

**29th May 2020**

"Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself."

Message from Mrs Procter to the children.



I hope you have enjoyed your week off this half term. I hope that you all spent some time in your garden enjoying the beautiful weather. We have had a busy week in school and our outdoor classroom has been built- wait until you see it!



The children in school have enjoyed a range of activities this week including a bug hunt, paper plane challenge and a competition of who could blow the biggest bubble. They have also enjoyed being the first people to use our outdoor classroom!!

This week I have a new challenge for you. It is a Maths Art Competition. There are lots of ways that Maths and Art are connected. Below you will find some websites that I

have found that you explore for inspiration. You might like to find out about symmetry, draw 'curves of pursuit' or try some Celtic knotwork. You might design a tessellating pattern in the style of the artist M.C. Escher or try something like his impossible objects. There is a lot of fabulous mathematical art work in Islamic geometry. You might like to make some mathematical art from everyday objects or make some origami models. I look forward to seeing all of your designs- remember to send them into schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk, the winner will be announced on the 19th June.

Artful Maths



The Artful Maths website shows you how to draw 'curves of pursuit', Celtic knotwork, impossible objects, snowflakes, Islamic geometrical patterns and to make origami models. Follow the link on the website to the Twitter page for more ideas and mandalas.

NRICH

The NRICH website has several mathematical art ideas. You could also search for the 'Mystic Rose' and tessellations.



M. C. Escher



Take a look at the M. C. Escher website to see how he used tessellations and drew impossible objects and optical illusions. You can then use the Artful Maths website to see how to draw them.

Islamic Art



This website has lots of examples of Islamic geometry and also shows you how to draw them.

Tangram Channel

A tangram is a traditional Chinese puzzle made of 7 shapes that are arranged to make a huge variety of shapes. Explore the site and see what you can make.



Maths Is Fun



Maths Is Fun has lots about tessellations (A pattern of shapes that fit perfectly together) and other geometrical patterns that it will help you to make.

Important Information for Y5 Parents – 11+ Exam- final call!!



Children wishing to sit the 11+ exam will need to have registered online **before 31st May** to reserve their place. More information is available at www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions. I usually hold a meeting in school to explain the process but this year will not be able to do so. If you would like your child to sit the exam next year (at the moment they are still planning for September but this may change due to the current situation) you

need to register online. You can register your child and if nearer the time decide against it then you can withdraw them. The children will attend a test centre to take the exam; it is no longer completed within school. If you have any questions please feel free to email schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk. If your child is not taking the 11+ then you do not need to complete the admissions form for Secondary schools until September when they are released, they have to be completed by 31st October 2020.

Message to parents

Just a little reminder school **will not be opening to any year groups until the week beginning 15th June**, we will continue to offer care for our keyworker children until then.

We have been busy in school during what should have been our half term holiday finalising our plans and writing risk assessments in preparation for our wider opening for Y6, Y1 and FS2 from the week beginning the 15th June- I will share these with you all next week once they are completed. I would like to inform all parents that school will be closing at 1.30pm on a Friday afternoon to enable school to be deep cleaned. Keyworker children can stay in school until 3.15pm as they have been doing for the last ten weeks.

I know that many of us are ready to get out of the house as ten weeks of lockdown is starting to take its toll on us all and people are beginning to complain and not always follow the rule. I have spent this week reflecting on our lockdown experience and comparing it to previous generations when they had to cope with war- let us just ponder:

2020- We have to stay in for a couple of months and not see our wider family.
WW11- You had to leave your loved ones and might never see them again when they went off to fight.

2020- People complaining that their kids need some fresh air, it is not fair that they cannot go to the park!
WW11- Your kids have to be evacuated and live with random good Samaritans that you have never met.

2020- I can only Facetime or Zoom my family
WW11- I have written letters, I'm hoping my family receives them and I get a response this year.

