



Christ the King Catholic Academy

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Newsletter – 14th January 2022

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Dates for your Diary

Sat 15th January

Closing Date For

Reception Places

Thurs 20th January

Special Aspens Menu

Year 1 Reading



Miss Calvert has been very impressed with the Year Six children since returning from the Christmas Break. Everyday our Year Six leaders are spending their lunch times helping the Year One children to improve their reading. Miss Calvert is very grateful for their efforts and wants to thank the whole Year 6 class. A little "shout out" to Teyah who organises the children and their books each day. Well done!

Boogie Bounce



Well done to our Year 3 boys at Boogie Bounce this week, they were full of energy and enthusiasm to learn some new moves! We are now offering places to Year 3 children. If your child would like to join please let staff know at reception. We can only offer a limited number of places, so it will be on a first come first serve basis.

SUMDOG



Well done everyone who took part in our Sumdog competition last month. We topped the leader board across the schools with Christ the King finishing overall in first place and all top ten pupil places being taken by CTK and St Cuthbert's pupils. What an achievement! Miss May arranged for special certificates and treats to be given out in our assemblies this week. Congratulations to: Eva S, Max D, Kelsey C, Lucy-Rose A and Jack M for finishing in the top 10

Rainbow Bright

There will be a new themed day on 27th January for Aspens. This is to celebrate all things healthy meals. Apparently we are supposed to eat a rainbow each day and this will help us do so! If your child would not normally have a hot meal on that day and you would like them to engage in this themed event please contact the school office to book them one.



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Golden Book Assembly

Nursery– Anastasia B for super independent writing, keep it up and well done Anastasia.

Reception– Lucas V for excellent number work and recognising number patterns so quickly, without counting Ayarlah F-G for always going off to do independent learning. Your work is always on the WOW wall! What a superstar!

Year 1– Lilian D, Kshiti N and Sophie T. These three girlies are "always" children. They are always listening, working hard, trying their best, challenging themselves and behaving like super stars. I know that I can always rely on them to be doing the best they can in Year One. Well done girls!

Year 2– Teddy J-B for settling back into school life really well after Christmas! He has been following instructions and showing us that he is ready to learn. Well done Teddy!

Year 3– Logan R. Logan has put in great effort into his handwriting and spelling and he has made a big improvement. Well done!

Lillie-Mae A. Lillie Mae has produced great sentences in Literacy using conjunctions. Great work!

Alicia L. Alicia has excelled in maths this week (column addition with exchanging ten 1s for one 10)

Year 4– Hanna M for the focus she has shown during her online learning. She has had a smile on her face through all of the journey this week. Mr Mitchell and Mrs Lewis are very proud of her.

Hallie W for having a determined, but patient attitude towards online learning. She has been an asset to the class at home, just as she is in class.

Year 5– Natalie B for increasing the amount of reading she is doing at home. Natalie proudly told Miss Smith and Miss Smith and Mrs Kennerley are proud too! Keep it up!

Poppy W for working hard to complete all challenges set. Poppy you are on the ball since returning - keep it up!

Year 6– Zenia K for a fantastic effort with home reading. Thank you to mum for some detailed and constructive comments in her reading diary. All the reading at home is really helping Zenia to improve.

Amelia G for dedication to home learning whilst isolating. Amelia has been well organised and has put in 100% effort to her learning this week, despite only being able to join us virtually. She has worked independently and has shown real maturity. Well done Amelia.



Lucas V & Ayarlah F-G

Wonderful Wednesday

Another celebration this week as children from across our school celebrated lunchtime behaviour. Each time a child is spotted by a welfare staff member engaging in really good playground or dining hall activity we award them a special raffle ticket. We draw the tickets each week in assembly. Well done this week to: Marcus V, Thomas A, Emily D, Ruby C and Lexi-Mae H.



Three Kings

Last week on The Epiphany our two schools joined together to enjoy a special celebration for the three kings' feast. Some children read a poem, we spent time in prayer and talked as a group about some special images of the event. The children were attentive as always.



Thread Worms

We have had a case of Thread worms reported from one of our younger children. Please remember that if you suspect your child may have worms, visit the pharmacy and they will issue some medication for you and your family. Your child can return to school as soon as this is taken. Please remind your child of the importance of hand washing, avoiding placing their hands in their mouths and keep their finger nails really short.



