



Christ the King Catholic Academy

Believe, Belong, Become

Newsletter – 26th November 2021

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Christmas Fair

At the point of writing this newsletter our preparations were well in full swing ready to open at 1.45pm. A wonderful feeling coming back together again as a community. COVID measures are still in place, but it didn't stop families enjoying a Christmas treat or two. A huge thank you to Miss Hilton and her team of PTFA helpers. We share our PTFA funds at this event with our school parish (figures published next week)



Nativities & Carol Service

Schools across Blackpool have been advised by public health to review Christmas Nativities this year. Their advice is to avoid large numbers of parents coming into school. With numbers in Blackpool rising and last minute changes to our Christmas Fair location, public health are guiding us daily on how to keep our school communities safe. At the moment tickets remain on sale for the up and coming events but there may be additional last minute changes or restrictions in place. We are sorry for the inconvenience and lack of firm plan and know that it is frustrating. With all things COVID we need to respect the medical evidence and public health advice and make decisions based on that. Hopefully more information will be released on Monday.

EYFS will have their Nativity on **Tuesday 14th December, 10am and 2pm.**

KS1 will have theirs on **Wednesday 8th December at 1.30pm and 6pm.** And

the KS2 carol service will be on **Wednesday 1st December at 2pm and 6pm.**

Dates for your Diary

Weds 1st December

KS2 Carol Service

Weds 8th December

KS1 Nativity

Tues 14th December

EYFS Nativity

Weds 15th December

Christmas Dinner

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Christmas Lunch Menu

Glazed Turkey, Sage and Onion
Stuffing & Pigs In Blankets.

Or

Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese

Served with

Ultimate Roasties

Brussel Sprouts

Seasonal Vegetables

&

Gravy

Festive Brownies/Cookies or Mince Pies



Our festive celebration is on Wednesday 15th December when our whole school will enjoy a Christmas dinner together. Children are invited to wear a festive hat, hair accessory or headband to support the celebrations. Dinner will be served to the whole school in the full sitting, so lunch time arrangements will be extended. Crackers donated by our foodbank will also be enjoyed! If your child usually eats a packed lunch on a Wednesday and you wish your child to enjoy the Christmas meal, please let the office know.



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Golden Book Assembly

Congratulations to all those that received a certificate this week.

Nursery - Riley H for making some new friends and showing more confidence when interacting with others. It is great to see you happy Riley!

Reception- Willow S for being so enthusiastic about learning. You are always the first to ask if you can do your learning! We are all so proud of you!

Morgan for being so helpful this week. You have been offering to help all the teachers and your friends. Well done, Morgan!

Year 1-Zowie for being such a kind and caring friend to Winnie and trying hard to sign with her.

Marley for really trying so hard in all of your lessons, especially writing and for improving your behaviour. We are really proud of how grown up you are now.

Year 2- Natalia, Natalia has been trying extremely hard in Miss McKay's extra phonics group this half term. She has increased her phonics screening score by over 10 marks! Keep up the hard work Natalia!

Byron, Byron has been reading lots at home and has been practicing reading words ahead of phonics screening too. His hard work at home has paid off as he has also massively increased his phonics screening score too! Well done Byron!

Year 3 - Lottie B for being an all round superstar in class.

Darcey A for making a big improvement with her reading homework.

Year 4- Isabelle B-E, Isabelle is a hard-working conscientious girl who puts effort into everything CTK. A great role model for others to follow.

Nicola O, Nicola has been working exceptionally hard in her school work and has perfect homework - going the extra mile in producing superb quality of work. Well done.

Year 5-Olivia O for growing in confidence in all areas of the curriculum. You are working hard and beginning to put your hand up more - well done!

Kaja for improving the amount of times she is reading at home - Miss Smith and Mrs Kennerley are delighted that you are reading at home. Well done!

Eniola, Miss Calvert has nominated her for being such a welcoming and friendly young lady. You have made Winnie feel so welcome especially with your lovely smile!

Year 6- Tallulah H for working hard to improve her reading at home. Tallulah wows us with the expression she uses in the read at home. She uploads videos for us to see how well she has read.

Marcus V for supporting others with their work once he has finished his own. Marcus regularly supports other children, especially in maths. He is excellent at explaining his ideas and encouraging others to think about how to find out the answer.



