



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

**4th March 2022**

### **Message from Mrs Procter**



We have had another busy week at CTK - it has been a hive of activity which has been a delight to see. It was lovely to have all of KS2 over in Church for Ash Wednesday and KS1 together in the hall. The younger children thought it was very exciting to all be together in the hall - some of them have no recollection of ever being in the hall, a sad sign of the times! The week after next we will be returning to whole school and key stage assemblies as our Covid numbers are finally falling. I was sorry to miss World Book Day yesterday as I was out of school at a meeting but the photographs on twitter were fabulous. KS1 children could not wait to tell me today that Mrs Jones had read them a story about knickers - what do they say whilst the cat is away.....!

This week we have discussed with the children the troubles in Ukraine and Russia. We have decided that we would like to do something as a school community in solidarity with the people of Ukraine so next week the children will all plant a sunflower seed - which is Ukraine's national flower. Hopefully when they start to flower the troubles will be over in the country and it will be a symbol of hope. We will be planting some in our prayer garden and the children will bring one home for you to plant in the garden or keep on the window sill.

As we move into the season of Lent it is a time for us to reflect and become closer to God. This week I set all the children a challenge of saying one extra prayer a day for Peace- maybe this is something that you could do this weekend as a family.

### **Weekly Reflection**

This week, we began our journey through Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the start of this time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. KS2 children went over to church to receive their ashes and children in FS and KS1 received their ashes in school. In Lent we concentrate on prayer, fasting and giving.



However, the most important thing about it is love. When we pray we are saying to God how much we love Him but we are also filled afresh with His love. When we give something up it can be hard and we can have a craving for it but when we don't give into temptation we grow as a person and we become better at making good decisions. Fasting in Lent is about loving ourselves so much that we are willing to grow. We also try and give our time and money to those around us which shows love to others and their needs. Lent is about getting in touch with God and remembering how much He loves us.

Remember that during Lent, our church will be open before and after school for you to spend time with your children in prayer. We are also going to be arranging some fundraising to support the important work of CAFOD.

## Pray for Peace



At this time, we pray especially for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that God will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

### **Ethos Statement** – I recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings

The following children have shown they recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings this week:

FJH – Teddi Merrick  
FJH – Grace Byrne  
FCB – George Quinn  
FCB – Alicia Cairney

1DK – Seb Sanderson  
1DK – Sienna Grant  
1SH – Brody Chee  
1SH – Roman-Michael Abrams

2RL – Louis Lockwood  
2RL – Casey Kennedy  
2HW – Tommy Davin  
2HW – Grace Murphy

3EJ – Alex Lockwood  
3EJ – Hattie Keane  
3DJ – Olivia Hatton  
3DJ – Millie Walker

4LS – Henry Green  
4LS – Savannah Roberts  
4HK – Theo Hancock  
4HK – James O'Reilly

5AY – Evie Wheadon  
5AY – Thomas Sweeney  
5RM – Matthew Quinlan  
5RM – Poppy Glascott

6KH – Max Webster  
6KH – Lily-Rose Wylam  
6GA – George Anderson-Fulton  
6GA – Saffron Roberts

## House Points

<b>Last week's winners:</b>		
Key Stage 1 = Mark	Key Stage 2 = Matthew	Overall = Matthew

## World Book Day



What a wonderful World Book Day we had at Ctk! The children were so creative with their costumes and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. We started the day with Story time in the hall with the Queen of Hearts (Mrs Barker) and Winnie the Witch (Mrs Jones). Throughout the day the children planned and created their own advertisement to sell their favourite book. In the afternoon, each class in KS2 visited another class from FS1 to Year 2. The children loved sharing their books with each other! The day ended with a mystery reader visiting each classroom to read a story to the class. Children and staff enjoyed a day full of book sharing and reading!



## SENCo Drop In Sessions

To all parents and carers, on Thursday 24th March from 9am until 10.30am, I will be available for a SENCo drop in session. You do not need an appointment just turn up and wait to be seen. I will be available to talk to you about any concerns you may have regarding your child in school. If you have any further questions please drop me an email. [jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk) I will do my very best to help and support both you and your child.



## Our Amazon Wishlist



We would like to continue growing our book collections in the new library and in classrooms. If you would like to click on our Amazon wishlist link below and purchase a book to donate to school we would be very grateful.

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

## Library Consultation

Please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter regarding our local libraries.

## 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.

The children need to arrive by 1.45pm and must wear their choir polo shirt with school skirt/trousers, socks and shoes. It would be amazing if your child could attend and any support in the audience is greatly appreciated. Admission fees for spectators are payable on the door (cash only) - £2.50/adult and £1 for children over 12. Programmes will be available at a cost of £2. Parking is available at Grosvenor Place and Sandy Way.

Covid regulations currently stand and we will inform you if this changes. Please use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving any performance room and at the main entrance, wear a face mask where possible (unless exempt or under the age of 12), observe social distancing where possible and take a lateral flow test prior to the Festival. **Please will you complete the reply slip and return to me ASAP, even if your child cannot attend.** Many thanks, Mrs Hunter.

