



Christ the King Catholic Academy

Believe, Belong, Become
Newsletter – 25th February 2022

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Hopefully you all enjoyed a good break, despite the weather in windy Blackpool!

Y4 Laund Farm

On Wednesday 23rd February, Year 4 went on a farm visit to Laund Farm in Chipping. During the visit, they fed and cuddled lambs, learnt about the milking and market processes to understand where food comes from. They also had the opportunity to taste sheep's cheese. They all had a wonderful day exploring the working farm and seeing where some food is produced.



By Royal Appointment

On Thursday, Year 4 were visited by John Barnett (MBE), who is the Deputy to Her Majesty The Queen's Lord Lieutenant. During his visit the class learned about all the things Queen Elizabeth II and how she has ruled for 70 platinum years. The children watched a tree (oak) being planted in the quad area as part of the Queen's Green canopy project. More information can be found on the Queen's Green canopy website.



Dates for your Diary

Tues 1st March

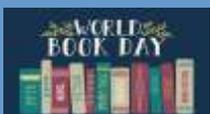
Pancake Day

Thurs 3rd March

World Book Day

Fri 25th March

Inset Day





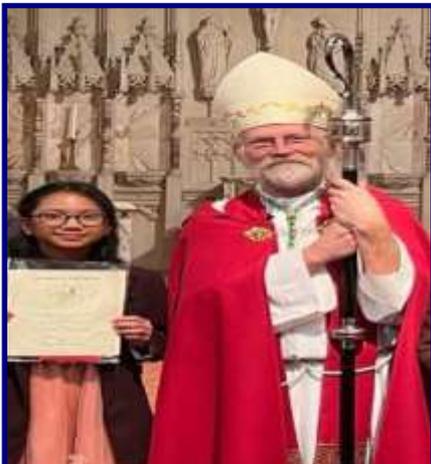
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Confirmation



What a wonderful evening staff, parents and pupils (former and current) enjoyed on Tuesday 22nd February 2022. Bishop Paul Swarbrick led the congregation in a special ceremony of confirmation. Children had worked hard over many months preparing themselves for this sacrament. Part of this preparation involved writing letters of thanks to the clergy and catechists for the part they had played in their journey of faith. Here are a few images capturing the special moments of the night. Congratulations to Nikodem, Marcus, Lilah, Zoe and Ruby.



Activity Clubs

We are now full on Boogie Bounce, (waiting list available). We still have some places for Games (dodgeball, table tennis and others) which is held on a Thursday and it is for Years 3, 4, and 5. Archery which is held on a Monday for Years 4, 5, and 6. If your child is interested in either of these clubs please collect a letter from the office. These clubs will run until Easter and cost £5, payable on ParentPay.





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Wonderful Wednesday

Our Welfare this week have been impressed with Aiden N, Bobby-Joe L, Julia M, Kai T-M, Freddie H and Adam S. We also have a well done lunchtime award for Arc Jethro H from Mrs Boylan for his impeccable manner.



Governing Body

This week we say hello to another one of our Governing Bodies. Hello, I'm Liz Cunningham and have recently had the privilege and the honour to be appointed Foundation Governor for Christ the King and St Cuthbert's academies. I have 2 grand daughters currently attending St Cuthbert's, Aurelia-May in year 4 and Lucia-Renee in reception. I have an extensive managerial career within the civil service and hope to utilise my transferable skills to benefit and support children and families within our local communities. Thank you.



Nursery News

Our children have been happy to be back with their peers this week. We have shared some lovely thoughts in liturgy about how we can fill each others hearts. Our story over the next few weeks is Jack and the beanstalk, the children enjoyed finding out how a beanstalk grows and planting their own. We are looking forward to seeing what happens to our beans as they sprout and grow.



Well Done Year 5

Father Stephen has written to Mrs Smith.

Can I just also say how impressed I was when I went into the Year 5 class on Tuesday to talk about the Sacrament of the Sick, the class showed great maturity and asked some very good and searching questions with regard the sacrament, and also the concepts of heaven/hell and purgatory. I was very impressed with their participation which Miss Smith and Mrs Kennerley are doing with the children, they should be rightly proud. God bless, Stephen

Pancake Day

On Tuesday 1st March Aspens will be serving pancakes with a choice of ice cream or syrup on them. If your child doesn't like pancakes, the usual pudding options will still be available.





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Spitfire Visitor Centre

Melissa the Visits Coordinator at the Spitfire Visitor Centre, Hangar 42, Blackpool Airport got in touch last week to share the following announcement “Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we recently launched our newly revised education programme aimed at school visits by children in year 6. We have now planned a complimentary open day on Saturday March 12th, 12pm - 4pm, for teachers and their families to come and visit our hangar, chat with team members and to find out more about the new programme.” This event is specifically for staff however, if there are any Year six pupils that are particularly interested in this style of visit, get in touch with Mrs Smith.



Y2 Brockholes

Yesterday Year 2 went on a trip to Brockholes. As you can see from the pictures they all had an amazing time despite the cold weather.



Living With COVID

In light of the Prime Minister’s “Living with COVID19 plan” we wanted to update you of the Trust’s view relating to COVID related illness and how we can sensibly return to normality.

The main changes relate to regular testing and isolation.

Regular testing: From this week the guidance for pupils and staff in school to carry out a regular lateral flow test on has been removed. The Trust’s view and our individual school risk assessments request that you should still test for COVID19 regularly, but in particular if you have symptoms.

As a parent you will still be able to order them from your local pharmacy or online at [Order coronavirus \(COVID -19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK](#) for free until April 1st after which time free tests will be phased out.

Isolation advice: There is no longer a legal requirement to isolate following a positive test. We are asking that staff, parents and pupils follow government advice if they test positive for COVID19.

This advises that you stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until you have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days before returning to school. Quality online learning will be provided for your child during this time. This will be reviewed in time for April 1st when free testing is no longer available.

COVID19 still presents a risk to vulnerable staff, their families and our pupils. It can make some people ill and so we continue to follow these important controls in school:

- Encouraging regular hand washing and sanitising
- A one way system to enter and leave the building at busy periods in our school day.
- Promoting good respiratory hygiene through “catch it - kill it - bin it.”
- Mask wearing in and around shared social spaces in school
- A contingency outbreak plan which will be used with advice from public health if the Academy experiences an outbreak.

Please remain vigilant and follow these protocols as this will keep us all safe and at less risk of getting ill with COVID.