



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

24th June 2022

### Message from Mrs Procter



I am informing you, of the forcoming changes to the timings of the school day here Christ the King Catholic Primary School for children in Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6 from September.

These changes are in response to the recent release of the Department for Education's White Paper. The White Paper sets an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of school week of 32 hours and 30 minutes from September 2023 at the latest.

Currently, the hours that our Foundation stage 2 – Year 6 children attend school are:

8:50am – 3:15pm = 6 hours 25 minutes per day

Weekly total time of 32 hours and 5 minutes per day

Proposed Changes 8:45am – 3:15pm = 6 hours 30 minutes per day

Weekly total time of 32 hours and 30 minutes per day

The gates will still open at 8:30am each morning for children to arrive on site however, they will be **locked at 8:45am** and any children arriving after this time would have to enter school via the main office and **will receive a late mark**.

At the end of the school day, gates will be unlocked as normal at 3:00pm to allow parents time to enter the playground. Children will be let out at 3:15pm.

For children in our F1 nursery class, the gates will be locked at 8:45am, children arriving after this time will have to enter school via the main office. FS1 will continue to finish at 3.25pm.

The changes will come into effect from **Monday 5th September 2022**. The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (morning registration) to the official end to the compulsory school day. The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time. It does not include optional before or after school provision. I believe that these changes will be beneficial to our school community and will have a positive effect on our children's education.

### Weekly Reflection

This week we reflected on the Feast of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Jesus. The Gospel reading was about Jesus feeding of five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes. Jesus took a small offering and transformed it into something much greater. It is the same when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We give Jesus a small offering of bread and wine and

He transforms it into something amazing. We may not understand exactly how Jesus changes the bread and wine into His body and blood (it is another of the great mysteries) but what we do know is that when we step forward to receive His body and blood Jesus becomes close to us in a very special way. It is the most precious gift that He could ever give us.

**Ethos Statement** – I recognise that we are the same and we are different.

The following children have shown they notice that we are the same and we are different this week:

FJH	Teddi Merrick	1DK	Theo Laycock	2RL	Edith Teese
FJH	Grace Byrne	1DK	Max McCrary	2RL	Casey Kennedy
FCB	Amelia Silcock	1SH	Mair Wheeler	2HW	Theo McCarthy
FCB	Ted Evans	1SH	Jack Spriggs	2HW	Sienna Nag

3EJ	Poppy Smith	4LS	Freddie Thomas	5AY	Michael Williamson
3EJ	Harry Coffin	4LS	Olivia Smart.	5AY	Aimee Copeland
3DJ	Ethan Grant	4HK	Orla Vesey	5RM	Luka Thomas
3DJ	Isaac Shevlin	4HK	Ava Wilson	5RM	Emmy-Rose Hulse

6KH	Jessica Lally
6KH	Jacob Clyne
6GA	Zak Kerrigan
6GA	Sofia Henkens

## House Points

### Last week's winners:

Key Stage 1	<b>Matthew</b>	Key Stage 2	<b>John</b>	Overall	<b>John</b>
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## Important Information regarding Term Time Holidays

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 1996 **family holidays cannot and will not be authorised**. 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 and on attendance including guidance on 'exceptional circumstances' can be found in our Admissions and Punctuality policy on the school website.

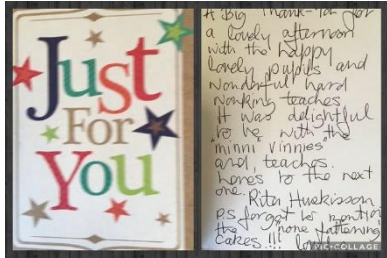
## Parish News

'FAITH AND A BREW' : Tuesday 28th June in the Parish Hall From 2pm until 4pm Fr Louis & Deacon Tony will be in the parish hall and available for a chat. This is open to all members of our school and parish community. Feel free to drop in for a chat about faith, football or just to say hello. The kettle will be on and refreshments available. This will hopefully be the first of many 'Faith and a Brew' afternoons.

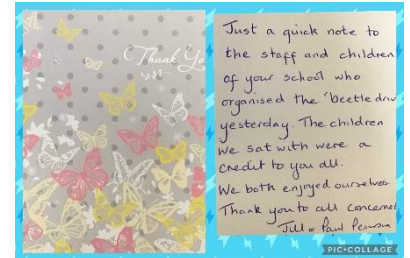
All are warmly welcome.

## Beetle Drive-Mini Vinnies/Faith Leaders/ School Council

A huge thank you to all of those who donated refreshments for our Beetle Drive this week. A great time was had by all. We are really enjoying being able to spend time with our parish family again.



\*We have received a few thank you cards from parishioners saying how much they enjoyed it and how well behaved and polite the children were. Well done everyone!



