



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

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Message from Mrs Procter**



I cannot believe that it is the first of December next week, this year is really flying by. The excitement in school is starting to build and some of the children have informed me that they have their decorations up at home already!! School will be transformed next Friday so then the children will know that it is time to start preparing for Christmas in the season of Advent. Please look at the dates at the bottom of the newsletter for the production times and dates.

The children raised a staggering £300 on Monday for UNICEF so we can now buy two school boxes for schools in other countries- thank you for your support.

Can I please remind all parents that the gates close at 8.45am, we have had 56 children marked in as late this week. Whilst I appreciate occasionally there might be an issue we seem to have the same children continually coming through the office late. If any parents are struggling please call the school office and we will be more than happy to help.

**Christmas jumpers**



We will be opening our Christmas jumper boutique next week, we have a range of jumpers in different sizes. The boutique will be open each lunchtime for the children to come and visit and after school on Wednesday and Friday in the ICT suite. The jumpers have been donated by parents so we do not want any money for them. Please tell your children to come and view them, some are brand new with tags on. Christmas jumper day is 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Weekly Reflection**

**Ethos Statement – I know how to make choices that affect my health**

God always wants us to choose to be the best person we can be. We make choices every day. Sometimes good ones and other times not so good ones.

This week we reflected on the Bible reading where Jesus tells us to choose to act in the right way. In order to do this we have to follow the two greatest commandments.

1. To love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our mind.
2. To love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

If we keep these two rules at the forefront of our minds when faced with making decisions then we will always choose the right path.

The following children have shown they know how to make choices that affect their health this week:

FJH	Maggie Keane	1DK	Mila Cosma Chiappero	2RL	Jake Edwards
FJH	Charlie Lowton	1DK	Phoebe Simpson	2RL	Alice Taylor
FBG	Samuel Cheung	1SH	Ruben Barclay-Pipe	2HW	Amelia Cliff
FBG	Lola Stott	1SH	Grace Byrne	2HW	Ben Jones

3EJ	Edith Teese	4HS	Joe Delaney	5AY	Savannah Roberts
3EJ	Joshua Williamson	4HS	Asher Gati	5AY	Daniel Verlander
3DJ	Harley Kelley	4HK	Benjamin O'Hare	5MJ	Noah Granton-Jones
3DJ	Theo McCarthy	4HK	Rosie Henckens	5MJ	Christopher Rigg

6KH	Lewis McWha
6KH	Evie Wheadon
6RM	Mia Loughran
6RM	Max Morgan

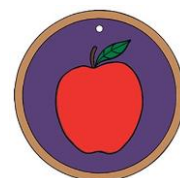
## House Points

### Last week's winners:

<u>KS1</u>	John	<u>KS2</u>	John	<u>Overall</u>	John
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## Jesse Tree 2022

We have started our Advent celebrations a little early this year so that we are able to get some more of our wonderful Jesse Tree stories in before we break up for Christmas. This week, we have heard the stories of Adam and Eve and how Abraham trusted in God. The children understand that this is a lovely Advent tradition that helps us prepare for Christmas by learning about Jesus' family tree. We have also enjoyed making symbols to hang on our class Jesse Trees. Thank you to those who have shared these stories with us so far.



## Advent Prayer Bags



Once again, our Faith Leaders have put together Advent Prayer Bags for children in FS1 to Y2 to start taking home from the end of next week. We are very lucky this year because the banner ladies from church have made us our very own special bags. Children can sign up to take the bags home for the evening. The resources will allow you and your child to have some time to talk about the Christmas story and how you can prepare to celebrate this important time in the Church's Year.

We ask that when it is your turn, you make sure everything comes back to school in the bag the following day so that the next person can take them. Missing items and late returns mean that not all children will get chance to have their turn. We appreciate your help with this. We hope you enjoy spending time with your children in this special way.

## Holy Souls

During the month of November, we pray especially for all those who have died. All children in school thought about someone they would like to pray for and added it to our Entrance Hall display. We will keep all of these people in our prayers during the next few weeks.

## **Christmas Early Finish**

The children will finish school for the Christmas Break at the earlier finishing time of **1.30pm** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. School will re-open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We will be sending a letter home next week via email for you to complete and return to the class teacher to acknowledge the change in time for collection.

## **ParentPay**

Lunch payments: Can we politely ask all parents/guardians to complete any outstanding lunch payments on ParentPay at your earliest convenience please.

**Reminder:** Lunch payments should be made in advance of your child taking a school meal.

## **Mental Health Team Workshop**

Does your child struggle with anxiety or low mood?

Do you want to help your child build resilience?

The Mental Health Support Team in school (Wirral CAMHs) are providing a workshop to give parents a general overview about mental health in children and give them some guidance about how to help their child build resilience.

**Time and place: Monday 5th December 2-3pm in the Junior Hall**

To book your place please email Mrs Jones

**[jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk)** or let the school office know you will be attending.



## **Parish News**

### **Christmas Eve Mass**

We are inching ever closer to our wonderful Christmas Eve Family Mass and need your help... We are looking for parents and children to participate in the Mass and we have lots of jobs to fill for those interested:- Perhaps we could get some musicians to bring their instruments to help us (so time to dust off that guitar or tambourine). But if like me, you are not able to play an instrument, don't panic – we need some new singers (all ages and abilities welcome) to help make the Mass a very special family occasion. We are also looking for children to help with the offertory procession and to help with the Gospel words, (we need Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels & some sheep!) for the special family Mass. If anyone has spare nativity costumes, they would be gratefully received too. Please can any children who would like to volunteer to help at the Christmas Eve 6pm family Mass, please let me know. Thanks Lindsey Thompson (07900 136 402). Lastly, **EVERY** Friday at 3.30pm we are meeting in the Church to practice the wonderful Carols and hymns so please do join us. We hope to see you there!

