

April 2024

Christ the King School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Update

Mr Doherty and Ms Moreno are delighted to be back teaching their classes. We welcome Mrs Berry, who is covering Year 2S this term until Mrs Sargeant is well enough to return.

Mrs Shutler is excited to be teaching for 2 days in Pre School this term.

Welcome to our two new Midday Supervisors, Ms Langdown and Mrs Maple.

A huge warm welcome to Mr Morton, who is enhancing our leadership capacity whilst Ms Kent is teaching in Year 6. Mr Morton is really enjoying being at our school and getting to know the children.

Attendance Matters

During the month of April, our school attendance has been consistently below the national average. Please ensure that you are prioritising your child's school attendance, especially when planning holidays.

Safeguarding

County Lines:

Last week, Key Stage 2 children attended age-appropriate workshops to develop their understanding of County Lines. Thank you to the parents that attended the training session too. Escapeline is a charity committed to the prevention of the criminal and sexual exploitation of young people by gangs across Southwest England. For years, thousands of children have been exploited through the practice of County Lines, in which highly organised urban gangs take over provincial drugs markets. County Line gangs are increasing their operations to recruit local youngsters from small towns rather than the big cities and Southwest England has been particularly targeted. Children as young as 6 have been recruited within our locality. The strategy is evolving all the time and females, young children, middle class families (clean skins) are all targets. County Lines is a concern because it encompasses: modern slavery, criminal exploitation, firearms, economic crime, child sexual exploitation, drugs and violence.

If you are concerned about someone you know and think they may have become involved, please refer to the DSLs, Designated Safeguarding Leads in school, who can offer support, make referrals and contact the police.

Relational Behaviour Policy

The school behaviour policy is heavily focused upon relational behaviour management and follows a restorative justice approach. This in practice means that we work hard to ensure routines and expectations in school are consistent so that children feel secure and safe in their environment. Children should trust their adults and believe that they are loved. We use our 8Bs (our school values) to guide us to manage behaviour, agree logical consequences for poor behaviour and also to structure support to improve behaviour. We recognise that getting the adult behaviour right is the first step in getting our children's behaviour right.

You can read our policy on our website.



Fundraising

Amaya in Year 3S will be walking 100 miles in May to raise money for Cancer Research in memory of her Nan who passed away in January. Here is the link if anyone would like to make a donation.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/leannes-giving-page-2022348?urn=608801545&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mcmp&utm_campaign=N24U2M1d&utm_content=N24U2M1101&utm_team=FPWalk100May_In-Series_2024_April_Email_Milestones

Curriculum News

SoundStorm's Showcase

We are very lucky to have been chosen as one of six schools in the BCP area to perform as part of a massed children's choir for SoundStorm's Showcase. SoundStorm is our Music Hub who help to fund and organise musical experiences for our school.

Mr G, who came in September to help our choir, will be leading a group of **20 children** for 6 Wednesday afternoons for an hour, starting on the 1st of May. We will be performing as part of the Showcase at the Lighthouse Poole on Thursday 4th July. Tickets go on sale on the 20th May. It would be wonderful if you could join us for this very special evening, to share in what could be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our children.

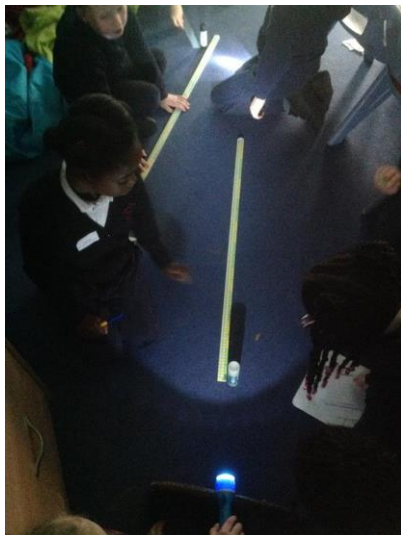
If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like a letter to express their interest in joining the choir, please see Ms Kent.

Sublime Science Workshops on Earth Day



Science Week

For Science week, Year 3 explored their topic of light further, specifically looking at whether shadows change size throughout the day. We had planned to measure shadows throughout the day outside, however unfortunately it rained the week of Science week so we had to improvise. Instead, we used a torch, glue stick and ruler to measure shadows at different angles. We concluded that shadows are at their longest when the light source is at the lowest point. Shadows are shortest when the light source is at the highest point, for example at midday.



New Look Website

Our new look website will soon be launched. Watch this space!

Facebook Page

Please follow our Facebook page Christ the King School Bournemouth, to see regular updates. Thank you to Mrs Fry who is regularly updating this page.

Class Dojo and Tapestry

Now that class pages are aligned and information is consistent, please do contact your child's class teacher via Dojo or Tapestry. All other enquiries can be made via the school office.

Sports and PE News

Children from Year 4 are welcome to join the netball team. This is led by Mrs Banner, a very experienced netball player. Please see Ms Roberts if your child would like to join the team.

Mr Morton is setting up a Wednesday football practise for Year 5 and 6 starting this week.

