

Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 15th July 2019



Year 6

Next week we will be saying a final farewell to all of our Year 6 pupils. They have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much. We are extremely proud of all of them and wish them well on the next step of their journey as they move on to high school. I have no doubt that they can all achieve anything that they set their sights on. I know that all of the staff and pupils will miss having them in school at Christ the King in September.

On Monday at 2:00pm, our Year 6 pupils will be leading their Leavers' Assembly for the pupils in school and for parents. I am sure there will be a few tears in our eyes as they reflect on their time at Christ the King.

Farewell

Next week we also say a fond farewell to Fr. Paul, Mrs Miralles, Miss Wright, and Mrs Swinnerton. I would like to thank them all for their dedication and commitment to Christ the King. They will all be greatly missed by the staff, pupils and parents. We wish them all well on their new adventures and we will continue to keep all of them in our prayers.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Conneely for a little while as she goes off on maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her lots of luck in the forthcoming months and will await to hear about the exciting arrival of baby Conneely.

Leavers Mass

On Tuesday morning at 9:15am we will be celebrating our end of year Leavers' Mass. The Mass will be in honour of our staff and Year 6 pupils who are leaving us at the end of the academic year. At the end of this Mass we will also be saying farewell to Fr. Paul who moves to his new parish in September. Fr. Paul has been at Christ the King parish for 11 years and I know that he will be missed. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us in the school hall for this occasion.

Attendance

The highest attendance this week was in Year 4, who achieved 99% attendance. Well done Year 4!

We are looking forward to having a special afternoon tea on Monday with our 100% attendance pupils in the parish hall, with sandwiches, home-made cake and other treats. Well done to all of our 100% attenders this year in school!

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R	89.6
Year 1	95.2
Year 2	98.3
Year 3	96.2
Year 4	99
Year 5	96
Year 6	98.3

There will also be a treat for our house team winners for the year on Tuesday afternoon. The children will be treated to an ice cream and an extra playtime in the afternoon. This year Green Team have been awarded the most house points over the year. A huge congratulations to everyone in Green Team.

Carnegie Stadium Grand Opening

We were very fortunate to have been invited to the grand community opening of the Carnegie Stadium in Headingley on Wednesday afternoon. The children took part in a number of sporting activities on the Leeds Rhino's home ground rugby pitch – what an honour! We also met some of the famous Rhinos players - Ash Handley, Brad Dwyer and Stevie Ward - on the pitch. An amazing time was had by all!



Transition Days

All our pupils have enjoyed their transition mornings this week and have enjoyed meeting their new teachers. I can't quite believe that a whole year has passed us by again and all of the children looked so grown up moving into their new classrooms. It was also wonderful to welcome our new Reception children into school for their transition mornings. They have already settled in very quickly, meeting their buddies and getting used to their new classroom. Miss Riggs and Miss Elam are very excited about seeing them all again in September.

School Reports

Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned the acknowledgement slips from the annual reports back to school. We are truly humbled by many of the wonderful comments on the reply slips and we are looking forward to working with all of our children again next year as they move up through school.

Lost Property

Please have a final check of the lost property baskets in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 cloakrooms prior to the Summer break. Any unclaimed items will be recycled over the course of the Summer holidays.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year the Summer Reading Challenge at libraries across Leeds and the rest of the country is “Space Chase”. It is an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the challenge will join the super space family, “The Rockets”, for a thrilling mission to track down books stolen by mischievous aliens.

Sign up at your local library to receive your joining pack and to borrow a book. For each book the children read and return, they will be rewarded with prizes and stickers.



If your child manages to read at least six books, they will complete the challenge and receive their very own certificate and medal. It's a great way to keep your children inspired to read over the Summer holidays and ensure that they are ready and raring to go in September again.

Thank you

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support this year. The work that you put in with your children at home – talking to your children and asking them about their days, listening to them read each day and supporting them with their homework, plays such an important role in their education. Parents and carers are the first educators and your children learn so much from you. On behalf of all of the staff, I would also like to thank you for your cards, gifts and well wishes, it is very generous of you all.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our SOCK parents who have helped with some of our fundraising events this year. We are looking forward to welcoming some new faces on to the team in September to gather some more ideas for fundraising events.

Our Academy Council Members have been extremely supportive this year. They all give their time on a voluntary basis and many of our Council Members have made multiple visits to school this year to ensure the high standards of education that you see at Christ the King. I would like to thank in particular Mrs Holt for her dedication in ensuring that our website is updated weekly and for visiting us on a regular basis to volunteer her help with readers and various other support across school.

In addition to our Council Members, we have many other volunteers in school who have been a huge support to us and to your children in school. A special thank you goes out to Mr Holt who has been volunteering in school on a daily basis and helping in Year 4. His commitment to the school has been truly outstanding and we are very lucky to have him at Christ the King.

We thank all of our volunteers for the hours that they have given us this year. I know that the children have been excited to see them each week and share what they have been learning about.

Finally I would like to thank all of the staff from teachers, support assistants and the office staff to Mr Davey our superintendent and the catering and cleaning team. All of our staff at Christ the King give over and above in their dedication and commitment to supporting our wonderful children to achieve their full potential. They give up so much of their own time to ensure that all of our children at Christ the King get the support and help that they need. I am very lucky to have such a dedicated team and I wish them all a well-earned and restful summer break.

We will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Wednesday 4th September** following our training days at the start of the year. Have a wonderful Summer break!

Your Sincerely

Miss Clark
(Headteacher)

Upcoming Dates

22.03.19 – 2:00pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.19 - 9:00am Year 6 Leavers Mass
23.07.19 – School closes for the Summer break to pupils
24.07.19 – Training Day
02.09.19 – Training Day
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04.09.19 – All pupils return to school for Autumn Term 1