

Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 2nd December 2019
Virtues focus for next week: I can use strategies to calm myself down.

Attendance

The highest attendance this week was in Year 4. They achieved 98.8%. Well done Year 4.

Well done also to Blue Team, who are in the lead with house points

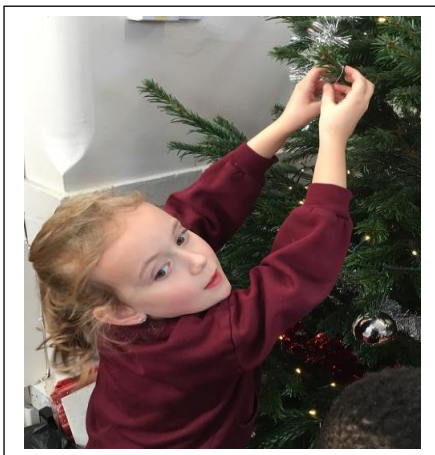
Second Week of Advent

This weekend we will be entering the second week of Advent. On Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate

Conception. I know that Fr Neil will look forward to seeing as many families as possible at church on Saturday evening at 6:00pm and Sunday morning at 11:00am.

In school we will be reflecting on this special feast day during our Collective Worship on Monday. Parents and Carers are always welcome to join our whole school Collective Worship, which takes place between 9:15am and 9:30am every Monday.

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R	93.3
Year 1	79.2
Year 2	83.2
Year 3	97.0
Year 4	98.8
Year 5	96.5
Year 6	94.3



Class Masses

On Tuesday morning at 9:30am, Year 1 will be joining Fr. Neil in church for their class Mass. As always parents, carers and relatives are welcome to join the children and the parishioners. It would be lovely to celebrate Mass with you, and the children always love to see their mums, dads, carers and relatives at church when they go.

Christmas Nativity Performances

A reminder that the children in Year R and KS1 will be performing their Christmas Nativities next week. All the children have been practising very hard and are looking forward to showing off their talents to parents, carers and relatives. Please do pop into the office to get your tickets for the shows. Reception Nativity will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 9:15am and 2:00pm and the KS1 Nativity performance will take place on Thursday 12th December at 9:15am and 1:30pm.

Sacramental Preparation

A reminder to all parents and carers that there will be a meeting about Sacramental Preparation on Tuesday 10th December at 3:30pm. This meeting is for parents and carers of children in Years 3, 4, 5 or Year 6 who wish to enrol them on to the First Reconciliation or First Holy Communion preparation programme.

Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies in school have asked me to send out a reminder about items for our Mary's Backpack appeal in school during this festive season. Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. You can support them to get the most out of their lessons by donating items for a backpack. For many children, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the first gift they have ever received. Please help us to support this excellent cause. If you would like to find out more information about the project please follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHwKlcemyL8>.

Suggestions of donations that would be most helpful are listed below.



Year 6 learn lifesaving skills

This week we were very fortunate to have members from the British Heart Foundation in school. The children in Year 6 had the opportunity to refresh the lifesaving skills that they learnt last year. We are working with the British Heart Foundation and our Academy Council Member Mrs Pemberton, with her links to the charity, to make this an annual event. As I am sure you will agree these lifesaving skills are invaluable for our pupils to learn. The trainers from the British Heart Foundation said that the pupils' knowledge of CPR was excellent and they showed great maturity and enthusiasm when participating in the training. I would like to thank Mrs Pemberton and our trainers for visiting us at Christ the King and helping us to practise and learn these skills.



Sporting Events

This week some of our children represented Christ the King in an athletics event with other schools in the local area. They took part in a range of sporting events from curling to tennis and football skills.

Please note that some of our clubs have finished this week and others will be finishing next week, prior to the Christmas break. Please see the list of dates below when the final sessions will be for these clubs this term and when they will recommence in January.

Sporting Club	Last Session for Autumn Term	Recommences
Boys' Football Club	Monday 16 th January 2019	Monday 13 th January 2020
Netball Club	Monday 2 nd December 2019	Monday 13 th January 2020
Leeds United Athletics Club	Thursday 5 th December 2019	Information about the next Leeds United Club will follow shortly
Girls' Football Club	Thursday 5 th December 2019	Thursday 16 th January 2020
Leeds Rhinos Club	Tuesday 10 th December 2019	Information about the next Leeds Rhinos Club will follow shortly
Wildcats Girls' Football	Wednesday 11 th December 2019	Wednesday 15 th January

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be taking place in the last week of term on Thursday 19th December. I know that Father Christmas has already made an advance drop off of a small gift for each of the children at Christ the King at the end of the term, which we are looking forward to distributing to them.

For the Christmas party day, children can wear their own party clothes to school. We would like to ask for donations from each child to be brought into school from Monday 16th December. Children will shortly be receiving a note with a request for items of food or juice to share with their classmates. I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their support with this.

Miss Clark (Headteacher)

Dates for the Diary

10.12.19 – 9:30am – Year 1 Class Mass at Church
10.12.19 – 3:30pm – 3:30pm Reconciliation and Holy Communion Meeting at Christ the King School
11.12.19 – 9:30am – Year R Nativity Performance
11.12.19 – 2:00pm – Year R Nativity Performance
12.12.19 – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas Performance
12.12.19 – 1:30pm – KS1 Christmas Performance
16.12.19 – Christmas Dinner Day
19.12.19 – Christmas Parties
20.12.19 – Christmas Jumper Day