



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

8th July 2022

Message from Mrs Procter



Well there has been a real buzz around school this week as the children were all very excited to meet their new teachers and our Y6 went off for the day to their new secondary schools. Everyone enjoyed their two transition days and the children (and parents) now know what to expect in September.

We have a few staffing changes for September as Mrs Allen is retiring as a teacher after many years at Christ the King but is not quite ready to leave us altogether, so she will be starting her new role as a Teaching Assistant- we are delighted that we still get to keep her and our Y5 children are very lucky to have her supporting them next year.

Miss Barrett is expecting her first baby and will be starting her maternity leave after October half term so we made the decision to have her as an extra teacher for half a term supporting across the foundation stage so that our new reception children can meet their new teacher from September.

Mrs McCann and Mrs Lockhart would both like to reduce their hours so they will take on a job-share role in September. Mrs McCann will work the beginning of the week and Mrs Lockhart the end of the week,

Our Y5 children got to briefly meet Mr James, he was able to join us for the morning on Wednesday but unfortunately as he currently works in another school he could not be released from his class for two days- as not all schools do transition days like we do. Mrs Guthrie will be joining us in reception from September and enjoyed meeting the children this week. I am sure that you will all make them feel part of our team in September.

We have a busy final few weeks in school and are looking forward to our Summer Fair on Sunday, please come and join us for a few hours- so far the weather forecast is saying fine and dry- so keep everything crossed it stays that way!

Changes to school opening times for September.

I am informing you, of the forthcoming 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.

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.

Weekly Reflection

This week we have been thinking about when Jesus sent 72 followers out to spread the Good News to others. Through the story, Jesus is talking to us today too. He is sending us out to tell others about God and to share peace with everyone. We are not expected to charge in and fight for Jesus like a warrior. Jesus wants us to be gentle, act with kindness and show others His love through how much we care, keep the peace and love those around us. Our mission is to be good examples to others through both our actions and words.

Ethos Statement – I can be accepting of others.

The following children have shown they can be accepting of others this week:

FJH	Bonnie Young	1DK	Blue Hughes	2RL	Grace Trevor
FJH	Mia Rigg	1DK	Mollie Keane	2RL	Sophia Macdougall
FCB	Whole Class for transition	1SH	Delilah Frost/ Bobby Hulse	2HW	Joseph Long
FCB		1SH	Ben Jones/Jacob Kelly	2HW	Verity Bull

3EJ	Benjamin O'Hare	4LS	Philip Kawka	5AY	Jack Herbert
3EJ	Alex Lockwood	4LS	Elena Ruddock	5AY	Sophie McKnight
3DJ	Harry McCrary	4HK	Thomas Roberts	5RM	Adam Salter
3DJ	Jaiden Nag	4HK	Charlotte Harris	5RM	Amelia Hughes

6KH	Gracie Silltoe
6KH	Rylan Longog
6GA	Saffron Roberts
6GA	Lewis Marshall

House Points

Last week's winners:

Which team are going to be are overall winners this year? Keep collecting those points.

Key Stage 1	Mark	Key Stage 2	John	Overall	John
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School reading books and library books

As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly ask that you return all school reading books and school library books by Friday 15th July. Many of these books belong to sets, which form part of our school reading scheme and it is important we have enough books in school for every child.

Many thanks

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.

FS1 Trip to Chuch Farm



We had the best day at Church Farm! We travelled there on a big coach. We had a tractor ride when we first arrived and were able to see lots of animals along the way. We were able to feed the sheep and the alpacas and able to hold and pet rabbits, guinea pigs and hens. After lunch we played in the play areas on tractors, go karts, swings, slides and found our way around the maze. The children had a fabulous day and showed beautiful behavior, we are so proud of them.

Well done Little Acorns!

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!

Year 1 Stay and Read

Year 1 children would like to invite their parents or grandparents in to share books on **Monday 11th July** at 2.45pm. There will be a selection of our favourite books for you to read and enjoy in class or you may like to bring in a favourite from home. As space is limited, we would kindly ask that only one adult per child attends and we are also unable to accommodate younger siblings. We

appreciate that not all parents/grandparents will be able to attend, but we will ensure that the children are included in small story groups with other parents or adults. Please come into school via the Year 1 outdoor area and you will be asked to sign in at the classroom doors.

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Year 3- Roman Day

This term, Year 3 have been learning all about the Romans. We are holding a Roman Day on **Friday 15th 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.

Y6 BBQ

There is a change of date for our Y6 BBQ as I have realised that it clashed with some of our children's secondary school visits. The BBQ will now be on Thursday 14th July. The BBQ will be held at lunchtime for the children, hopefully on the field if the weather is kind to us. School will **provide all Y6 children with a free lunch** that day as a way of celebrating their time at Christ the King.

UNICEF



The UNICEF group are very excited to have finally raised enough funds to purchase a special teddy bear for each classroom. These teddy bears are going to help to promote an understanding of dignity within our school and, as the children grow and move on, they will hopefully retain a sense of how they can continue to give others their dignity, in the wider world. Every child and young person, just like each adult, has inner dignity and worth that should be valued, respected and nurtured. By example, they will then treat others in the same way. Our mission statement 'Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself' is lived out every time we respect a person's right to dignity.

Children who have been seen to give others their dignity (for example by being kind, inclusive or considerate of the needs of others) will be awarded the UNICEF teddy for that week and they will be allowed to have the teddy sit with them in class.

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

(Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

Reminder: Grapes in lunch box



Please be reminded that if you are giving your child grapes at lunch time, they should always be cut lengthwise so they can pass more easily through smaller throats. Never leave grapes unsliced or sliced width-ways because they'll still be big enough to block a child's windpipe and could cause choking.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 10 th July	School Summer Fair 11am-2pm
Monday 11 th July	Year 1 Stay and read at 2:45pm
Wednesday 13 th July	FS2 Trip to Thurstaston Beach
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 15 th July	Year 5 Greek Day
Friday 15 th July	Year 6 'Activity for All' Fun Day
Friday 15 th July	Year 1 walk to Eastham Country Park**
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 5-6pm in school hall
Thursday 21 st July	School closes for Summer Holidays at 1:30pm*
Thursday 1 st September	INSET day (School closed to pupils)
Friday 2 nd September	INSET day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 5 th September	School reopens

***A letter will have been sent home with your child today, can you please complete and return to your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience.**

**** Reply slip attached**

Year 1 Trip to Eastham Country Park

On Friday 15th July, Year 1 will be walking to Eastham Country Park as part of their History topic (weather depending!) We will leave at 9:15 and be back at school for lunchtime around 11:45. As it is already a PE day for Year 1, they should just come to school in their PE kits as normal.

Please sign and return the consent form attached to the class teacher by Wednesday 13th July.

Many thanks

Year 1 Team

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Re: Year 1 walk to Eastham Country Park

I do/do not give consent for my child to walk to Eastham Country Park (delete as appropriate)

Child's name:

Class:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: