



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

2nd December 2022

Message from Mrs Procter



Next week we begin our Christmas productions, the decorations are up and the Christmas tunes can be heard coming from all the classrooms! Please see the times below:

On Wednesday 7th December FS1 in Infant Hall 9.30am doors open at 9.15am

Friday 9th December FS2 in Infant Hall 9.30am doors open at 9.15am

Monday 12th December Y1 in Infant Hall 9.30am doors open at 9.15am

Monday 12th December KS2 years 3 and 4 Carol Concert in Church 2.00pm doors open at 1.45pm

Tuesday 13th December Y2 in Infant Hall 9.30am doors open at 9.15am

Thursday 13th December KS2 years 5 and 6 2.00pm in Church- Church doors open at 1.45pm

Entrance for the school productions is via the playzone path. Each child has been allocated three tickets, there will be a signing in sheet on the door. We cannot take any more than three per child due to health and safety. The doors will open at 9.15am, please be advised we will not open them before 9.15am as we need to set up the hall for the plays- so wrap up warmly if you are going to queue.



Let the celebrations begin.....!

Christmas Boutique



The Christmas jumper boutique was a huge success, we had 36 jumpers donated and we have three left. Our Heads and Deputies thought of the idea, planned it all, set it up and ran the boutique- they did a great job we are very proud of them! Remember Christmas jumper day is on our Christmas dinner day Wednesday 14th December, they children to do not to bring in any donations.

Weekly Reflection

Advent is a joyful time of preparation and our liturgical colour is now purple.

At the start of the new Liturgical Year, we listened to Jesus' instruction to, "Stay awake, because you do not know the day your master is coming." It is a reminder, that Advent is a time where we prepare our hearts and minds, not just to celebrate Jesus' first coming but also to be ready ourselves for when he comes again. Jesus made a promise that he would come back but we do not know when this is going to be and so we need to be ready in our hearts for that great time. Will Jesus find you ready and behaving as He wants when he returns?



Ethos Statement – I can work, rest, play and pray each day.

The following children have shown they know how to work, rest, play and pray this week:

FJH	Lucas Williams	1DK	Reece Roberts	2RL	Shaun Mea
FJH	Nellie McGuiness	1DK	Sefina Rushton	2RL	Tommy Smith
FBG	Leon McGraa	1SH	George Quinn	2HW	Eleanor McGee
FBG	Lydia Maitland	1SH	Bonnie Young	2HW	Luca Smart

3EJ	Hannah Pannell	4HS	Bridie Mealor	5AY	Tyler Stocker
3EJ	Niall Oakley	4HS	Charlie Lally	5AY	Henry Green
3DJ	Thomas Davin	4HK	Lucas Hughes	5MJ	Alanna-Rose Ronald
3DJ	Sophie Lynch	4HK	George Moynihan	5MJ	Charlotte Harris

6KH	Aimee Copeland
6KH	Rosie Martin
6RM	Jake Formston
6RM	Ellie Stewart

House Points

Last week's winners:

KS1	Mark	KS2	Mark	Overall	Mark
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Jesse Tree 2022

This Advent, we are revisiting stories from the Jesse Tree. It is an old Christian tradition that first started in medieval times. It tells of stories in the Bible from Creation to the Christmas Story. It is a lovely tradition that gets its name from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David. One prophecy in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah, says: **"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit."** A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings. Jesus was a descendant of King David and Jesus is this new branch. Let us all remember what is important and the real reason for this festive season.



This week, we have heard the stories of Jacob and how God confirmed that he was next in line to continue the promise given to Abraham, of fathering a great

nation. Then we heard the story of Moses being saved as an infant because God had great plans for him in the future.

We have added the next symbols to our class Jesse Trees. Thank you to those who have shared these stories with us.

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.

Christmas Early Finish

The children will finish school for the Christmas Break at the earlier finishing time of **1.30pm** on Friday 16th December. School will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023. The children will have come home with a letter this week for you to complete and return to the class teacher to acknowledge the change in time for collection.

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 Spare Mobile.

To book your place please email Mrs Jones
jjones@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk or let the school office know you will be attending.



Special Educational Needs and Disability Services

You may be aware that the Local Area is working on a Written Statement of Action to improve its services and support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Since April 2022, a considerable amount of work has been delivered through the SEND Transformation Board and its workstreams, however, there are a number of areas where progress has been slower than expected. We are now taking a short period to check in with stakeholders about what is improving, what still needs to be done, and to better understand where we should prioritise our efforts over the next 12 months. To help us do this we are reaching out to all stakeholders to get your views. We would be really grateful if you could take time to complete this short survey. Your feedback is valuable and it will help us focus on where we can make improvements that will have the biggest impact for children and young people. The survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/e/ByZjaKn2Hz>
The survey will close at midday on Monday 5th December 2022. We realise this is a tight

timescale. Once your survey reply has been received we will set to work on the prioritisation of the work remaining. We appreciate your time and input.
Thank you very much!

Futsal Tournament

This week saw a group of our Y6 children attend a futsal tournament at the Futsal Centre in Tranmere Rovers. They played their socks off, giving each game they're all and supporting each other from start to finish. We are very proud of them.



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!

Year 3- Stone Age trip

On Wednesday 18th 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 9th January 2023 on ParentPay**



Year 3- PE Spring term

Just for the first half term after the holidays, Year 3 will be having PE on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. They will need to come into school in their PE kits on these days please.

Year 3- Save the Date

We have provisionally booked Saturday 20th 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.

Year 5- Visit to Port Sunlight Village

Last Friday, Year 5 went on a trip to Port Sunlight. We got the train to the village and spent the whole day exploring and learning about why it was built, and what life was like for workers living there during the Victorian period. All children created a sketch booklet of key buildings around the village including William Levers's house and Unilever factory. We also got to explore Port Sunlight museum and the Soap Works museum.



Year 3/4 Christmas Fit Fun Fest



Some of our Y3/4 children visited The Hive to take part in a Christmas Fit Fun Fest and they had a wonderful time playing lots of different Christmas themed games. Well done everyone!

CtK Santa Dash

This year we are taking part in the Wirral School Games Santa Dash. FS1-Y4 will complete their dash on Friday 9th December and Y5/6 on Monday 12th December.

The children will wear their normal uniform that day (unless they have PE where they can wear their PE kit) but they can wear Santa hats, elf hats, reindeer antlers or anything festive.

Kind donations- looking for a home

122 hand knitted puppets were donated to the school this week. Janet who is 92 years old and Great-Grandma to Joseph Kelly, Ellie & Harry Stewart, knits most days and uses a lot of wool! Each year, Janet knits up to 400 puppets which are given to various playgroups and schools in the local area. If you know of a playgroup/pre-school or similar children's group who you think would benefit from receiving some puppets this December, please email joannkelly2603@hotmail.com

News from the PFA

We are holding a Christmas after school sale on **Thursday 8th December**. We will have sweets and treats, some stalls and games for the whole family and the return of the famous PFA bottle stall. Please come and join in the fun when you pick up your children after school. We will either be on the yard or in the Junior Hall weather dependant.

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 or comment on the Facebook page. Pfa Committee

Dates for your Diary

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