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

# 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

# Message from Mrs Procter



There has been a definite sense that spring is on the way this week, when opening and locking up school it has not been as dark which is far more pleasant. Our first residential has been booked and paid for and our Y2 children are already getting very excited and we have met with Father Louis to organise Y3 Sacrament program-We held our first football match of the year and won a staggering 11-1!! We are hoping that after half term we can go back to whole school assemblies, some of our KS1 children cannot remember us ever being in the hall together which is rather sad.

It is so nice to finally be able to plan for the future!

Numbers in school are starting to settle so we are hopeful that we are over the peak of Covid at CtK. However, we all must remain vigilant of any symptoms in our children and test the children regularly if they have been a close contact of somebody with Covid - doing this will mean that we are keeping our whole community safe. We are aware that coughs and colds are doing the rounds, if your children have tested negative for Covid they can come into school with a cough and cold.

Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and will be virtual. We have purchased a new software package which will ensure that meetings do not run over - more details to follow next week. We will hopefully be able to organise an open afternoon next term where you will be able to come into school and look at your child's books with your child - they love nothing more than sharing their work with you.

# Weekly Reflection

This week we explored how going on an adventure and discovering a new place can be similar to being a follower of Jesus. When we are following Jesus, we can have amazing and fabulous experiences and see God touch people's lives in a miraculous way. However, this does not mean that following Jesus will always be easy. In fact, it can be quite challenging and stretch us in some difficult ways and those who aren't followers of Jesus cannot always understand this. It was the same for Jesus when He visited His home town of Nazareth. Jesus explained that He was the Messiah they had been waiting for but he had not just come to save them but to save everyone. This was challenging for the people to accept and they were angry and jealous. The question for us today is that when Jesus challenges us, do we want to throw Him out of our lives or are we still going to say "Yes, we want to be your disciples."

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

The following children have shown they can use words to make the world a better place this week:

FJH – Ethan-Lee Johnson	1DK - Thomas Canavan	2RL - Jason Frost
FJH – Sebastian Whittaker	1DK - Shaun Mea	2RL - Ben Sutton
FCB – Maddison Jenner	1SH - Rosie Metcalf	2HW - Theo McCarthy
FCB - Ollie Green	1SH - Ava Wright	2HW - Amelia Davies
3EJ – Isla Cameron-Richards	4LS – Olivia Smart	5AY – Maggi Merrick
3EJ – George Moynihan	4LS – Harrison Kennedy	5AY – Louie Keenan
3DJ – Callum Linge	4HK – Charlotte Harris	5RM – Alex Brown
3DJ – Emily Winnifrith-Devey	4HK – Monty Cairney	5RM – Ruby Arrowsmith
6KH – Jacob Clyne 6KH – Orlagh Patten 6GA – Madison Cairney 6GA – Ethan Platten		

# House Points

#### Last week's winners:

Key Stage 1 = Mark

Key Stage 2 = John

Overall = John

There were only 14 points between John and Matthew this week! Well done everyone, Keep collecting those points – each one really makes a difference!

#### Number Day 2022

Don't forget that our NSPCC Numberday is on Monday 7th February so you have a few more days to sort out your number-based clothing for the day. A gentle reminder to also donate  $\pounds1$  on Parentpay to support the NSPCC.



#### Social Media App – "Kik"

We have received the following information from St John Plessington. The app "kik" is a social media/messenging app increasingly popular with children and young people. It actively encourages strangers to connect and adults are posing as children. There are lots of reports of unsolicited requests for images etc. Police are stating 25% of reports involving use of social media is this app. For more information please search kik from the link below.

<u>https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews.kik-messenger</u> We would encourage you to keep a close eye and speak to your child about their use of online apps.

#### Sacramental Preparation 2022

Children in Year 3 have received a letter and list of the dates for the Sacramental Preparation for 2022. Please return the slip saying whether you **would or would not** like your child to be enrolled. There will be an important meeting for parents only on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm in Church. **Please see "Dates for your Diary" at the end of the newsletter for further important dates**.



If you have a child in Year 4 or above who has not yet made their Sacraments and you would like them to be involved in the preparation, please contact Miss Jones as soon as possible.

