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

18th February 2022

Message from Mrs Procter



We have survived the term, it is finally time for us to break up it has seemed a long time coming. We have managed to stay open during our Covid outbreak and through storm Eunice- we are made of strong stuff at Christ the King! I am pleased to announce that Mr Young will be back after half term and nobody will be more pleased to see him than SLT - no more gates to open/close, toilet rolls to stock up and general maintenance- we won't know what to do with ourselves!

This week we have had a delivery of the new picnic benches, look out for them after half term - they are bright yellow so you will not miss them! Our wooden benches are past their best so we have invested in some re-cycled plastic ones that will hopefully last years.

This week we are sending home a copy of our very first **Christ the King Chronicle**. Some of our children asked Mrs Barker if they if they could produce a school newspaper. All the ideas for the articles are their own and they even took the photographs. They hope to inspire more of our children to have a go at writing an article for the paper. We are extremely proud of them and what they have produced!!

On three occasions this week we have been contacted by neighbours who live opposite school regarding dangerous and inconsiderate parking by our parents. Cars are parking on the other side of the road to school on double yellow lines and directly opposite the zigzag markings which are there to protect our children. The registrations of a black Audi and a white BMW have been passed to us and our neighbour has advised that she will be giving these to the community police.

On Wednesday afternoon I received the following from Merseyside Fire and Rescue, which I have to say I was embarrassed to have to reply to:

Good Afternoon

This afternoon a fire appliance was in the process of responding to a 999 call in the Bromborough area and had to negotiate Allport Road at 15.00 hrs.

Unfortunately the appliance was prevented from proceeding due to inconsiderate parking by parents collecting children from your school.

The crew had to dismount the appliance and marshal vehicles to ensure they moved to allow the appliance to proceed.

The crew also encountered resistance to move vehicles by some parents even though they could clearly see they were impeding the appliance.

This caused a delay in our attendance, this may have had a significant bearing on the outcome of an emergency call as a fully developed fire will double in size every 30 secs so as you can appreciate every second counts.

Please can I ask again that you park legally and considerately, our children will not melt if they have to walk a few 100 yards to your car even if it is raining.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and that you manage to spend some time together as a family. We will see you all on Monday 28th February for another fun filled term.

Weekly Reflection

This week we reflected on the Beatitudes and the true way to happiness. Jesus tells us that happy are those who have little. Usually we think that the more good things we have the happier we will be. If we think about the Franciscans (people who follow St Francis), they live extremely simple lives and promise to live lives were they give up everything and they are some of the happiest people because they realise that the number one thing that will make us happy is having Jesus in our lives. When we follow Jesus, spend time with Him and get to know Him then the more grateful and thankful we are. Possessions can distract us from getting to know Jesus. We need to remember that He is the way, the truth and the life. When we know Him we will live happy lives full of joy that will last. Our mission and purpose in life is to follow Jesus – we can get the greatest joys in life from simple everyday things like loving others, small acts of kindness and spending time with our friends and family. When we put Jesus first and spend time with him, we will truly be happy.

Ethos Statement – I can respect other people's beliefs and religion

The following children have shown they are respectful of other religions and beliefs this week:

FJH – Oscar Byrne	1DK - Blue Hughes	2RL - Grace Trevor
FCB – Ruben Barclay-Pipe	1SH - Mair Wheeler	2HW - Freddie Baker
FCB - Niamh Oakley	1SH - Rory Coffin	2HW - Sophie Lynch
3EJ – Prisha Gurnell 3EJ – Jensen Jagger-Tippey 3DJ – Lilah Arthur 3DJ – Austin Lucas	4LS – Lacey Johnson 4LS – Jaxon Jagger Tippey 4HK – Emma MacMaster 4HK – Alanna-Rose Ronald	5AY – Harry Stringer 5AY – Zoe Evans 5RM – Mariola Kisiel 5RM – Lexie O'Toole

1DK - Amelia Cliff

6GA – Elsie Wootten 6GA – Evan Riley

6KH – Patrick Kawka 6KH – Kate Thelwell

FJH – George Battle

House Points



Key Stage 1 = Mark

Last week's winners:

Key Stage 2 = Matthew

Overall = Matthew

2RL - Ellee Griffiths

Overall Scores for Spring 1:

1st – MATTHEW Half Term Total = 8,700

2nd - MARK Half Term Total = 8,530

3rd - JOHN Half Term Total = 8,506

4th - LUKE Half Term Total = 8,408

Well done everyone! Which team will take the lead after the holidays?

