

July 2024

Christ the King School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for working in partnership with us again this year. It has been a wonderful year with so much to celebrate; every single child has something to be proud of. It has been a busy year, with its fair share of challenges, and everyone is certainly ready for a break. Although we are sad to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils, we are excited for them and know that they are ready for this next stage in their education. We wish them all the best for the future.

We are also sad to say farewell to so many staff who have worked so hard for our young people over the years. We said goodbye to Ms Moreno, who is taking up a new teaching post at a local school; Mrs Martin, who is starting a new post at St. Josephs, a fellow CAST school; and Miss Piechowiak (Miss P), who is starting her ECT teaching career at a local school. We also said goodbye to Mrs Mabvaro, who has worked as a TA for the last term with our children in Upper Key Stage 2. Ms Mellon has decided not to return to the school following a career break. I want to thank Ms Mellon for all her work and commitment to the school and wish her good fortune in her next role. We keep them all in our prayers and wish them every success in the next stage of their careers.

Maternity

Miss Oppo is due to return in December and Mrs Luford is due to return in February 2025. It has been lovely to welcome back Mrs Shutler and more recently Mrs Fruilli, following their maternity leaves. The children have been delighted to see them again.

Parent Support Worker

Mrs Hodge is due to return in September following her career break. Mrs Hodge has shared some photos of her amazing travels and we look forward to hearing all about it after the holidays. We are exceptionally impressed with and very grateful to Mrs Lane, who has covered the PSW role in Mrs Hodge's absence. Mrs Lane has worked very closely with children and parents, providing outstanding support.

The Little Princess Trust

Hope, in Year 4, should be so proud that her endeavours have raised £175.00 towards creating wigs for children who have been affected by cancer. Hope selflessly had her extremely long hair cut and donated her locks to the Little Princess Trust. Well done, Hope! We are incredibly proud of your fundraising efforts. You embody our values of Courage, Kindness and Compassion.



Summer Holiday Home Learning

1. It is really important that your children continue to read and practise their times tables over the summer vacation. These basic skills are essential to your child's continued progress next year.
2. We encourage all children to take part in the local library summer challenge:

Children have been given Home Learning Packs to complete over the holidays.

Summer Holiday Support for Families

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/what-supermarkets-and-shops-are-doing-to-help-with-the-cost-of-living-aNpUU5E5AbYr>

Information for families in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

HAF information for parents and carers

The government funded holiday activities and food programme (HAF) provides children from reception year to age 16 who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals with:

- free Easter, summer and Christmas holiday activities
- a meal whilst at the activity
- nutritional education

The programme also provides nutritional and food education and signposting to support services for families of the children attending the programme.

The programme aims to help children and young people:

- eat more healthily
- be more active
- take part in engaging and enriching activities, which support the development of resilience, character, wellbeing and wider education attainment
- reduce social isolation
- learn about health and nutrition
- be more engaged with school and other local services

If you believe that you could qualify for additional support and funding. Please contact the school for a Pupil Premium application form.

Bikeability

[Event Search | BCP Council \(coordinate.cloud\)](#) There are some limited spaces available for the Level 2 and Level 3 courses over the summer. Follow the link to book your place.

Summer Be Safe Tips

<https://rnli.org/safety>

<https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

However you end up in the water, if you get into trouble, remember to Float to Live. You can learn how to float following these five simple steps:

1. Tilt your head back, submerging your ears.
2. Relax and try to control your breathing.
3. Move your hands to help you stay afloat.
4. Your legs may sink but that's OK – everyone floats differently.
5. Spread your arms and legs to improve your stability.

We actively encourage practising how to float in a safe environment. It's a lifesaving skill and having the confidence to float in a life or death situation could make all the difference.

But why Float to Live, you ask?

Cold water shock is our body's natural response to entering cold water and can very quickly lead to drowning. Floating, even for a short time, allows the effects of cold water shock to pass. It enables you to regain control of your breathing and your survival chances will greatly increase.

Autumn School Uniform

Please check out our winter uniform on our website before purchasing any new uniform – grey trousers for boys, navy pinafore/skirt or trousers for girls.

For Year 3 pupils moving to Key Stage 2 in September, please be aware that if your child wishes to wear a tie, then normal collared white school shirts should be worn. For girls, red polo shirts may be worn as an alternative to ties in KS2. Boys can wear red polo shirts when the weather is particularly warm.

Attendance

Please be aware of the penalty notice increase that comes into effect in September 2024. A letter has been sent to all parents giving the full details.

PTFA

Thank you to our PTFA for all their efforts this year. The recent summer fundraising events have been a huge success. The PTFA is made up of volunteers, who selflessly give up their time to work for improving our school. The PTFA subsidise an element of the school trips for each class and this really does make a difference. Please do make contact with the PTFA if you could offer some time or support next year, they would really appreciate it.

Inset days for 2024-2025

1. Monday 2nd September 2024
2. Friday 13th September 2024
3. Friday 25th October 2024
4. Monday 24th February 2025
5. Monday 2nd June 2025

Celebrating 10 Years of CAST



To celebrate the 10 Year anniversary of our Trust, CAST; each school planted a tree. We gathered to plant the hazel tree and the children sang one of their favourites, I am the earth...



Let Us Pray



We give thanks:

- For all the learning and activities that have taken place this year, including our musical performances, sports activities, class trips and visitors.
- For all the children and the joy they have given to both their families and the staff. 😊
- For all the staff who have taught and cared for the children and their families this year.
- For our parents, PTFA, members and volunteers who have helped us in school this year to support the children.

We pray for:

- All Year 6 pupils who have come to the end of their primary school journey and are moving on to secondary school in September – may they move forward with confidence and a grateful heart.
- All staff moving on to new ventures this summer – may God bless them with courage and love.
- A safe and happy summer vacation for all staff, pupils and members of our community.

And finally, it has been a privilege to lead our school during my tenure as Interim Headteacher this year. I am immensely grateful to Ms Kent as Acting Deputy for her commitment, dedication and support. Together, and with the staff and parents, we have worked together to face the many challenges that presented us this year. We have grown stronger together in Faith, Hope and Love. Ms Kent and I are grateful to the staff and parents who have supported us this year. I look forward to welcoming you all back, safe and well rested in September, where I will be working alongside Mr Morton as Deputy Headteacher.

Kind regards,

Melanie Lord
Headteacher