Playground Update

The MUGA is in full use! The children are absolutely over the moon! The MUGA has given the children back the vital space that they need to play games, whilst alleviating other areas of the playground for calmer games. The children will be writing thank you letters to the PTFA and to the Talbot Trust, thanking them for the generous grant and the fundraising efforts.



Summer Uniform

Hair accessories should be in school colours (navy or red) and only small ribbons, bows etc used. Long hair should always be tied back for both boys and girls and the minimum shaved cut is a number 2 grade please.

EYFS and KS1 Boys Summer Uniform: Grey shorts or trousers, grey socks, black closed shoes, red polo shirt, navy blue school jumper.

KS2 Boys Summer Uniform: Grey shorts or trousers, grey socks, black closed shoes, short sleeved white shirt, school tie, navy blue school jumper. Boys in KS2 can wear a red polo shirt when the weather is exceptionally hot.

EYFS and KS1 Girls Summer Uniform: pale pink gingham checked dress, white socks, black closed toe shoes.

KS2 Girls Summer Uniform: pale pink gingham checked dress, white socks, black closed toe shoes. Or, short sleeved white cotton shirt with a school tie.

Sun Safe

Please be sun safe. It is very easy to get caught out at this time of year. Start applying sunscreen on your child in the morning before they come to school. Children should bring in a sun hat or cap to wear.

Children are encouraged to stay hydrated and seek shaded areas when the sun is at its hottest. This might well seem a long way off, but it soon creeps up on us and it is better to be prepared.

Key Dates

Date	Heading
Thursday 9 th May	Ascension Mass- This will now be a liturgy in school, as Fr Chacko recovers from his operation.
Friday 10 th May	PTFA Non-Uniform Day
WB Monday 13 th May-	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Tuesday 21 st May	Pentecost Mass 9.30am-
Thursday 23 rd May	PTFA Disco
Friday 24 th May	End of term
Monday 3 rd June	School resumes

Monday 3 rd June- Friday 14 th June	Year 4 MTC- Multiplication Tables Check: 2-week window
Tuesday 4 th June	Corpus Christi + First Holy Communion Children Celebration Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 5 th June	World Environment Day
Monday 10 th June - Friday 14 th June	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screen Check
Friday 14 th June	PTFA Father's Day Workshops
Friday 14 th June	Significant Father's/ Male Figures Celebration Event 1.15pm Hall- EYFS and KS1 2pm Church- KS2
Thursday 20 th June	World Refugee Day
Friday 21 st June	Feast of St. Aloysius, wear blue, white and yellow, bring in £1.00
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day: KS1 am, KS2pm
Thursday 27 th June	Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7- school dependent
Thursday 27 th June	Whole school meet the teacher- Years PS to Year 5
Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7- school dependent
Friday 28 th June	St. Peter and St. Paul Mass-9.30am
Monday 1 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St. Mary's, Poole.
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day (backup date)
Saturday 6 th July	PTFA Summer Fair
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term

RE and Catholic Life:

Year 6 Children leading their class worship.

This is carefully planned and led by the children. Well done Year 6!



Earth Day

We planted our Platinum Jubilee Tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme.



Reception children did a litter pick on Earth Day



Caring for Our Common Home

Badger News! Mr Morton very kindly recued a badger this week. We are pleased to report that RSPC Officer has safely delivered the badger to a Badger Sanctuary in Devon



Rosary- Month of May

Children will be exploring the Mysteries of the Rosary in their daily prayers next month. If your child has a personal rosary and they would like to bring it in to school, they may do so.

Mr David Elliott and family writes...

Dear Mrs Lord & Christ the King School,

We recently visited Uganda, as a family, and have been working with a school called Mercy for Life, in a slum area of Makindye Kampala. This ministry serves very needy families, especially mainly vulnerable children and orphans in their local community.

We have been part of their outreach ministry for many years and continue to return there each year. We happily brought with us some computers from Christ the King school, Bournemouth. These netbooks that had become obsolete (and data wiped) but were still very useful for the school in Uganda, as they don't have any computers for the children to learn with, so the school were very grateful to receive them.

Yours in Christ,

Antony & Rose, David & Abigail Elliott





Reflection for April

During April, in our daily prayers, we have focused on how children can ‘see Jesus’ and know His presence in the people and things around them.

You might like to discuss the different ways we can ‘see Jesus’ as part of your family prayer time.

How can we see Jesus in:

- Our friends and family?
 - Creation?
 - The things we have?
- The kindness and help of others?

You might like to use this short prayer to conclude your personal or family prayer time.

Jesus,

Help us to see you in the people we know,

and all the things around us.

Amen

Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- Our dedicated teachers and school staff.
- Our clergy and parish communities.
- Our committed PTFA who work tirelessly to support our school.
- Our committed parents and volunteers who support our school.

We pray for:

- Our teachers and school staff who are not yet well enough to return to work.
- Fr Chacko, that he makes a full recovery, following surgery on his eyes.
- Love and kindness within our communities.

- **And finally**, we pray for faith, hope and love.

Kind regards,

Melanie Lord
Headteacher



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