



Christ the King Catholic Academy

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Newsletter – 13th October 2023

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 19th Oct
Spooky Disco

Friday 20th Oct
Break Up

Tuesday 31st Oct
Deadline For Year 6
Secondary
Applications

Wednesday 1st Nov
Back To School



Spooky Disco

Next Thursday is our Spooky Halloween disco. Tickets are £2.50 which includes a hot dog tea. Please purchase tickets from the office using the correct change where possible.
EYFS & KS1 4-5pm, KS2 5:15- 6:15PM



Boat House

This week your child should have come home with a holiday club flyer from Boat House. If you require another copy, please pop to the office.



Student Council

Some of the Student Council attended the World Mental Health Celebration at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday. They all engaged in wellbeing activities such as games, challenges and listening to music. All of the students were great representatives for our school.



School Nurse

Our school nurses Kathryn and Mandy will be here on Friday 10th November between 9-11am. Please feel free to pop in to be speak to them with any concerns you may have.

Activities

The new after school club activities will be released today at 7pm. These clubs will start after half term and will have limited spaces. A copy of the letter has gone on Dojo so you can get an idea of what clubs are available and for what year groups they are opened to. To book your child on a club please go to the 'clubs' section of the app. You will not be able to see/book any clubs until 7pm when they go live.



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Golden Book Assembly

Congratulations to all those that received a certificate this week.

Nursery Olivia S-W For being so eager and enthusiastic to learn - we can't wait to see how much you will grow over your time at Christ the King!

Reception Ishaan F for showing excellent listening skills and being so sensible, which always sets a really good example to your friends.

Halleigh-Rae G for persevering with the challenge of writing her name all week, which she has now achieved, with excellent hand writing!

Year 1 Anastasia B. Anastasia has really impressed us all this week by showing some super subject knowledge. She was able to talk about negative numbers in our weather lesson and was also asking lots of good questions about the types of fish we looked at in science. Well done Anastasia.

Ethan N. Ethan has been such a lovely young man this week to all the staff in Year One. He got Miss Dunnett a paper towel when she got a little bit dirty, he gave Miss Calvert cuddles when she wasn't very well and has really helping make our classroom a happy place this week. Thank you Ethan! :)

Year 2 Nathaniel M for doing extra learning at home and impressing the class with his solar system. Nathaniel was able to talk about what he had made and showed pride in his achievement. Well done on showing such enthusiasm to learn at home! I can't wait to see the next project!

Ruby V for ALWAYS being willing to have a go, Ruby will put her hand up to answer questions and shows such enthusiasm to participate in class discussions. I love your passion for learning Ruby! Keep it up!

Year 3 Sienna-Ann H. Sienna is in the golden book for her dedication to times tables homework. She has been on Times Table Rock Stars 4 days this week and has almost 700 correct answers in just one week! Well done Sienna!

Michael H. We are really impressed by Michael's effort in class and at home. Recently, we have noticed that Michael's concentration has improved which has helped him to produce some really good work. Well done Michael!

Year 4 Matthew S. Matthew is getting used to the routines of Year 4 and is beginning to get started with tasks without being prompted. This is excellent to see. Keep it up!

Lola-Rae B. Lola has been excellent during our reading sessions! She is always keen to share her ideas and they have been carefully thought out, based on evidence in the book. Well done, Lola!

Year 5 Sophia B for putting in time and effort at home to tackle tricky spellings. Sophia always puts in excellent effort at home with homework tasks. Well done to Mum for the support too.

Julia M for showing resilience in lessons when things are tricky. Julia will seek support from her peers, but doesn't rely on help from an adult. She always has a go first. Keep it up, Julia.

Year 6 Hallie W. Hallie soaks up new learning like a sponge and always asks thoughtful questions to improve her understanding. It is great to see such a good attitude to learning.

Jack M. Curiosity is the spark that makes the 'candle of learning' burn brightly. Jack has impressed me by his wondering questions, especially in our Geography topic about climate change and sustainability.