# Christ the King School Choir – Message from Mrs Hunter

After the success of our last outing to the Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama, I have again enrolled The CTK school choir into class 40 (under age 11 choir). For us to continue our success, we need at least 30 children to be able to attend on Saturday 26th March at Birkenhead High School Academy in Prenton. Our time slot will be during the afternoon but will not be confirmed until nearer the time. It would be amazing if your child could attend and any support in the audience is greatly appreciated. Please will you complete the reply slip and return to me ASAP. Many thanks, Mrs Hunter. Website <u>http://wirralfestival.co.uk/</u>

### <u>St Vincent de Paul</u>



This week we have been talking about the life of St Vincent de Paul. Vincent was born poor and in the beginning he wanted to be rich. This was why he first became a priest! Later, he changed his mind and decided to spend his life helping the sick, orphans, old people, the starving, prisoners and slaves. Vincent's life is a great reminder for us all to find ways to help those around us. The SVP is a Christian organisation which encourages people to put their faith into action and help those in need. Members give support to people in their community, meeting them face to face and trying to help them in any

way that they can. The Mini Vinnies is a branch of the SVP that is aimed at primary school children. Our own group at CTK are always busy thinking about how they can help others. We will be looking for new members soon. Perhaps it is something that you would like to consider being involved with. It would be a great way of promoting the Catholic Life of our school.

### **Football Success**

Congratulations to our Y6 football team who played against Great Meols Primary on Thursday evening and had a fantastic 11-1 win!

# CTK Brass Players at the RNCM

Last Saturday, some of our talented brass players, all members of Wirral Youth Brass, took part in The Festival of Brass at The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. They performed with almost 100 other young musicians from all over the North West. They played brilliantly and had an amazing day. Well done to them all!



# FS2 Trip to Imagine That!



Imagine that! We are going to an interactive museum as part of science week on 16th March 2022. The trip will include a minimum of three workshops where the children make slime, bath bombs and fridge magnets. They have introduced some exciting new workshops for the new academic year including a dry-ice sensory show, 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 £16 which must be paid via ParentPay before 8<sup>th</sup> 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 :)

# Y4 Trip to The Catalyst

On Friday 4th March, year 4 will be visiting the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes. The children will take part in a Tasty Toothpaste workshop and will also have an opportunity to explore the galleries. Packed lunch and school jumpers and cardigans will be needed, as usual and children should arrive at school, on the day, at the normal time. No spending money is required.

The cost of the trip is £12 per child and will go live on ParentPay on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

As the last workshop ends at 2.30pm, there is a chance that we may arrive back at school at a slightly later time than usual. We will ring the school office from the coach when we are about 15 minutes away and then school will text you all. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

# Timid to Tiger Parenting Course

Does your child struggle with anxiety? Are you looking for ways to support them? Timid to Tiger is an entirely parenting-based approach to managing anxiety in children (available to parents of children aged 8-12). It is based on evidence that anxious children benefit substantially from a parenting style that is clear, calm and consistent. There is an 8-week remote courses via Zoom starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 6pm-7pm and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March1pm-2pm for anyone who is interested. To register you interest in one of the online parenting courses, email <u>cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net</u>.

# **Reply Slip**

Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama		
Name	Class	
Will/will not be able to take part in the Wirral Festival of Music $26^{\text{th}}$ March	c, Speech and Drama on Saturday	
Signed	Date	

# Dates For Your Diary

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	5RM Swimming all week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Re-Opens
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Sacramental Preparation Meeting, 5pm in Church
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings via School Cloud
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings via School Cloud
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Trip to The Catalyst
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Enrolment Mass for Children Receiving the Sacraments, 10am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	FS2 Trip to Imagine That!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y2 Residential Trip to Chirk Castle & Barnstondale
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sacramental Preparation Session, 5pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconilliation, 5pm
Friday 1st April	Class Photographs, Y6 Individual and Yearbook Photographs
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes for Spring Break, 1.30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Sacramental Preparation Session, 5pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Masses, 3DJ 10am, 3EJ 12.30pm