Choirs Reunited

This week, our Christ the King and St Cuthbert's choirs were reunited to rehearse for upcoming Christmas events. The sound was incredible! Passing staff commented on the quality and sheer volume of our choirs. Our next joint performance will be on **Friday 3rd December at 4.30pm South Shore @The Hub** for their Christmas Tree switch on.





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Role Changes

Mrs Lund is now doing a different job and she is being covered by Miss Duncan, to engage and support children through the school with interventions, funded by the DFE. This intervention funding was originally branded catch up money but is now called tutoring funds.

Christmas Parade

Don't forget that there is an exciting opportunity for you to engage with your child and create a lantern. The workshops are on Tuesday 30th November 1-3pm and Tuesday 7th December 1-3pm. The parade will be on Wednesday 15th December.

You can join the procession without a lantern making activity session. Take a look at their Facebook page [@The Grange](#) for changes and updates.



Head Lice

Please can you make sure you are checking your child's hair and treating if required. We have had reports of head lice.



MCAS

A few more parents have accessed the MCS app. With the amount of messages recently being sent regarding the Nativities and Christmas Fair, it is important for you to have the app in order to receive these messages. Also if your child has an accident (non serious) then welfare/teachers will send a message via this app. Please contact the office for your log in details.



School Uniform

There has been a reminder from the DFE about the costs of school uniforms and how this can be a barrier to families not only choosing a school for their child in the first instance but also the annual pressure of growing children needing uniforms replaced in the year!

In light of this we have adapted our school uniform policy and promoted the use of "pre loved" uniform as well as making clear the expectations on branded items.

Our school has a large stock of clean second hand uniform that is free to a good home. These stocks are generously donated by families in our school free of charge. Please make the most of this resource. Please ask at the office or ask a member of our family support team to locate items that you would like.

Wonderful Wednesday

Our well done's this Wednesday from our Welfare staff go to Luis H, Blake B, Ryan K, Natasza K, Kohiin, Sophia B, Lilah O, Aiden N, Jake A, Alice D, Oscar C and Alan C. Well done and keep up the good work!





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Happy Feast Day

Eternal Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
 that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
 keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
 and in the bond of peace,
 and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 Amen.

Lovely to see some people at mass
 Ruby R, Theresa S, Sebastian P,
 Shara S, and Zoe T . We hope you
 enjoyed a special feast day with your
 family. This is a special prayer written
 for the day.



First Holy Communion

Session	Cohort	Topic	Dates	
			Christ the King	St Kentigern
1	Adults & Children	Welcome and what we expect from the programme – Enrolment service	Thurs 16 th Dec 2021	Tues 14 th Dec 2021
2	Adults	Our need of redemption, why do we go to confession?	Thurs 13 th Jan 2022	Tues 11 th Jan 2022
	Children	Introductory rite and penitential rite (Pg. 1-20)		
3	Adults	Examination of Conscience.	Thurs 3 rd Feb 2022	Tues 1 st Feb 2022
	Children	Reconciliation (Pg 21-32)		
4	Adults	Sacrament of Reconciliation.	Thurs 3 rd Mar 2022	Tues 1 st Mar 2022
	Children	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Pg. 33-44)		
First Reconciliation Service			Between 8th – 26th Mar	
5	Adults	The Bible and Scripture.	Thurs 7 th Apr 2022	Tues 5 th Apr 2022
	Children	Gloria and Liturgy of the Word (Pg 45-66)		
6	Adults	The real presence.	Thurs 5 th May 2022	Tues 3 rd May 2022
	Children	Liturgy of the Eucharist (Pg 67-92)		
7	Adults	Why do we receive Holy Communion?	Thurs 16 th June 2022	Tues 14 th June 2022
	Children	Do this in memory of me and body of Christ (Pg 93-116)		
8	Adults	practice and arrangements for first holy communion Masses	Thurs 30 th June 2022	Tues 28 th June 2022
	Children	practice and arrangements for first holy communion Masses (inc. To love and to serve 118-126)		
First Holy Communion Masses			Sunday 3rd July 2022	

Father Andrew and Father Stephen have asked for school to share the following information regarding our first holiday communion preparation within the parish. Children already registered should have this information but just in case, here is an extra reminder.