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

Class Attendance

This year any class that gets 100% attendance will have an extra playtime the following Friday afternoon.

The classes with the highest attendance this week of **100%** are FEM, Miss Montgomery's class and 2HW, Miss Wilkinson's class. Well done!



Weekly Reflection

Ethos Statement – I try to follow school and classroom rules

We started off our week celebrating the visit of the wise men from the East to baby Jesus. We celebrate this on the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means showing. On this day we remember that Jesus was 'shown' to the world. The visitors from the East represent how Jesus came for everyone - Jews and gentiles alike.

Jesus came into the world to show everyone how to live their lives. He gave us two great commandments – to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and your soul and to love others as you love yourself. Jesus recognised the importance of rules to help us all get along and work together. If we follow these two rules, then we will have JOY in our lives, which is an acronym for Jesus, Others, then Yourself.

The following children have shown they know how to follow school and classroom rules:

FCB – Niall Atkins	1DM – Izabela Kisiel	2HW – Emma Macmaster
FCB – Lucy Kent	1DM – Lucas Hughes	2HW – Gino Vokes
FEM – Pearl Frost	1SH – Hugo Macmillan	2AD – Olivia Smart
FEM – Joseph Long	1SH – Harry McCrary	2AD – Tobias Whiting
3HB – Ruby Arrowsmith	4AY – Ffion Clements	5RL – Charlotte Stout
3HB – Adam Salter	4AY – Thomas Burnett	5RL – Liam Roberts
3EJ – Louie Keenan	4RM – Saffron Roberts	5HK – Amelie Sherry
3EJ – Thomas Sweeney	4RM – Lewis Marshall	5HK – Emily Richards
		5HK – Ava Conway
6GA – Milly Hebden		
6GA – Stanley Williams		
6KH – Jack McWha		
6KH – Jack Sawyer		

Welcome Back



Welcome back, I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the mild weather. It sounds like Father Christmas was very busy delivering all the presents that the children have told me they received!

We celebrated Mass together on Monday morning for the feast of the Epiphany which was a fabulous start to our new term. This year we are celebrating the Year of the Word and we will be looking closely at Matthew's Gospel readings.

We have welcomed four new members of staff this week;

Mrs Dooris in the office

Mrs Shipley in Y1

Miss Wilkinson in Y2

Mr Mackenzie in Y4

I am sure that you will get to know them all soon, the children seem very settled with their new teachers already.

Change to Lunch Menu for Census Day – Thursday 16th January

There will be a change to the lunch menu on Thursday 16th January, the purpose of which is to encourage our children to try our school meals. Over the course of the year the Local Authority look at areas such as the number of children having school meals to determine our forthcoming funding and our date has been confirmed as Thursday 16th January. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal on this day especially our Universal Free School Meal children which is all of our children in FS2 and KS1. They are entitled to a free school meal each day so this may be a perfect opportunity for them to try something new and save you time and money as you won't have to make their packed lunch!



As it is very important that as many children as possible have a school meal on this day, the kitchen will hold an American themed day. The children will be able to choose from chicken nuggets or build-a-burger, both served with French fries followed by ice cream. Deli and jacket potato options will still be available on this day.

Application for Entry to FS2

The deadline for Foundation 2 applications is Wednesday 15th January. The information we have received is that currently 1 in 4 Wirral parents (25%) have not yet submitted an application so please do so as soon as possible.

Sacramental Preparation 2020



Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting about the Sacramental Preparation for 2020. If anyone has not already done so, please let us have your photograph permission slip and baptismal certificate (if not baptised at CTK) as soon as possible. The Enrolment Mass will take place during the parish Mass at **10am** on **Sunday 19th January**. Those children who will be reading at the Mass, are bringing home a copy of their reading to practise today. Please be at Mass by 9:50 at the latest or your child's part may be given to someone else. All children are asked to attend this Mass. Thank You.

ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure that you keep your child's ParentPay account in credit if they have a school meal. Thank you.

Parking – Church Car Park

Phase 2 of the Church renovations will be starting on Monday 27th January. This means that, for health and safety reasons, the carp park will be out of use both before and after school for approximately 2 months. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Looking After Our Mental Health – Update



Our morning meditation sessions will continue each Wednesday morning at 8.30am in the junior hall. Next week we will be starting a mindfulness colouring club each Wednesday lunchtime at 12.30pm in Miss Yates' classroom. The children will be invited to bring in their favourite colouring pencils and we will provide pictures to be coloured. We will be starting a chill-out club on Thursday next week starting at 12.30pm in the Junior hall when children can bring in their favourite book to read.

Pebbles to Paint!

Last year, as part of our transition activities, the children each painted a pebble to represent them being part of our school community. The response to bringing in pebbles was fantastic. You may have noticed them looking beautiful and bright laid down by the front entrance, however we feel it would be nice to create another collection this year so that the path can be finished and run all the way up alongside the entrance path. Please could you send in a pebble for your child which is roughly the size of a fist. Thank you as always for your support, Mrs Hughes.

Choir News

This year we are hoping to defend our winning performance at the Wirral Music Festival. Before I enter the choir I would like to confirm numbers ASAP. If your child is available to attend on Saturday 28th March at 2pm please could you fill in the reply slip and return to the office ASAP. If you go onto the wirral festival website and look at the schedule file there are many other individual categories your child may be interested in. Many thanks, Mrs Hunter.

ELSA Resources

As our houses are filled with new games and toys at this time of year, a sort out may be needed!. If you are able to donate any good condition games for use in ELSA sessions I would be very grateful. Examples could include top trumps, Brain Box, Snap/memory games, Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly, Uno.

