



# Christ the King Catholic Academy

Believe, Belong, Become

Newsletter – 2nd February 2024

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## Reception Trip

Yesterday our Reception class went for a walk around Salisbury woods. They were so well behaved and followed the rules magnificently. They played hide and seek, had a scavenger hunt and even made fairy houses. What super fun they all had!



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th Feb

Water Park

Thursday 8th Feb

Schools' Alive

Friday 9th Feb

Break Up

Wednesday 21st Feb

Welcome Back

## Scarlet Fever

Earlier this week we received confirmation of two cases of scarlet fever in our EYFS department. Sadly today there were a further two confirmed cases. UKSHA confirm that any cases over two within 10 days of each other in a setting is an outbreak. Staff and parents in our EYFS team have been extra vigilant over the week and have recognised some early signs and symptoms, reducing the potential for spread. We are re-sharing the information on signs and symptoms of the illness. Should you spot any of the signs or symptoms listed below, please get in contact with your GP. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. Children can return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.





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## Golden Book Assembly

Congratulations to all those that received a certificate this week.

**Nursery** Harrison A for making excellent choices during tidy-up time this week and for sitting so sensibly on the carpet in the hubby hole. We are very proud of you Harrison!

**Reception** Fletcher H for trying his very best to focus while we're doing our learning on the carpet and for being a brilliant example to our new nursery children during tidy up time. Miss Malone and Mrs Schofield can see he is determined to work hard on these things he finds tricky sometimes, which we love it see!

Lillie B for trying really hard in phonics to recognise and write her sounds. She has been concentrating on what she is being asked to do and setting a great example to the others.

Adam H. Adam has had a fantastic few weeks! We are so impressed with how mature and sensible he has been.

**Year 1** Fateh S. Fateh your efforts in class since returning from our Christmas break have been exceptional. You are sharing your answers on the carpet, you are working more independently and really impressing us with your writing and number work. Keep it up! :)

Alfie P. We have been blown away this week. Alfie has been completing his work in a group with other children. We are so proud of you Alfie. Keep it up! :)

**Year 2** Mia B. We have been so impressed with your work and how much you are applying your phonics now when writing. Keep it up and have confidence in yourself that you can do it!

Alma S. The presentation of your work is beautiful Alma! I know you are a perfectionist, but you are also learning that it is ok to make mistakes and correct it. You make such an effort and it is great to see such an eagerness to always improve and do your best. Well done Alma!

**Year 3** Sophie T. Sophie was wonderful on our walk. She was so polite and listened carefully to the volunteers who were helping on our trip. She showed kindness to those who found the walk difficult and continued to motivate her friends throughout the walk.

Zofia K. Zofia has been so polite to her teachers recently. She always uses her manners and has said 'have a good lunch' to Miss Robson everyday. It certainly brightens up Miss Robson's day everyday!

**Year 4** Henrieta V for ALWAYS being polite and using her manners to both adults and children around her.

Oscar C for never giving up and trying really hard on his spellings.

**Year 5** Amir S for an improved effort with his handwriting. Amir is beginning to join his letters correctly and his writing is much more legible. Well done Amir.

Darcey A for beginning to show independence. Darcey is beginning to prove she can work by herself. She sometimes doubts herself and her capabilities too much but when she puts her mind to it she has shown she can work without support. I would like Darcey to keep trying to become independent, both in school and at home.

**Year 6** Zuzia K. Zuzia quietly and efficiently gets on with her work in every lesson. She always puts her absolute best into any piece of work and clearly wants to improve herself.

Kevi R. Kevi is an 'always' pupil. She is always well-behaved, always polite and respectful, always hard-working, always responsible and always doing her best in every lesson. She is a credit to her family and a wonderful ambassador to our school. Well done Kevi!

Hallie W. Hallie is an 'always' pupil. She is always well-behaved, always polite and respectful, always hard-working, always responsible and always doing her best in every lesson. She is a credit to her family and a wonderful ambassador to our school. Well done Hallie!







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## Spelling Badge

In assembly we celebrated a number of spelling badge award winners. Children celebrated the completion of Level 1, 3 and 4. Our challenge is to see how many children can secure a spelling badge by the end of the year. In the challenge our pupils learn to spell different blocks of words (they are in groups of four) and then once they know each block of words well enough they are tested on one word in each of the ten or so boxes. This way the child has to learn every word really well. We don't worry that it takes some children a few goes at the challenge. We are thrilled that so many are working really hard to achieve the outcome. We are hopeful that there will be a flurry of awards in the next few weeks, so Mrs Smith is off to buy some more badges!



## Schools Alive

We are nearly there! Final preparations are taking place this week and we wish them a wonderful, memory filled week. Some slight variations to the week take place on Thursday though when some of the children will return to Blackpool for their schools' alive performance. Our efforts to support another school by changing our official week came back to bite us when we realised the dates clashed. Thanks to a huge team effort from Blackpool Music Service, school staff, Year 6 parents, volunteers and our children we think we have found a work around! Mrs Smith will drive the minibus up to Waterpark, collect the children and staff returning for the event. Then after: the rehearsal, a special McDonald's tea, the performance (we are on right near the beginning!) they will be driven back to Coniston by Mr Mitchell. Miss Calvert and Team CTK dance are so grateful for everyone supporting this experience for our children. For our year six pupils this will be their last schools' alive performance and they just could not miss it!



## Year 6 Water Park

Our year six pupils and one very special Year 5 boy are off to Waterpark for the week. We hope they have a wonderful time. Please ensure that you are at school for 8.30am Monday 5th Feb to get registered and settled. The children will be leaving at 9.15am where parents are welcome to wave them off. Please have a look on class Dojo, where Mr Collins has posted more information regarding Water Park.



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## Year 1 Trip

Just a reminder, Year 1 are going on their Low Ropes trip on Monday, please make sure you have returned the permission slip and paid the £7.50 on MCAS. If you are struggling to make the payment please see Miss Calvert and if you are having difficulties finding the payment on the app, please see the office.



## Netball & Archery



There will be no archery club next Monday due to Mr Tomes being on the Year 6 Water Park trip. There will also be no netball on Thursday due to the schools alive performance.

## Athletics

CTK Athletics team came 7th in the final round of the cup competition. As a small school in the highest category of the event our team did incredibly well. In assembly on Wednesday the children shared with us some of the challenges they faced (chest pass, long jump, seated throw, triple jump). It sounded like great fun. Well done to the team and Mr Tomes who supported the event.

## Maths Sessions



On Thursday 7th March, 2024 all Reception parents and guardians are asked to attend our Maths Classroom Workshop with their child. The session will run from 2-3pm and will demonstrate the way we teach children to recognise and build numbers in Reception. The session is very important for your child's learning journey. We are aiming for all children to have an adult with them for the session. If you think you will be unable to join your child, please let Miss Calvert or Mrs Schofield know as soon as possible so that we can make alternative arrangements for you and your child.

## New Clubs

Below are the new clubs for spring term 2 and which year groups they are opened up to. Please note, they will not be available to book until Monday 5th Feb at 7pm. Any club (excluding dance and choir) which your child is currently enrolled on will finish today. If there is a balance owing from previous clubs, these needs to be cleared before we can accept them on anymore clubs.

Archery	Monday	KS2	£5
Basketball	Tuesday	KS1 & Y3	£5
Dodgeball	Thursday Lunch	KS2	£5
Netball	Thursday	Years 4, 5 & 6 (priority given to Y5 & 6 due to league matches.)	£5
Judo	Friday Lunch	KS1	£5
Football	Friday	KS2	£5