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Online Learning

What a week we have had. A huge thank you to all those staff and pupils that have had to engage in online learning experiences this week. We call it “blended learning” where we have a mixture of children in school and some children at home “online”. It is incredibly challenging for all involved but as ever our community has stepped up. We engage in this learning experience for our schools so that children at home, isolating and well, can still learn and those in school can still engage with them. It is a balancing act for our staff and parents working/poorly at home, whilst their child is online. My hat is raised to you all. Our staff are now genuinely skilled at supporting children whilst teaching live. In fact some have had to deliver in this way from home too this week. We are so lucky that we can deliver learning in this way so that those isolating don't miss out. The first few hours are a mix of solving technical issues, delivering devices and getting children online, but after a short period of time, learning in this way becomes natural. Some classes have experienced this more than others this week and last. An amazing COVID response - keep up the great work.

Nursery News

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Nursery places available for
3 and 4 year olds.

All 3 year olds are entitled to
15 hours free childcare from the term
after their 3rd birthday.

Are you entitled to **30 hours?**
More information available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

Teacher led,
educational nursery

Part of a school
community

Engaging outdoor and
indoor provision

Breakfast and After
School Club available

Highly qualified,
experienced and
dedicated staff

Apply online at bit.ly/CTKnursery

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We have had a busy start to the new term with our new nursery children starting with us. They have really impressed us with how well they have settled, well done children! Both our preschool and reception children have been amazing at looking after them and modelling great behaviour in class too. We are learning all about healthy food and where it comes from over the next few weeks, whilst making sure we encourage new friendships and provide lots of other fun and challenging learning experiences. Welcome to CTK Abel, Ola, Harper, Rio, Eira, Thomas, Jackson and Riday.



First Communion

On Sunday 23rd January 2022 a group of our children make their first holy communion. These are children that were unable to take the blessed sacrament during the early years of the pandemic. This is a wonderful celebration and we hope you can keep them in your prayers. There is also a second group just beginning their journey also. We will update on their progress in a few week's time.



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Christmas Choir



Look at this photo! Our school choirs took part in a Christmas carol concert at The Barking Bakery. We launched their "meet Santa" event and sang carols and festive tunes to parents, visitors, staff and dogs! The most interesting event in the calendar all year! Thank you to those parents who engaged in this weekend performance. All I can say is Woof Woof!

Please remember to be testing twice a week. Your child's teacher will let you know if your child needs to be testing daily- depending on cases in class.

The link to order LFT'S is, <https://www.gov.uk/ordercoronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Transport Fare Increase

Blackpool Transport have asked us to advise any students that use their services to get to/from school that there is to be a fare increase from 16.1.22. The new fares can be found at <https://images.blackpooltransport.com/downloads/C1060%20A5%202020.pdf> and on their website.

Party Time

Despite nativity performances and indoor carol concerts being cancelled last term, our children were still able to enjoy a Christmas party. Children remained in their class groups and took part in games, dancing and festive snack time. Thank you to all those who donated food, provided resources and took part. A great end to the Christmas term. Sadly our next PTFA disco has been put on hold, delayed until later in the term.

LFT Testing

New Governing Body



I am sure many of you know that we began our term with a new governing body. Our parent governor Mrs Shazia Khan represented our parent body, along with Miss [Emily Duxbury](#) for the staff. The meeting was the first of many that will help mould and guide our two primary schools over the next term of office. Exciting times. We will introduce the full governing body over the course of this half term with photos and short pen portraits. The meeting was of course held virtually and probably will be for some time as we look to keep our team safe from the virus. I will now meet with our Chair of Governors, Mrs Julie Mcleod, each month to ensure she is up to date with all things relating to our school families and share any key information with you via the newsletter. Welcome on board everyone.

Aspens Census Day Menu

On census day, 20th January, we are offering another themed menu: our school encourages every child to enjoy a school meal on that day, particularly those that are entitled to free school meals. Funding from the DFE for our school is linked to update on census day. The census is a special count of all the children across our school - a bit like the census Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem for! If you can take up a meal on that day, it will really help. The meal will be chicken nuggets or Quorn nuggets with chips & beans, followed by ice-cream factory.