During the month of November, we pray especially for all those who have died. All children in school thought about someone they would like to pray for and added it to our Entrance Hall display. We will keep all of these people in our prayers during the next few weeks.

### **Family Mass**

On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be having a Family Mass at 10am in church and all are welcome. We hope that lots of children and families can attend this mass. Please find form with further details alongside this newsletter email to return to school if you wish to attend.

### **Persistent Lateness and Term Time Holidays**

Persistent late arrival at school not only affects the learning of the student arriving late, but also the learning of the rest of the students in the class. **Ongoing, persistent lateness, after the registration period has closed, can lead to statutory measures being used by the Local Authority.**

Can we also remind parents that when possible, appointments should be made for pupils at the end of the school day so they are not leaving class early and disrupting the lesson (we appreciate that there are times when it is beyond your control).

Persistent lateness and early leaving over a school year can often accumulate to several days missed learning for students and may be drawn to the attention of the Local Authority, resulting in a fixed penalty notice.

Parents/carers please be aware that Fixed Penalty Notices have been reinstated by the Local Authority. Head Teachers are now only empowered to approve term time holidays in 'exceptional' circumstances. Therefore in accordance with Section 444 of the Education Act, schools are legally bound to provide all details to their local Fixed Penalty Officer. A fixed penalty notice will then be issued. Current rates payable by parents/carers are £60 per parent/carer per child within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

As a matter of importance can we please ask parents to inform the school of any absence due to holidays. Any absences taken when school has information that a child is on holiday will also be reported to the Fixed Penalty Officer as school is duty bound to do so.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support in these matters. Any problems or if you need support regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact school. Further information on attendance including guidance on 'exceptional circumstances' can be found in our Admissions and Punctuality policy on the school website.

Our school attendance target is **\*\*97%** please see below for each year group and their percentage attendance last week.

| FS2 | Year 1 | Year 2       | Year 3       | Year 4 | Year 5       | Year 6 |
|-----|--------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| 94% | 96%    | <b>**97%</b> | <b>**97%</b> | 91%    | <b>**97%</b> | 93%    |

## **UNICEF Blue Day**

Each year, we celebrate International Children's Day by dressing in blue. This date was chosen in 1989, when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of a Child. Our UNICEF group is run by a group of our very dedicated children who are keen to help other children less fortunate than themselves from around the world, including in the UK.

The money we raise goes directly to UNICEF whose wonderful work involves: saving children's lives with vaccines, clean water and therapeutic food. UNICEF protects children from violence, exploitation and abuse. UNICEF also helps children fulfil their potential, by supporting quality education and training. UNICEF works for every child, to build a better world for everyone.

What are we asking you to do?

We invite you send your child into school on Thursday 23rd November dressed in blue and to donate £1 (or whatever you feel you can afford). Please don't go to any expense and just use the clothes you have. Even a splash of blue would be great. The point is that we are all joining together to do something positive for a very good cause.

Thank you, as ever, in advance of your continued kindness and generosity.

Mrs. Kane and the UNICEF group.

## **Parent workshop: How to support your child with reading-phonics and fluency**

We are inviting parents of KS1 and KS2 children to a reading workshop on **Tuesday 21st November at 8:40am**. The workshop will take place in the junior hall for 30 minutes. We will look at how we teach children to use phonics to read unknown words, and will help you to gain confidence in saying and blending sounds together. Additionally, we will model how reading fluency is taught and embedded in our school and provide tips that you can use at home to support your child with reading. There will also be time to ask staff any questions during the session.

Mrs Shipley and Miss Yates

## **Residential trips 2024**

Residential trips next year have been booked for our Year 2 and Year 4 children. We have set the payments on ParentPay in advance to give you the time and flexibility to pay in installments to make this easier. Further details of the residential trips will follow.

If you have any questions or are experiencing any problems please do not hesitate to let school know in case we can be of any help or assistance.

- Year 2 Barnstondale trip Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March- 1 night overnight stay
- Year 4 Burwardsley trip Monday 20<sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 22nd May- 1 night overnight stay day dependent on registration group.

## **Christmas Decorations**

It is that time of year again, where the Art council have been working incredibly hard thinking about what we will use this year to create our decorations in both our classrooms and around the school. Like last year, we would like to continue to use eco-friendly materials so we would like to ask if you could please send in any cardboard tubes from home so that they can be used in your child's class to design and create Christmas decorations with.

Thank you for your on-going support

Mrs Hughes and the Art council.

## **Year 5 Trip to Port Sunlight**

As part of our Victorian topic this term, we will be focusing on a local study of Port Sunlight. We will be going on a trip to the museum and to explore the village for the day.

Both 5AY and 5MJ will be going on Thursday 23rd November and we will be travelling on the train from Bromborough station and will spend the whole day in the village.

Children will need to have a waterproof coat and a packed lunch with them. We will return to school in time for the end of the school day. Please make payment via ParentPay by the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

We are looking forward to exploring the village and taking part in an urban sketch crawl. We know that the children will enjoy learning about a historical place in our local area. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

### **We are recruiting!**

Playzone Before and After School Club are seeking a happy, enthusiastic play worker to join their team! Our numbers have increased since opening our doors to 'Little Acorns' In September. The position is part time/ term time only, consisting of morning and afternoon sessions so flexibility is essential and online training is available. **If your own child/children are over 4 years old, they are also able to join you and enjoy the company!**

For further information, please contact Louise Somers or Cath Ravenscroft at Playzone via email [playzonectk@gmail.com](mailto:playzonectk@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you!

### **Amazon Wish List**

We would like to continue growing our book collections in our school and class libraries. If you would like to click on our Amazon wish list link below and purchase a book to donate to school, we would be very grateful. Please leave a message when you order; we stick this in the front of the books so the children can see who the kind donation is from.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3QL2CNKMTS7GT?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3QL2CNKMTS7GT?ref=wl_share)

### **Whole School Pantomime at the Floral Pavilion New Brighton**



This year the whole school will be going to the Floral Pavilion, New Brighton to see this years' fabulous pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The trip will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December during the school day and the cost of the ticket and coach to the venue will be £17.50.

**Payments are made via ParentPay and should be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

### **News from the PFA**

We had our first formal catch up of the New Year and welcomed some new faces. Dates for your diary for the period up until Christmas include:

- Shhhhhh! it is the return of Elfridges our Secret gift room on 8.12.23. More details to follow.
- After School Christmas fair and sale 15.12.23-Come along and play some Christmas games and enjoy some yummy treats.
- School Colouring Competition with prizes from best in both Key stages

If you want to come along to our next meeting it is booked in for 22/11/23 @ 8pm. Details closer to the time.

### **Dates for your Diary**

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November   | UNICEF week commences                  |
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| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November  | Parent workshop- Junior Hall at 8:40am |
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| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | UNICEF Blue Day                        |

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| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  | Year 5 trip to Port Sunlight               |
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| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November    | Family Mass                                |
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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November    | Author Visit FS1,FS2 and KS1               |
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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December     | FS1 Christmas production 9:15-10:15        |
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| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December    | FS2 Christmas production 9:15-10:15        |
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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | Year 1 Christmas production 9:15-10:15     |
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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | Year 3/4 Christmas production 2:15-3:15    |
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| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 2 Christmas production 9:15-10:15     |
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| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 5/6 Christmas production 2:15- 3:15   |
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| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Dinner Day                       |
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| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | Whole School trip 'Jack and the Beanstalk' |
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| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm      |
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| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | INSET Day (School closed to pupils)        |
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| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December    | INSET Day (School closed to pupils)        |
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| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 | School reopens                             |