## Message from Mrs Hunter- Hocky Club



Reminder: Hocky Club has now finished, the last session was Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Many thanks to all the children who attended.

## Wirral School Games Dance Festival

This week saw some of our Y5/6 girls attend the Wirral School Games Dance Festival at the Floral Pavilion. The girls have been practising most lunchtimes for weeks and absolutely smashed both performances. An amazing effort from an amazing team - we are beyond proud!

Miss Hassan and Miss Yates

## FS2 visit to Church

It was FS2's turn to visit church this week. They learnt about these parts of the church: lectern, altar, pews, font, tabernacle, crucifix and paschal candle. They also learnt to make the sign of the cross with the holy water as they entered the church and to genuflect before they sat down. We really are lucky having our church in our school grounds as it makes getting there often so easy!



## Little Acorns FS1 Trip to Church Farm

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June Little Acorns will be taking a trip to Church Farm in Thurstaston. The cost of the trip will be £14 per child and will be payable via ParentPay.

On the day of the trip, please send your child to school with a packed lunch and a bottle of water, a waterproof coat and wearing their own clothes but with the school sweatshirt/cardigan for safety.

Please let Mrs McDowell know if you do NOT wish your child to go so that we can arrange staffing etc.

## FS2 Trip to Thurstaston Beach

On July 13th we will be visiting Thurstaston Beach for a pirate-themed day. We will be looking at contrasting environments, learning how to stay safe at the beach and developing our teamwork skills. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, making flags, treasure maps, games and of course looking out for marauding pirates!

**Payments are to be made via ParentPay at the cost of £12.50 per child; we politely ask that payment is completed by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Year 2 trip to Ness Gardens

On June 30th, Y2 will be visiting Ness Gardens for the day to coincide with our Science topic of 'Plants'. Children can wear their own clothes on the day, provided that it is sensible and comfortable for a day outdoors but please could they wear their school jumper/cardigan. A school lunch will be provided for each child, but please bring a water bottle and sun hat. Remember to apply sun cream in the morning (weather permitting). Thank you- we're praying for good weather! Year 2 Team.

## Year 3- Roman Day

This term, Year 3 have been learning all about the Romans. We are holding a Roman Day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Children are invited to dress up for this day but please don't feel that you have to spend lots on costumes. We are sure that you have things in your homes that you could use. Thank you.



## Year 5-Greek Day

On Friday 15th July, Year 5 will be having a Greek Day in school led by the Year 5 team. We are inviting children to participate in the day by dressing in traditional Ancient Greek clothing and, if they wish, to bring in an item of greek food to enjoy a feast. The children will take part in a variety of art, DT and musical activities throughout the day. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

## PFA Update

### Summer Fair – 10<sup>th</sup> July 11AM – 2PM, Raising funds for the enrichment of our children's school lives

We are still looking for volunteers to help us on the stalls. If you have never done this before believe me your kids love you being on one of the stalls. You can sign up on the facebook page, search for Christ the King PFA or e mail us at [admin@christthekingpfa.co.uk](mailto:admin@christthekingpfa.co.uk) this is our first full event since Christmas 2019 and we would love it to be a big one but need your help to make it so. We can start accepting donations from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at afternoon pick up, you can leave your bags at the door to the junior hall (the hall near the covered area and lost property) and this is what we are collecting;

- Pre loved Uniform items, in good clean condition
- Toys
- Soft toys
- Books
- Unwanted gifts/gift sets/new unused items
- Gift bags



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July will be a 'Bring a Bottle' non uniform day, we accept bottles of any kind to go on our infamous bottle stall.

Our Cake Stall is back, can you bake (or buy) a cake, biscuits, fairy cakes, brownies and bring on the day? In return for their donation your child will receive a 10 housepoints voucher.

### Well done to the following pupils

A big well done to Grace Sutton and Maddie Metcalf who have been raising money for the **Little Princess Trust**. On Friday they will be having their hair cut and donating it to the trust so that it can be used to make wigs. So far they have raised over £300 in just a few days. Well done girls!

Lewis McWha and Daniel Carter have been selected to play for **Wirral Primary Schools FA**. They were selected out of 150 trialists, they attended 4 trials and were selected for the final squad of 13 boys. They will represent Wirral School Boys for the next 12 months on a national level. Well done boys!

### Dates For Your Diary

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6GA Residential Tattenhall
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	6KH Residential Tattenhall
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Anslem's College Open Evening 5-8pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	FS1 Trip to Church Farm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip to Ness Gardens
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for 'Little Acorns'
Weds/Thurs 6/7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Days FS2 - Year 6
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Non Uniform Day 'Bring a Bottle' – football kits are allowed.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	School Summer Fair 11am-2pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	FS2 Trip to Thurstason Beach
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Greek Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 'Activity for All' Fun Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 5-6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for Summer Holidays at 1:30pm