

May 2024

Christ the King School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This month has been another busy one with staff planning transition to new classes, preparations for our new intake for September and planning sad farewells to the Year 6 leavers. This time of year has many mixed emotions but we are certainly proud of the children and all that they have achieved.

Now that Covid is behind us we are seeing a wave of movement across the teaching profession, much of this movement would have happened naturally sooner if Covid had not happened. As a result, we are seeing changes in both teaching and non-teaching staff.

Last week we announced our teaching team for 2023-2024 which has been the result of a rigorous recruitment process. Many of the new team joined us in school today to meet the children and start the process of transition to Christ the King School.

At the end of term, we say farewell to two of our support staff. Mr Hancox is retiring at the end of term and looking forward to relaxing and spending time with his family. Mrs Evans is taking up a new challenge at Manorside Primary School in Poole, to further her career as a HLTA. We are sad to see both leave but excited about their new ventures.

We also are grateful to Mr Gauden who joined us this term as an interim to working with pupils in alternative provision.

We welcome Ms Horne who has joined our support staff this term, working predominantly within our inclusion team.

We have a vacancy for a teaching assistant role - closing date is 9th July 2023 😊

Supporting our School

Are you able to give some time to support our school next year. Your time and skills are greatly valued and we would appreciate as much support as possible.

Ways that you can support us next year:

1. Volunteer to help in school – one afternoon would be great to help listen to readers and prepare resources

2. Volunteer to help with raising funds for our school – do join our PTFA in the autumn.
3. Spread the word about our school.



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised and we please ask that, in particular, no holidays are booked during May and June when all year groups are taking part in assessments. All requests must go through the office.

Georgina's Fundraising Page

Georgina, in Year 5, is raising money for the memory of her Grandad, who sadly died of a rare and sudden passing of cancer. She would appreciate any donations, no matter how small (pennies all mount up) everything helps and will motivate Georgina. Georgina will be completing 100 skips a day in June to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Please show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to her page. Georgina has already raised over £250 pounds and would like to raise much more! Her mum Heidi, and Dad Jonathan, are so proud of her achievement and dedication so far and appreciate any on-going support. Please help.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/georginas-giving-page-547>



Transition Information

Pupils all had the opportunity to meet their new teacher today – please see separate letter home sent home today that gives details of your child’s class for 2023-2024 and transition arrangements.

Parent Survey Outcomes

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the parent survey last term. Below are the outcomes from questions 11+

Question 11

11. The school lets me know how my child is doing. (0 point)

[More Details](#)

● Strongly agree	18
● Agree	36
● Disagree	4
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	0



Every child receives an annual report each year. Parents have an opportunity to make an appointment to meet with the teachers following these reports and there are formal Parents Consultation Meetings arranged twice a year. This year we have held parent workshops in phonics and maths, including briefings for parents about statutory assessments. Our Open Book events this year have also been an opportunity to celebrate Mother’s Day and Father’s Day which were very well attended. Thank you to all those who attend these events. Next year there will be a ‘Meet your teacher’ welcome event in September, followed by the autumn parents’ meetings the week before half term. We are always looking for ways to improve communications with you and this year have also introduced the year group half termly newsletters to outline the themes and topics that the children will be learning.

Question 12

12. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. (0 point)

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

● Strongly agree	11
● Agree	33
● Disagree	5
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	10



Our Curriculum Intent is posted on our website and we are proud to have planned a broad and balanced curriculum for our pupils. We are constantly reviewing and improving our curriculum so that it is both exciting and relevant to our pupils. This year we have been continuing to enhance and plan to ensure the school values are woven through the topics and ensure that pupils learn more and remember more.

Question 13

13. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school. (0 point)

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Strongly agree	15
Agree	34
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	3



We provide a good range of clubs at Christ the King School catering for both sport and the creative arts. If you have any ideas of clubs that you would like to run in school, we would happily pass these to our School Council to discuss as part of their pupil voice in school.

Question 14

14. The school supports my child's wider personal development. (0 point)

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Strongly agree	14
Agree	29
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	10



We are so fortunate to have a strong inclusion and pastoral team of staff, headed by SLT, Mrs Hodge and Mr Smith. Pupils' emotional wellbeing is a key priority in school, and we implement several enhancements to support this each year. These include the THRIVE programme and Trick Box. Pupils have the benefit of caring staff and an environment that supports their needs, including access to our Nurture Room (The Sanctuary Space) and sensory space.

Pupil Achievements



Congratulations to our children in Year 3 and 4 who made their First Holy Communion this month. We also celebrated with a mass in school and a lovely party afterwards.



Year 1 and 4 had a great Pirate Day.



Year 3 enjoyed a talk on Friday from David and Helga at the Bournemouth and Dorset Beekeepers Association about the importance of bees and why we should look after them. We were also given some delicious honey from their hives to try!



Lessons in Arts Week



Art Club have finished up the year with some wax resist watercolour painting of sea animals! 😊



Warm weather = packed lunch picnics outside 🌻

Uniform for September

For those children moving to Key Stage 2 in September please be aware that if your child wishes to wear a tie then normal collared shirts should be worn. If your child will be wearing a reversed collar, then they should not wear a tie.



Day Contact

Please can we ask that if your child is absent, that you call the school each day to advise us of their reason for absence. If we do not hear from you, we will call you and if we can't reach you, we will try your child's emergency contacts – please don't think we are being intrusive, we need to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

Coronation Event

Planting our Coronation Tree – in the Autumn pupils will plant bulbs to create a Coronation Garden.



Assessment Information

All Statutory Assessments have been completed. You will receive a separate letter about your child's scores in the school report that will be sent out in July.

PTFA

Thank you to everybody that has brought in a bottle donation to support the PTFA Mufti Day today. The children's outfits were brilliant and they certainly allowed their personalities to shine through.

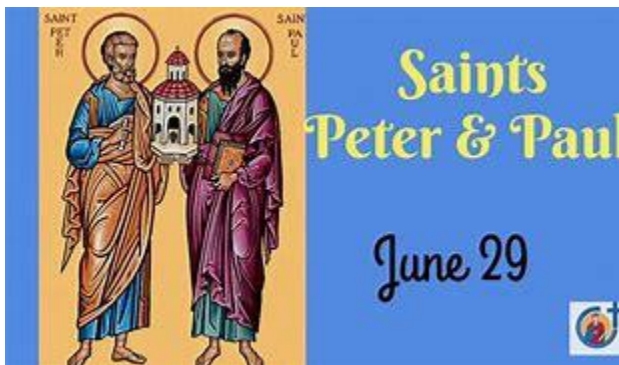
Inset days for 2023-2024

1. Friday 1st September 2023
2. Friday 20th October 2023
3. Tuesday 2nd January 2024
4. Monday 19th February 2024
5. Monday 3rd June 2024

Parent Engagement Dates

New Reception Children Stay and Play – Monday 3rd July

Feast of St Peter and St Paul



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul or Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is a [liturgical feast](#) in honour of the [martyrdom](#) in [Rome](#) of the [apostles Saint Peter](#) and [Saint Paul](#), which is observed on 29 June.

Let Us Pray

We give thanks:

- For all the learning and activities that have taken place this month, including sports day, class trips and visitors.
- Our partnership with St Mary's School over the past 18 months, we hope to maintain strong links when Mrs Tickel joins them in the autumn.

We pray for:

- All those who are preparing to move on to new ventures at the end of this school year – especially our Year 6 pupils and those families leaving the area.
- Vocations – that young men and woman will hear the word of God and dedicate their lives to the church as priests, lay ministers and sisters.

And finally, we wish all of our families well.

Kind regards,

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Head of School



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