



CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Another half term ends and the wonderful weather arrives! At least the mornings are becoming a little bit lighter and there have been some rays of sunshine.

We are halfway through the academic year – wow!

Parent's Consultations

The dates for these have been set for 15th and 16th March. Parents can book appointments using Arbor. The appointments will be released when we return after half term. I am sure there will be a few teething problems, but over time I am sure we will all get used to the system and find this approach more helpful for parents. It will certainly be nice to meet face to face and have parents in school.

Catholic Life

When we return after half term we will soon be in the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on the 2nd March. This is an important season for us as a Catholic school and it is important that we continue to be part of our parish community.

We teach our children to be ecological friendly and to care for God's creation. Pope Francis is constantly encouraging the world to do this and has written a special letter called Laudato Si which talks about giving praise to God's beauty around us. Our children joined other schools from across the trust in singing a special song to celebrate all of the great global work that we do at school. We have also created a special St. Francis award, which will be awarded to children who show that they care for the environment and others through their daily actions.

Ski Visit March 2023

Year 4 parents we are looking into the possibility of a ski visit for March 2023. We are in the process of making arrangements for this now. We will be able to share details shortly so parents can make a decision. I know this is early, but it takes a year to make the arrangements. We will then look at numbers of interested parents and take it from there.

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World Book Day

On World Book Day, we are going to decorate the school gates with hundreds of books for the children to choose from. They will also be taking part in exciting activities in school such as the 'Where is Wally?' and a book prop competition (a leaflet has been sent home with your child to give further information).

Questionnaires

Thank you for all your comments. Your opinions are extremely important to us. We have analysed the results and are identifying what we can learn from them and how we can use them to further develop the school. Thank you for the many positive comments we received.

Results

0 - Parents reported their child was unhappy at Christ the King

98.4 % Strongly agreed or agreed - The school ensures the pupils are well behaved.

98.4% reported the school deals with bullying effectively

96.4% reported the school is well led and well managed

98.4 % agreed Christ the King makes sure my child is well prepared for the future.

Additional comments we have considered and acted upon.

Lunchtimes: After half term, the rota for lunchtimes will ensure classes come into the hall at different times.

Children have responded well to the updated menu, which can be found here: <https://ctking.npcat.org.uk/school-meals/> . Children are definitely enjoying school lunches more.

Reviewing the platforms of communication and payments: we will be moving to using Arbor for parents' evenings booking and booking for clubs, and we will be using Parent Pay as we move to our school becoming cashless.

We will be displaying exercise books on parent's evenings so parents and guardians can see the fabulous work the children have been doing in school.

We have multiple workers of the week so all children will get to receive the award at some point this year to celebrate the fantastic work that is going on in school.

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Dogs

Thank you to parents for not bringing dogs onto the school yard.

Homework

We have given great consideration to homework. We appreciate quality family time but also want to prepare our children for working independently in their own time. We have changed the spelling focus in KS2 this year so spellings are given in a two week cycle. This is following research on long term memory in spellings. This is working well. We have invested heavily in our reading scheme to make sure we have quality appropriately pitched texts for children to read. We appreciate reading plus (used in KS2) does not replace a book but value the instant feedback it gives to the child and how it helps identify areas for improvement for the teacher,

Science week

Science week will be the week beginning 14th March this year. We have organised over twelve scientists from doctors to engineers to speak to the children about their jobs. Then children will then take part in STEM based activities linked to their scientist and hopefully inspire our scientists of tomorrow.

Recycling with the Eco-Warriors

Our Eco-Warriors at Christ the King have been working hard recently to increase the number of things we can recycle in school, as we aim for our Green Flag Award.

We are now recycling *empty crisp packets* to turn into survival blankets and *plastic bottle tops* to turn into environmental art. We are also recycling *batteries* and *ink cartridges*. If you have any of these items please can you send them in with your child to be recycled – thank you!

Finally...

Just a big thank you really to all of the parents for your support, especially through the challenges of Covid. It does look as if we are coming to the end of it and the children and their families hopefully will not have to endure it again.

M Ryan Miss Lickess

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