Guitar Lessons

As you may be aware, Miss Kelly has gone off to university in Spain to study classical guitar, so we have a new guitar teacher called Paul Carroll who is a guitar tutor at the Wirral Music Factory in Birkenhead. He teaches contemporary rock, pop, blues and jazz styles and is extremely experienced in teaching all ages and abilities (inc complete beginners), as well as being an experienced performer. Lessons will be on a Monday (commencing 27th January) and last 30 minutes, with 3 children in each group, costing £6 per student per lesson and open to children from Year 3 to Year 6. This is a great opportunity and if your child is interested, please can you complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the office asap. Mrs Hunter.



Full of Beans After School Clubs

Full of Beans will start again w/c 13th January – please see the email sent earlier this week for further details.

Upton Hall School Activities Camp

Upton Hall School are providing an Activities Camp during the February Half Term break from Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020. The cost of the Activities Camp is £20 per day or £80 for a whole week booking and will take place between 8.30am and 4.00pm. The camp is open to all children aged 7 and over. For more information please visit their website, www.uptonhallschool.co.uk/news.

Year 1 – Reading Books

Reading books are sent home for your child to read a couple of times a week, however they are not being returned. Please can you check at home and return any you find to school . Thank you.

Year 1 – Thank You

Thank you for sending in your family photographs. These have now been put into their RE books as part of our discussions about families.

Year 2 – Barnstondale Residential Information Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Year 2 parents on Tuesday 21st January at 6pm in the Junior Hall to discuss the forthcoming Barnstondale residential trip.

Year 3 - Swimming

Just a reminder that Miss Jones' class will be swimming w/c 13th January.

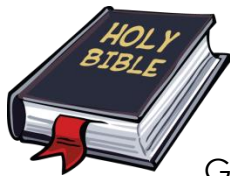
Year 4 – Clarinet Lessons

All of our Year 4 children will be starting clarinet lessons on Thursday 16th January for 10 weeks. Each child will be provided with a clarinet which we would encourage them to take home to practice. Lessons will take place during school time on a Thursday afternoon and there is no charge to parents. The children will perform in a short concert for parents on Thursday 26th March – more details to follow.

Year 4 – Vist to The Catalyst

As part of our digestive system topic next half term and in line with British Science week this year, we will be going on a trip to the Catalyst in Widnes. The children will take part in science-based activities throughout the day and complete a 'Tasty Toothpaste' workshop. The trip will be on Thursday 6th March 2020 and we will be leaving school by coach at 9am. We should be back to school by 3:15. The cost of the trip is £10.00 per child, please pay this via ParentPay. All children will need a packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag. If your child is entitled to a free school meal we will provide their packed lunch. Miss Yates and Mr MacKenzie are looking for parental helpers to accompany their classes on the trip. Please let them know if you are available. Many thanks as always for all your kind help and support, Miss Yates and Mr Mackenzie.

Year 5 – Bible Exhibition



Yesterday, Year 5 took part in a great workshop all about the Bible. They had lots of fun using feathers and ink to write in Hebrew and Greek as well completing various other activities about the Bible texts. We thank our visitors from the Gospel Hall who gave up their own time to come in and work with the children. We look forward to welcoming them back in a few weeks to work with Years 5 and 6.

Year 6 – Oaklands Residential

The final payment for the Oaklands Residential is due no later than Friday 24th January via ParentPay. To ensure that your child does not lose their place please ensure that the payment is made before this date. A copy of the kit list and medical information form has been sent home with each child this evening.

Year 6 – Science

As part of Science this term we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance and we are looking at features we inherit. Please could we ask that the children bring in a recent family photograph which may include parents, siblings, grandparents and other members of their extended family. If you are not able to print a photograph yourself please forward it to schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk.

Year 6 – New Class Members in 6GA!



They will not be travelling anywhere this weekend but are looking forward to visiting your homes in the near future.

6GA are excited to announce that they have 2 new class members – Cookie and Cream, our new class gerbils. They are currently settling into their new home, eagerly assisted by 30 willing helpers!



Reply Slips

Choir – Wirral Music Festival

My child _____ class _____ will attend
the Wirral Music Festival on Saturday 28th March at 2pm.

Name _____ Date _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer)

Guitar Lessons with Mr Carroll

My child _____ class _____ is
interested in guitar lessons.

Name _____ Date _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer)

Dates for your Diary - 2020

Monday 13 th January	3EJ Swimming all week
Sunday 19 th January	Y3 Sacramental Preparation Enrolment Mass, 10am
Tuesday 21 st January	Meeting for Y2 Parents re Barnstondale Residential, 6pm
Monday 3 rd February	6KH Oaklands Residential (return Wednesday 5 th)
Wednesday 5 th February	6GA Oaklands Residential (return Friday 7 th)
Tuesday 11 th February	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 12 th February	Parent's Evening
Thursday 13 th February	Mass for Y3 Parents and Prayer Sponsors, 9.30am
Friday 14 th February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24 th February	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday School Mass
Friday 28 th February	Class Photographs
Thursday 5 th March	Y3 Trip to World Museum, Liverpool
Thursday 5 th March	Y4 Trip to The Catalyst
Thursday 5 th March	Meeting for Y4 Parents re Burwardsley Residential, 6pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Sacramental Preparation Session 1, 6pm in Church
Wednesday 18 th March	Sacramental Preparation Session 2, 6pm in Junior Hall
Tuesday 24 th March	Y3 Egyptian Day
Tuesday 24 th March	First Reconciliation, 6pm in Church
Thursday 26 th March	Clarinet Concert for Y4 parents
Friday 3 rd April	School Closes 2pm