VTech/Smart Watches

If your child is wearing a watch to school please ensure that it is a normal digital or analogue faced watch and that it does not contain a camera or have message functions. Thank you.

Menu Changes

When we return to school after half term we will be on week 1 for lunch choices. There will be some slight menu changes that week:

Monday 28th February

Tuesday 1st March

Dessert will be banana cake
Dessert will be iced sponge

Wednesday 2nd March Hot choice will be fish and chips (Ash Wednesday) Friday 4th March Hot choice will be chicken curry with chips and rice

Our Amazon Wishlist

We would like to continue growing our book collections in the new library and in classrooms. If you would like to click on our Amazon wishlist link below and purchase a book to donate to school we would be very grateful.



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3QL2CNKMTS7GT?ref_=wl_share

Parish News

After two years of restrictions we are happy to say that the church will now be open during Lent for quiet prayer from 8:20-8:50 and from 3:15-3:45 so that parents/adults may take school children into church before or after school to have some quiet reflection time, say a few prayers and perhaps light a candle. This is a lovely opportunity to start or end the day in a prayerful way, offering up a little bit of time during Lent. This will start on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and finish when school closes for Easter on 8th April. We hope that you take up this opportunity.

Other Faiths

As part of our work on looking at other World Religions, we had an Islam day on Monday. We welcomed in Imran Khan who spoke to the children about the five pillars of Islam. Each year group then focused on a different aspect of the faith and completed activities on this. We have used some of their work to create a lovely display in the KS2 building. The children were very respectful and enjoyed looking at a different faith to their own.

Sacramental Preparation 2022



There will be an important meeting for parents of those children making their Sacraments this year on Monday 28th February at 5pm in Church.

If you have a child in Year 4 or above who has not yet made their Sacraments and you would like them to be involved in the preparation, please contact Miss Jones as soon as possible.

Fidgets and Poppets

Mrs Jones is making up some sensory bags for use in school. If you have any fidgets or poppets at home which your children no longer use, school would be very grateful of your donations. Thank you.



Request for Newspapers

If you have any old newspapers at home please could you send them in to Y6 for use in their DT project. Thank you, Miss Hassan

Thank You From The Mini Vinnies



Thank you to those who have made donations of items for the local refugees. Once again, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you.

Mad Science



Well done to all those children who have completed the Mad Science Course over the last 2 terms. All the children did so well and really seemed to enjoy the experience. Naz was really impressed with the children too and it was great that she was able to come in on Internation Woman and Girls in Science Day.



World Book Day 2022

World Book Day is just around the corner and this year it is celebrating 25 years! On Thursday 3rd March we would like to celebrate the day and all things reading by inviting the children to dress as their favourite character from a book, or design their own t-shirt with their favourite book quotes or characters. Please be creative and recycle things that you have at home. We will be enjoying lots of reading for pleasure activities and sharing and recommending books to each other. We are looking for volunteers to come into school as 'Mystery Readers' on the day to read a story to a class (this can be your child's class). If you would like to get involved please let your child's class teacher know.

The children have all been given a World Book Day voucher today so please check their bags. This can be used towards the cost of a book and most supermarkets and book stores have specific £1 World Book Day books that should start appearing next week. The voucher can be used between 17th February and 27th March 2022.

Christ the King School Choir – Message from Mrs Hunter

After the success of our last outing to the Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama, I have again enrolled The CTK school choir into class 40 (under age 11 choir). For us to continue our success, we need at least 30 children to be able to attend on Saturday 26th March at Birkenhead High School Academy in Prenton.

The children need to arrive by 1.45pm and must wear their choir polo shirt with school skirt/trousers, socks and shoes. It would be amazing if your child could attend and any support in the audience is greatly appreciated. Admission fees for spectators are payable on the door (cash only) - £2.50/adult and £1 for children over 12. Programmes will be available at a cost of £2. Parking is available at Grosvenor Place and Sandy Way.

