



Christ the King Catholic Academy

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Newsletter – 15th September 2023

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New Faces

We have completed our first full week back at CTK where we have welcomed some new faces into our school, staff and pupils. David J in Year 6, Morgan J-C in Year 2 and our new Reception and Nursery starters. We also have some new staff members, Miss Ainsworth in EYFS, Miss Malone in EYFS, Miss Farnell in Year 4, Miss Robson in Year 3 and Miss Dunnett in Year 1. Some of these faces will be familiar to you! Welcome to the team everyone, CTK wishes you all a warm welcome.



Life After CTK

We said farewell to Martyn and Joan Kenyon at the end of last school year when they concluded their support for Eniola. We miss them both terribly! Martyn extended his hours at Carleton Green and Mrs Kenyon was wondering where Blackpool Council would send her next! Fast forward six weeks and I am overjoyed to report that Mrs Kenyon has headed off to a school in Preston, with Eniola! Here they are on their first day together. What a wonderful image.



Playing Out

Our children enjoyed fun in the sunshine this week as part of our lunchtime experiences. Organised games were a real success. A big thank you to those staff involved in setting up such activities. We love positive lunchtimes.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th October

Tempest

Tuesday 31st October

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Golden Book Assembly

It is back! Each week our school staff recognise a number of children for their effort, manners, achievement or general good deeds. Usually this is two children from each year group, sometimes it is a whole class! Keep an eye out each week for the special text inviting you to the assembly in the school hall. We celebrate as a community. Our assembly is on Wednesday's at 2.45pm, anyone is welcome to join us but children often associate a parent/carer's presence as indication that they are in the golden book! Congratulations to all those that received a certificate this week.



Nursery Still settling in.

Reception Still settling in.

Year 1 Sahara W for your super team work when making our free-standing structures.

Sahara was fantastic at supporting her team, using the tape and straws and encouraging other children to use their manners and take turns.

Fateh S for your fantastic respectful and kind behaviour this week. You have been a stand out Year One pupil! Well done! :))

Year 2 Bonnie B for trying her very best, even when it is challenging. I am so impressed with your writing Bonnie, keep it up!

Maria G for being such a helpful child, tidying up and making sure the class is organised. You are making a great basket monitor too! Well done!

Year 3 Joshua O. Joshua has followed our rules and routines perfectly this week. He has been respectful to all his new teachers and he has been a wonderful example for the rest of year 3. Keep it up Joshua!

Rocco-Joe P. Rocco has been wonderful in classroom discussions in RE this week. Rocco has thought carefully about our discussion questions and has given some great answers. Thank you Rocco!

Year 4 Antoni B. Antoni has had a great start to Year 4. He has told staff he is 'trying his best' and we can certainly see it. Well done, Antoni!

Zuzanna P. Zuzanna has been a great example to her peers this week. She is always following instructions first time, is always ready to learn and always working hard. Great job, Zuzanna!

Year 5 Darcey A for a mature start to Y5. Darcey is listening attentively and is following instructions well. Keep it up Darcey! Miss Hilton is very impressed.

Kayleigh Mae S-W for always helping others with their work if she sees someone needing help. She shows patience and kindness when explaining her ideas to someone.

Year 6 Kevin K. Kevin's thorough approach to work in all subjects has been highly impressive in our first week back. Whenever questions are posed, Kevin has his hand up. He gives full and articulate answers that have clearly taken some thought, and needs no prompting to develop his answers further. Well done, Kevin.

Oscar J. Oscar has shown determination to improve his maths work throughout the week.

Despite facing some tricky tasks, he has battled hard to overcome any problem. He has shown a great ability to listen carefully to feedback and has used it to improve his understanding. Great work, Oscar.





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Farewell

Last week we said farewell to Mrs Kirkham from Year 1.

Although we are sad that she has left us we wish her well within her new role working in a children's home. We are pleased to say she will still occasionally drop in to see how everybody is getting on.



Suds For Schools

Did you see the media coverage of our good work with suds for school. The charity provided our SCCA site with a free washing machine a few months ago and has given us access to unlimited washing pods for use at SCCA and CTK. They are an utterly wonderful organisation. Click on the link below to see our pupils (last year's Y6 at SCCA) in action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z7CiER30EM>



The report made our local newspaper The Gazette as well as many broadsheet papers including the Telegraph and the Financial Times.

Remember that the washing machine is free to use at St Cuthbert's for CTK families too! Simply express your interest and book a time in with the office (01253 403232) and we will do the rest. We will wash your clothes on an agreed temperature and setting and return the fully laundered clothing to you within the day. A great way to save on your energy bills and the cost of washing products. There are other local initiatives that offer a similar service. Chat to Mrs Smith if you want to learn more.

PE Uniform Expectations

Each week we are reminding children of our expectations for behaviour, uniform and learning standards. Here are Dalton W and Lauryn M showing off our wonderful PE kit. We encourage our pupils to change for PE each lesson. If they forget their kit we have a new policy that they will be provided with one from our spare stock. PE is an important part of our healthy lifestyle commitment at CTK and we are keen to maintain changing into our kits as part of that. Please remember to check on dojo to remember when your child's class have PE.

If you have any old or spare PE kits that you no longer need could we please have them. Please bring them to the office. Thank you





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Tempest will be coming on Friday 6th October to take the class photographs. The individual and family photos will be April 2024.



MCAS/Payments

Please make sure that you have access to the MCAS app. If you are having difficulties logging on please contact the office where we will get you up and running. We have had to cap the after school club so please make sure that you are booking your sessions in advance. Dinners are £2.25 per day and again, we require you to pay for these in advance.

CTK Mini Dance

This Wednesday lunch time, the mini dancers had their first rehearsal with Miss Calvert. The children were brilliant and enjoyed showing their moves.



CTK Dance

On Wednesday after school it was the turn of the KS2 dancers. 58 children took part in the auditions which included a warm up, learning a short dance routine, practise time and then a performance as a class. Although Miss Calvert would love nothing more than to allow all children into the club, places must be limited to 45. Children who auditioned have today been told by Miss Calvert if they have a place. A letter has also been sent home tonight to explain more details of the decisions. Miss Calvert would like to thank parents for understanding the process and for their support with all things dance.

Our Little Farmer

Ethan H, from Year One, has impressed his classmates and teachers this week by bringing in some huge green beans. Ethan has been growing these at home and was very proud to share his harvest. Well done Ethan!



Car Park Complaints

We have had a few complaints at CTK this week about the car park. This is nothing new sadly but for those of you that are new to our school we thought it would be useful to share our expectations. When entering the car park at the start/end of the school day, please ensure that you are driving with care. Please be respectful of the disabled bays and ensure that you are not blocking in another car. This is also a reminder that cars should not be entering the car park during the start/end of the day, unless permission has been given.