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

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Message from Mrs Procter



What a week! This week I have been busy in the kitchen again washing dishes as we are short staffed and our dishwasher has stopped working! Mrs Barker and Mrs Head have been muddying as we are four down at the moment, I am very lucky that SLT will always turn their hand to anything.

It is that time of year in school when we start thinking about Christmas. For the last two years we have not been able to hold any productions but I am delighted to announce that this year we will - if the guidance does not change before then!

We will be holding FS1, FS2, KS1 and KS2 productions for parents to come and see, although there will be some restrictions.

We have decided to allow parents/grandparents on site to watch the performances but we will only be issuing two tickets per child - unfortunately there will not be any spare tickets available this year as we will have a maximum of 120 people in the hall. We will be very strict this year, if you do not have a ticket you will not be able to enter so please put them in a safe place. We have had to change the date of one of the productions. KS2 production will be in church but we will be splitting the performances so that we have a Y3-4 and Y5-6 production, again this is to limit the numbers.

All parents will be required to wear a mask in the hall/church for the safety of all, as the last thing I want to do is to infect the staff or our families the week before Christmas!

We will record all of the Christmas productions and send out the links to parents to ensure all your family can join in the fun as we are aware that some people may not feel happy being part of a large audience.

It has been a difficult decision to make this year as Covid has certainly not gone away but we feel by having smaller numbers at any one time we will be minimising the risks as much as we can. We cannot wait to celebrate Christmas as a school, it is always an exciting time and one that the children really enjoy.

Safety!!!!

Unfortunately today I have had quite a few calls about an incident that took place in the Church carpark last night. It seems that a parent bumped another car and then reversed back quickly narrowly missing a child. Please can I again remind parents to park safely even if you have to park further away from school and walk a few minutes to get to school, it is our civic duty to keep all of our children safe not just you own.



Remembrance Day



On Thursday at 11.00 o'clock the whole school came together on the yard for a minutes silence. Our children played the Last Post for us with the help of Mrs Makenzie. It was a very moving tribute, the children all stood in their classes and remembered the soliders who had gone before us.

Weekly Reflection

This week's Gospel was from St Mark's Gospel the Widow's mite. The lady didn't have much at all and yet she was prepared to give her absolute best to God. She gave a very small offering but Jesus was prouder of her effort than the others who were giving very large amounts. This is because even though she didn't have much she still wanted to give something, whereas the others could afford to give so much more. Jesus doesn't compare us to others. He just wants us to do the very best we can do. When you next do your homework, give it your absolute best. Afterwards, pray about how proud Jesus is of your effort.

Ethos Statement

I try to be just and fair

The following children recognise justice and fairness:

FJH – Eleanor Hume
FJH – Grace Byrne
FCB – Sefina Rushton
FCB – George Quinn

1DK - Sienna Grant
1DK - James Rennie
1SH - Mair Wheeler
1SH - Arlo Pessino-Barnes

2RL – Sophia Macdougall
2RL – Ciaran Patten
2HW – Henry Nicholas
2HW – Sienna Nag

3EJ – Poppy Smith
3EJ – Lucas Hughes
3DJ – Ethan Grant
3DJ – Molly McGuinness

4LS – Phoebe Flynn-Moran
4LS – Jaxon Jagger-Tippey
4HK – Monty Cairney
4HK – Olivia Connolly-Brown

5AY – Poppy Welch
5AY – Sophie McKnight
5RM – Ruby Arrowsmith
5RM – Sean Verlander

6KH – Rylan Longog
6KH – Josie-May McIntyre
6GA – Joe Hastewell
6GA – Sofia Farnin

House Points

Last week's winners:

Key Stage 1 = Mark

Key Stage 2 = Luke

Overall = Luke

Contact Details

If you have recently moved house, changed telephone number or email address please inform the school office so that your emergency contact details are up to date. Thank you.

Punctuality

The school gates open each morning at 8.30am and close promptly at 8.50am. Since returning after half term there has been an increasing number of children arriving late which impacts on the start to their learning for that day. Please ensure that your child arrives in plenty of time each morning.

Christ the King Feast Day

We will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King on Friday 19th November. All children can come into school in their finest party wear. KS2 will be celebrating Mass in church and then we will all form a procession around the yard. In the afternoon we will be having some cakes and an afternoon play.

Anti-Bullying Week

The week of November 15th is Anti-Bullying Week. We say "No!" to bullying and we want to celebrate that we are all unique and should be accepted for being unique by wearing odd socks. Odd Sock day will be Tuesday 16th November. School Uniform is still required but we will wear crazy, mismatched socks. There isn't a donation involved with this. Our School Council will present a Zoom assembly about Anti-Bullying.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2021



This year Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday 10th December. As we no longer have local banking facilities for us to deposit your donations, this year we are asking that you make your £1 contribution via ParentPay. This will appear as a payment item on your child's account and you can make your donation any time from today. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

RE Questionnaire

This week, your children should have come home with a lilac letter. There are some questions on there for you to answer about RE, Catholic Life and Prayer and Liturgy at Christ the King. It is really important that we receive this information from you and so we are setting each class a little challenge. You only need to send one form back per family but we are going to give the class who return the most forms a prize. If there are siblings in different classes, the one form will be counted for each child. If you could spend a few minutes to let us know your thoughts and get them back to us as soon as possible, we would really appreciate your help. We will decide on the winning class next Friday (19th November).