Website <http://wirralfestival.co.uk/>

## Brass Band

I am pleased to say that thanks to the Covid restrictions being lifted we are finally able to start our school brass band rehearsals again. For those of you who are new to brass, we rehearse on Wednesday after school until 4pm in the school hall. Due to various clashes we do have a few weeks that we need to miss this term so please note the dates carefully.

We will be rehearsing after school on:

Wednesday **9th March** 3.15-4pm

Wednesday **23rd March** 3.15-4pm

Wednesday **30th March** 3.15-4pm

Please wait outside the school office at 4pm and we will send the children out when they are ready. These rehearsals are free of charge and everybody having lessons is welcome to join. Brass lessons will be continuing as normal every Wednesday during the school day.

Hope to see the children there.

Miss Mackenzie

## **Bromborough Village Easter Trail**

The Bromborough Village Community Association will be placing Easter bunnies in several shop windows in and around Bromborough village and from 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April and are inviting children from the local area to take part in the trail . Forms can be collected from the Village Centre Café (which is open Monday-Friday 10-2pm) and when they're returned, the children will be given a chocolate egg. There will be no more than 12 bunnies around the village and each will have a nametag, so children can write down on the form which shop window they have seen the bunny in and the name of the bunny. Taking part is entirely optional and there is no requirement to register.

## **FS2 Trip to Imagine That!**



Imagine that! We are going to an interactive museum as part of science week on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Meeting – Note Change of Venue**

This year, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables check will become statutory. We would like to hold a short informational session straight after school on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March **in Mrs Stitcher's classroom** to explain what it is about. You may bring your children to the meeting and they will be supervised in a Year 4 classroom.

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## **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, Speech and Drama on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Signed ..... Date .....



## Local Library Consultation

Dear Chair

The consultation around the new library service has been launched.

The move is part of a wider package of measures to address a significant gap in the council's budget for the forthcoming year.

The consultation will run for eight weeks and will be primarily through the council's online [haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk](https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk) consultation portal, although paper copies will be made available where needed.

The library consultation is from Monday February 21 for eight weeks. It follows an earlier 12-week consultation in 2021 on the new Library Strategy. The aim is for the new operating model to create the much-needed capacity and resource to invest in the quality and equality of the service across the borough, by realigning and focusing available resources where they are needed most.

The options being consulted on are:

Option 1 – This option would see one Central library (Birkenhead Library) and the closure of the remaining library sites. The online library and Home Reader Service would be retained as well as investment in a new mobile library service to mitigate loss of physical provision. This option would also contribute a saving of £2.2m towards the council's budget gap in the next financial year.

Option 2 – This option would be the delivery of a library service with four central libraries (Birkenhead, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Bebington Libraries) and the closure of the remaining library sites. Much like Option 1, this option aims to consolidate and focus available resources with the aim of providing a better quality and defined service from fewer sites. This would be supported with an enhanced digital online offer, Home Reader Service, and the investment in a new mobile library service. This would contribute a saving of £1m towards the council's budget gap in the next financial year.

Option 3 – Recommended Option: This would see a saving of £814,000 towards the council's budget gap in the next financial year through retaining the four main central Libraries plus four smaller community libraries which are

- Birkenhead Central, West Kirby, Wallasey Central, and Bebington Central
- Eastham, Moreton, Upton, and Heswall
- Five additional sites would be established as unstaffed RFID sites giving residents a self-serviced library offer in a co-located venue. These are: Leasowe – Millennium Centre, Beechwood – Co-located in community asset, Ridgeway – In school, St James – St James Centre, Seacombe – Seacombe Children's Centre
- The online library offers 24/7 access and the proposed new mobile library hours offered are subject to the emerging programme.

The Policy & Resources Committee made a recommendation to Council in relation to libraries to make sufficient monies available to enable option 3 (recommended option) to be amended to include Greasby and Rock Ferry libraries. Also allowing all libraries to continue to operate until 1st November 2022 whilst expressions of interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed. This is referred to in the survey questions as 'Option 3 as amended' and you are given an opportunity to comment on it in addition to the other options.

The priority for a new operating model has always been our statutory duty as a Library Authority, however the Library Service has had to be considerate of these current challenges and has highlighted the associated saving against each option for a new operating model. The council is legally obliged to set a balanced budget or risk Government intervention, and the associated savings attached to each option are to support the authority on reaching a stable financial footing for the long-term.

The Library Service is now looking for views and feedback from all residents, library users and non-users, stakeholders and interested parties on the new proposed operating models as well as new ideas and opportunities that may support the future of the Library Service.

If you need this survey in an alternative format please contact the team by emailing [libraryconsultation@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:libraryconsultation@wirral.gov.uk).

Kind Regards,

The Library Consultation Team

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### **Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting, 3.20pm
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
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama – Choir Only
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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