Covid regulations currently stand and we will inform you if this changes. Please use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving any performance room and at the main entrance, wear a face mask where possible (unless exempt or under the age of 12), observe social distancing where possible

and take a lateral flow test prior to the Festival. **Please will you complete the reply slip and return to me ASAP, even if your child cannot attend**. Many thanks, Mrs Hunter. Website http://wirralfestival.co.uk/

<u>SEND Survey – Can You Help?</u>



Hi, my name is Poppy and I work for Wirral Council. I work with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to listen to them and help them use their voice to make things better.

I'm really hoping you can help me to help you.

I've put together a short, easy to complete mini survey for young people. Will you spend 10 minutes (tops!) filling it in and share it with your friends and family? This will be a fantastic way for me to champion your feelings, your frustrations, your ideas to make things better. Young people need to be involved in all things to do with SEND. Young people will be heard and play their important part in all the

work the local area gets involvement. All people coming together to design/make a 'thing' that is the very best it can be for the people using the 'thing' is called Co-production. I'm hoping this is something many of you will want to get involved with.

This survey is for any SEND child/young person up to the age of 25 living in Wirral.

We already have a SEND youth voice group in Wirral and we meet up at Pilgrim Street Arts Centre in Birkenhead on Tuesday evenings. Let me know if you'd like to find out more. <u>localofferwirral@wirral.gov.uk</u>

Here's the link to the survey which will close on Tuesday 1st March https://forms.office.com/r/Y0mMVhwNaw

Thanks for any help you can give me. I will share the feedback with the senior leaders who fully support the work I am doing. Like me, they are interested to hear what you have to say.

FS2 Trip to Imagine That!

Imagine that! We are going to an interactive museum as part of science week on 16th March 2022. The trip will include a minimum of three workshops where the children make slime, bath bombs and fridge magnets. They have introduced some exciting new workshops for the new academic year including a dry-ice sensory show, exploring the properties of solids and gases in an amazing visual experience.



If that is not enough, we then get to explore all of the different areas: imagination village, creation area (we get to paint on cars!) and science investigation area (where we stand inside a giant bubble!).

The cost of the trip is £16 which must be paid via ParentPay before 8th March. Your child must wear their school jumper or cardigan but can have their own t-shirt and bottoms. A packed lunch from the school canteen will be provided for the trip and the children with allergies will be catered for. We will leave and return within school hours so drop off and pick up times will remain the same as a normal school day.

This trip was fantastic last time we went and we are really looking forward to taking the children. Thanks FS2 Team:)

Y4 Meeting

This year, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables check will become statutory. We would like to hold a short informational session straight after school on the 9th of March in the junior hall to explain what it is about. You may bring your children to the meeting and they will be supervised in a Year 4 classroom.

Y4 Trip to The Catalyst

On Friday 4th March, Year 4 will be visiting the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes. The children will take part in a Tasty Toothpaste workshop and will also have an opportunity to explore the galleries. Packed lunch and school jumpers and cardigans will be needed and children should arrive at school, on the day, at the normal time. No spending money is required.

The cost of the trip is £12 per child which must be paid via ParentPay before 25th February. As the last workshop ends at 2.30pm, there is a chance that we may arrive back at school at a slightly later time than usual. We will ring the school office from the coach when we are about 15 minutes away and then school will text you all. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Reply Slip

Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama

Name	Class
Will/will not be able to take part in the Wirral Festival of Music 26^{th} March	c, Speech and Drama on Saturday
Signed	Date

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 28th February School Re-Opens

Monday 28th February Sacramental Preparation Meeting, 5pm in Church

Wednesday 2nd March Parent Teacher Meetings via School Cloud

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day

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Friday 4th March Y4 Trip to The Catalyst

Wednesday 9th March Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting, 3.20pm

Sunday 13th March Enrolment Mass for Children Receiving the Sacraments, 10am

Wednesday 16th March FS2 Trip to Imagine That!

Tuesday 22nd March Y2 Residential Trip to Chirk Castle & Barnstondale

Wednesday 23rd March Sacramental Preparation Session, 5pm

Saturday 26th March Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama – Choir Only

Monday 28th March Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5pm

Friday 1st April Class Photographs, Y6 Individual and Yearbook Photographs

Friday 8th April School Closes for Spring Break, 1.30pm

Monday 25th April School Re-Opens

Tuesday 26th April Sacramental Preparation Session, 5pm

Sunday 7th May First Holy Communion Masses, 3DJ 10am, 3EJ 12.30pm