Bike Safety

Be safe, be seen. Free bike coding event at Staley Park visitors centre on Thursday 26th October at 11am to 1pm. Come along and get a free fluorescent item for your child and have your bike coded for free.





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Pumpkin Carving Competition

On Thursday we will be holding a pumpkin carving competition. Your child can bring their pumpkin to school with them on the day or bring it to the disco with them. Please make sure that their name and year group is on/with their pumpkin. After school club will still be on as normal and children going to the disco who are in after school club will go straight there.



Teeth Check

Year One had a visit from the dentist this week. Claire and Georgie checked the teeth of children who are still 5 years old. All the children did a brilliant job and they all got a special sticker from the ladies. :)



Harvest Donations

A big thank you to all the families who donated food for the local food bank. Father Philip blessed the food at a Harvest celebration service. In total we collected enough food to fill 12 shopping bags. Thank you for being so generous!



After School Club

Sadly in our after school club the number of late collections has been steadily increasing this half term. We have spoken to individual families, however we wanted to ensure that all parents are aware of the late collection process. We understand that on occasions traffic causes issues, emergencies happen, so it is on this basis that we will accept up to three late pick ups each year. If a family has three occasions then the service/facility will be removed for half a term. There will also be a late charge collection. If your child is collected up to 15 minutes late, a £2.50 charge will be applied and lateness between 15 - 30 minutes will incur a £5.00 charge. If we are unable to contact a parent/ carer to collect your child, we will call our Pupil Welfare Officer as our school premises will be closed.

Breakfast Club

For many years now we have asked for the payment of services in advance. There are a number of parents that reliably undertake this action and ensure our finances run smoothly. However there are some parents that still forget to do this. We are asking for the payment of all services in advance from after half term. If you access a service and are unable to pay in advance then please contact Mrs Smith urgently. Without a discussion these services may be stopped. Staffing bills and energy costs mean school is paying out for services taken, without funds in to cover the charge. Then school take resources to chase for the outstanding balances. Don't forget there are payment plan options to support the clearance of debt.





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Home School Agreement

Each year we send a reminder home about our home school agreement. There have been changes to the agreement this year. Please talk to your child about the content of the document you/they sign. Mr Collins shares the following reminder:
The new agreement includes a new line in each of the staff, parent and (KS2) child section. The new lines give a clear commitment to support children to recognise and respect the diversity in our school. This has always been important in our school but we felt it appropriate for all in our community to show their commitment to this. KS2 pupils will also need to sign the sheet after reading four statements that they need to adhere to in school. Please sign the agreement and return it to school as soon as possible. We request that you return the forms to your child's class teacher who will keep a record of your family's response. There will be a special prize for the first two classes to bring back all of their consent forms. So the race is on!

Black History Month Activities

Our classes have been exploring fiction and non-fiction books about characters and people from minority backgrounds as part of Black History month, this week. Years 1, 2 and 3 have all explored picture books, in which the main characters successfully overcome limitations that others or themselves have placed on them. Those books were 'Amazing Grace', 'Jabari Jumps' and 'Look Up!' Year 4 read 'The Silence Seekers', which is a beautiful book about a young boy who befriends an asylum seeker (hence 'Silence Seeker') and aims to find him the silence that he needs. Year 5 have explored 'When the Rains Come', a traditional African tale that gives children a look into an interesting and unfamiliar culture. Finally, year 6 have read 'Malala's Magic Pencil'. This book was written by Malala Yousefsai, and brings attention for the need for tolerance and respect in our world to attention. All of these books carried important messages that can be applied by everyone in our school community regardless of background. The children will be delving into further books around this theme next week.

HRSE Consultation

Just a reminder about the HRSE consultation which was mentioned in last week's newsletter (also a letter was sent home) The deadline to complete the questionnaire is today. Here are the links and log ins:

Here is the link for the Parent Portal:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

To take part in the consultation, please view the following link:

● Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>

If your child attends Christ the King Catholic Academy please use the following log in details:

Username: christ-the-king-fy3

Password: november-feast

We also have a questionnaire to fill in after you have explored the information.

● Complete the following questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/3feDxTa7ZeTNnSyP7>