2020- I am sick of trying to order my shopping on line!!
WW11- Are you coming to queue up in the line for our rations

2020- Netflix needs to sort the streaming out I can't even watch a series without it crashing!
WW11 We are sitting in the dark around a candle playing cards keeping as much light in as possible so the warplanes don't see us from above!

When we really think about our lockdown experience it is nothing compared to previous generations. We all need to continue to follow the advice (if the Government cannot!) and keep our communities safe. This will not last forever and soon we will be able to do all the things that we want. I for one know that when social distancing is a thing of the past, I will hug a little harder, hold a little longer, and remember that nothing matters more than the time we spend with the people we love. I will miss my family bike rides, eating tea together each evening as everyone is home at the same time and cooking with my girls- as being a parent to a 15 and 17 year old, I am under no illusion that as soon as lockdown is over I will not see them for dust!! Try to focus on the positives in your family this week.

Uniform Store update

This is an important announcement that should be read in full.
Thank you for contacting The Other Uniform Store. Please read the update of how we are working with customers during the Covid-19 Virus outbreak. We hope to open our retail shop at Brimstage Hall and Courtyard, on the 1st of June 2020. To comply with the measures that the UK Government has put in place to protect us all, we will be operating an appointment system from the 1st June to enable families that need to try on sizing samples, access to these in the shop. All samples when used will be steam cleaned, enabling them to be reused immediately. Appointments will be for 30 minutes maximum. Appointments should not be used for collection of goods. Our link to appointments is <http://www.schoolstuff.direct/appointments/>
For all other orders, please place them online and when we call you for payment, we will advise you when they will be ready for collection. Collections will only be allowed at certain time intervals and will be from our rear door at the back of our building on the opposite side to our main entrance. Collection times will be posted on our website opening hours from 1st June. Online ordering details are listed below. Place your order online (via the website), we aim to contact you within 72 hours to confirm we have the stock.

We can take your card payment over the phone and then reserve your items for you (for however long that might need to be subject to government advice). When the restrictions are eased we will call or email to arrange

the most appropriate way of getting your order to you. All orders received and paid for during April, May and June will be discounted by 10%. The discount will be applied to any schools we are able to do, pre, primary and secondary.

If we don't have your school or pre school on the website, or you have any queries, please email us on schoolstuff@dsbhr.com

Supply chains are under great pressure at the moment due to social distancing measures, with many of our school wear suppliers working with reduced staff levels, meaning that deliveries are now not the normal next day, but up to five days.

There are also pressures on stocks at suppliers as many manufacturers have been unable to make garments as usual due to the Covid 19 restrictions, not only in this country, but globally. We would encourage as many of you who know what sizes you require for next September to order online ASAP so we can begin to produce garments for you. To enable us to ensure you have your garments in time for back to school, we will have a cut-off date of the 16th August so we can ensure, stocks allowing, that orders will be ready for collection before the bank holiday weekend. Any orders placed after the 16th August, subject to stocks, will be ready for collection from the 14th September 2020.

We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation at this difficult time the world finds its self in. A great big thank you to all the Key-workers out there and also to our customers who are placing orders and supporting a local family business, we really appreciate it.

Thank you from all at The Other Uniform Store.

Weekly Reflection



Pope Francis will lead the major shrines around the world in praying the rosary to implore Mary's intercession and protection amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The Pope will pray at the replica of the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens Saturday, May 30th, the eve of Pentecost, and will also be joined by several "men and women representing various

categories of people particularly affected by the virus. "The service will be at 5:30 p.m. in Rome (4.30pm for us) It would be lovely if some of our families could join him and think of all our CTK families who been affected by the virus. You can join by selecting the link below.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-05/pope-to-pray-the-rosary-along-with-shrines-of-world-covid19.html>

Father Tom is doing weekly mass on YouTube. Mass will be available Saturday evening and all day Sunday to view. You will also be able to see how fabulous our new altar looks, so if you get a chance please celebrate Mass together this weekend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKcolCb2AtM>