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to James and Olivia who, along with Rylan and Waldo, received their Guild of St Stephen medal last Sunday. This shows that they have been serving with increasing reverence and prayerfulness. We thank them for their service to our Parish and school community and look forward to them helping to train our new cohort of servers. Well done!

### 3EJ Class Mass



Fr Louis and Deacon Tony celebrated Mass with 3EJ today. They discussed the meanings of the different liturgical colours and explained that they were wearing red because it was the feast day of the martyr St Andrew who died for his faith. Just like St Andrew, Jesus calls us to be brave - filled with the courage of the Holy Spirit and the fire of our faith - we are encouraged to live our lives for Jesus. The children tried really hard to join in with the Mass responses and listened beautifully. Well done.

### Year 3- Stone Age trip

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Y3 will be going to Tatten Hall in Knutsford to take part in a Stone Age workshop as part of our learning in history. They will have the opportunity to explore early human history and changes in Britain during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age in an exciting, hands-on workshop. Children will learn about how we find out about the past by the messages left behind by these prehistoric communities.

The price for this trip and transport will be £17.50. We have made this live on ParentPay so that families have the opportunity to budget for the cost as we know that there are lots of expenses on the run up to Christmas. We ask that all monies be paid in full by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 on ParentPay**



### Year 3- Save the Date

We have provisionally booked Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for Holy Communion for our current Year 3 children. Please add this date to your diaries. We will be in touch shortly with dates for meetings and preparation. Thank you for your continued support.

### News from the PFA

A big thank you to all who attended the UV Glow disco last week. We managed to raise £505.20. This is a fantastic amount considering we had to restock our tuck shop and put on the additional disco following feedback from parents.

A huge shout out to all our volunteers on the night. We really appreciate you giving up your precious time to support us and keep our children fed, watered and safe. I hope you realise how essential these roles are to allow events to run smoothly. Thank you so much on behalf of us all.

There has been a lot of enquiries regarding any PFA Christmas events. We are looking to hold a Christmas after school sale Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We will have sweets and treats. Some stalls and games for the whole family and the return of the famous PFA bottle stall.

To support this event Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be a bring a bottle day. Bring any bottle of your choice for additional playtime on Friday afternoon. Bottles will be collected in the same manner as previous years at the school gates at drop off. All donations gratefully received from Champagne to Shampoo!

If you can support by volunteering to staff a stall or set up for the sale on 8/12/22 please contact a committee member or email [admin@christthekingpfa.co.uk](mailto:admin@christthekingpfa.co.uk) or comment on the Facebook page. Pfa Committee

### Persistent Lateness concerns

Persistent late arrival at school not only affects the learning of the student arriving late, but also the learning of the rest of the students in the class. Ongoing, persistent lateness, after the registration period has closed, can lead to statutory measures being used by the Local Authority.

Can we also remind parents that when possible, appointments should be made for pupils at the end of the school day so they are not leaving class early and disrupting the lesson ( we appreciate that there are times when it is beyond your control).

Persistent lateness and early leaving over a school year can often accumulate to several days missed learning for students and may be drawn to the attention of the Local Authority resulting in a fixed penalty notice.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Mental Health Workshop 2-3pm Junior Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	FS1 Play 9:30am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	NHS Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Floral Pavilion- Whole School
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2 Play 9:30am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Choir Concert -Church –doors open at 3:30pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Play 9:30am doors open 9.15am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Years 3 and 4</b> Carol Concert - Church doors open at 1:45pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Play 9:30am doors open 9.15am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch – <b>Please see information and reply slip below</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Years 5 and 6</b> Carol Concert - Church doors open at 1:45pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET days ( school closed to pupils)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Mass - Christ the King Parish Church 6pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Year 3 Stone Age Visit



## Christmas Lunch



This year, Christmas dinner will be provided in school for all children including Little Acorns on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. All pupils can partake if they wish, including those who may normally have a packed lunch. The cost of the meal is £2.40 for Little Acorns and KS2 pupils. There is no charge for pupils in KS1 or children entitled to a free school meal. Please note that there will not be an alternative choice of meal on this day.

**Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Chipolata Sausage  
Roast and Mashed Potatoes  
With Gravy**

**For Vegetarians:  
Vegetarian Christmas Roast**

**Fresh Carrots, Fresh Sprouts and Peas**

**Festive Biscuit  
Chocolate Crispy Cake  
Fresh Fruit Platter  
Water, Milk or Juice**

KS2 parents and Little Acorns should make payment on ParentPay as usual under the school lunch tab.

If your child is in KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) or in receipt of free school meals, they will automatically receive a Christmas dinner. For parents of children in Little Acorns, Y3, 4, 5 and 6, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and **return it to your child's class teacher** by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December in order that the kitchen staff can place their food order.

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## Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

If your child is in Little Acorns, Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you wish them to have a Christmas dinner, please complete and return this slip to their class teacher before Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. **Please make payment via ParentPay.**

Name of Child ..... Class .....

Signature of Parent ..... Date .....

**\*\* I confirm I have made payment on ParentPay** ☐