



CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends.

New Arrival

We were delighted to receive the news, just before Christmas, that Mrs Sherrington gave birth to a beautiful, healthy baby boy. A lovely early Christmas present for her and her family. We send Mrs Sherrington and her family our congratulations and best wishes.

Class Newsletters

Our children have settled back into the school routine well and we look forward to a busy Spring term. Class teachers will share with you our Class Newsletters later this week, providing you with an overview of the key themes and topics of learning this term. These will be shared on Google Classrooms and the school website.

Teesside Hospice

We have been asked to support Teesside Hospice in donating any preloved clothes, both children and adults, to help them replenish supplies in their shops. If you have any good quality clothes that you would like to donate, please bring them into school and we will pass them on to the charity.

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School Uniform

Thank you to the parents, carers and children who support us in attending school looking smart in their school uniform. All children should come to school in full school uniform, including our school tie. Children are expected to wear black school shoes,

trainers are not permitted. For PE sessions, children should wear a white t-shirt and red shorts. An outdoor PE kit is also needed for KS2 children. Our school PTA have various items of preloved uniform that is available if you wish to use it.

Forest School

We are delighted that our Forest School classroom is now up and running, with many of our children in Key Stage 1 already benefiting from learning there. It is a great asset to school and enriches our teaching across many subject areas. Watch out for our posts on social media to see the exciting learning taking place. During the Spring term, Mrs Darragh will hold a parents session where we will invite parents and carers to come along and take part in some of the activities that we have planned.

Attendance

At Christ the King we encourage high attendance as statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically.

The table below demonstrates how much school children miss if they are absent and it is surprising how this adds up:

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

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We understand that sometimes illness does strike and if your child is ill with a fever or sickness, then guidance says to keep them off school until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Please inform the school office if your child is absent by 9am each day.

We celebrate good attendance through our half-termly attendance raffle, where children earn a raffle ticket for each full week they are in school. Also, congratulations to the 60 children who achieved 100% attendance last term!

Extra-Curricular activities

Once again we have a great range of extra-curricular activities for children to attend after school. A huge thank you to our staff for leading these, as well as Jamie Poole and his coaching team. Please ensure that you book a place for your child on our Arbor system.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Miss Lickess
Mr Ryan

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