Kindness

Today we have joined in with a live webinar from 52Lives of Kindness with children from all over the world. We discussed the importance of being kind, how we can be kind and how it makes everyone feel. We remembered that 'Be Kind' is our first school rule and that it is what Jesus called us to be. It fits in with our school mission, 'treat others the way that you would like to be treated yourself.' At Christ the King, we are very proud of all our children and know that they are all very kind but this week we are going to try extra hard to do small acts of kindness to all that we meet. In every opportunity we should always choose kindness.

Mini Vinnies

This week, we welcomed Kevin Hogan in from the new SVP centre in Birkenhead. They were very grateful for the £258 we collected to help support refugees. He talked to the Mini Vinnies about the new centre and the continuing work of the SVP on the Wirral. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Parish News



Congratulations to our altar servers who began serving this weekend and were fantastic! It is lovely to see more families coming back to Mass and our servers did us proud. If your child has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server and you attend Christ the King Parish Mass then please email lbarker@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk for further information. We particularly need servers for the Saturday night Mass, but all are welcomed.

We would also like to thank our Parish Community for the donation of vouchers we have received over the past few weeks that have helped support some of our school families. Your generosity has been warmly and gratefully received.

Save the date: On Sunday December 12th at 10:00 , we are having a Parish Family Advent Mass. It would be lovely to see more of our school families attending to celebrate Advent together. Further details will follow.



Year 2 Titanic Trip

On Wednesday the 17th of November, Y2 will be going to the Maritime Museum in Liverpool, to look at the Titanic exhibitions and take part in an expert-led storytelling workshop, to support the understanding of our History topic. The cost of the trip is £9, please pay this via ParentPay as soon as possible. On the day the children will need to wear school uniform but they may wear trainers as we will be on our feet for a long time. They will need a water bottle with them and a coat but a snack and school lunch will be provided. Please ensure the children are in to school prompt as the coach will be leaving at **9am** to get us to the workshop on time. We will be back in time for the end of the school day. Thank you, Year 2 Team

Year 3 Save the Date



We have provisionally booked Saturday 7th May 2022 for Holy Communion for our current Year 3 children. Please add this date to your diaries. We will be in touch shortly with dates for meetings and preparation. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 Trip to Port Sunlight

As part of our Victorian topic this term we have been 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. **5AY will be going on Thursday 25th November** and **5RM will be going on Friday 26th November**. We will be travelling on the train from Bromborough station and will spend the whole day there. Children will need to have a waterproof coat and a packed lunch with them – children who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. Please make payment via ParentPay. We are looking for parents to join us on this trip so if you are available please contact your child's class teacher and we will select names from a hat.

We are looking forward to our first school trip since the lockdowns and know that the children will enjoy learning about a historical place in our local area. If you have any questions please contact your class teacher. Miss Yates and Mr MacKenzie.

Year 5 Class Masses

Over the last two weeks, Father Louis and Deacon Tony have visited both of our Year 5 classes and celebrated the wonderful Sacrament of Mass with them. Thank you for coming in to be with us.



Y6 Residential

We are hoping that this year we will be able to take the children away on a residential. Unfortunately Oakland has closed down so we need to find another venue. On Wednesday I am going to visit the Conway Centre in North Wales and have provisionally booked the 14th-16th of February for our school. If I feel that the venue is suitable we will be able to take the whole year group together. Save this date and I will confirm the booking next week.



Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 17 th November	Y2 Titanic Trip
Friday 19 th November	Feast of Christ the King – Children to Wear Party Clothes
Thursday 25 th November	5AY Visit to Port Sunlight
Friday 26 th November	5RM Visit to Port Sunlight
Monday 6 th December	Inset day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 8 th December	Rudolph Run
Thursday 9 th December	Whole School Trip to Floral Pavilion
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10 th December	FS1 Christmas Production, Infant Hall - 9.30am
Friday 10 th December	FS2 Christmas Production, Infant Hall - 2.00pm
Friday 10 th December	Outdoor Choir Performance on Yard - 3.30pm
Monday 13 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production for Year 1 Parents - 9.30am
Monday 13 th December	Key Stage 2 Concert in Church for Year 3 & 4 Parents – 2.00pm
Tuesday 14 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production for Year 2 Parents – 2.00pm
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	Key Stage 2 Concert in Church for Year 5 & 6 Parents – 2.00pm
Friday 17 th December	Reports Home
Friday 17 th December	School closes for Christmas at 1.30 p.m.