

**Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
**Virtues focus for next week: Simplicity – I understand that simple things can make me happy.**

**Attendance and House Team Winners**

Congratulations to Year 2, who won the Attendance Trophy this week with 98.2%.

This week, for the first time ever since we introduced our House Team Trophy, we had joint winners! Well done Red and Green teams.

**Virtues to Live by**

Next week we will be moving on to exploring a new Virtue - the virtue of Simplicity. In school, the children will be thinking about this virtue and what it means to them during Collective Worship, R.E. and PSHE.

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R	91.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	91.2%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	98%

**Why Practise Simplicity?**

*Practising simplicity creates space to help us see what is truly important in life and opens up our capacity for wonder, to see the beauty of the simple things in life and to think of others. Reflecting on how to live more simply can, little by little, help us realise that we don't need that many things to live a happy life. Living simply helps us to let go of our control over things and other people and put more trust in God.*

**How do we Practise Simplicity?**

*A good way to practise simplicity is to learn to have gratitude for the good things that happen each day. This will help us learn what is really important in life. We can practise simplicity by thinking of others first rather than ourselves, by trying to be fair in our decisions and actions and by giving away things that we really do not need.*

**Class Mass**

Next week Year 5 will be going to church on Tuesday for their class Mass. Parents and carers are more than welcome to come and celebrate Mass with the children at 9:30 am in Christ the King church.

**Other Faiths Week**

Next week in school the children will be learning about the faith of Judaism as part of the R.E. curriculum. We are looking forward to looking at the similarities and differences between the Catholic faith and Judaism and we are hoping to have some visitors in school as well.

**Movie Night**

Thank you to all those pupils in KS2 who supported our Movie Night on Wednesday this week. The money raised will go towards supporting the funding of school educational visits for pupils.



### **Lunchbox Policy**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us in the launch of our new Lunch box Policy. I have been impressed by the swaps that our pupils have been making to ensure that they are eating a healthy and balanced diet.

### **Maths Hub**

We are delighted to be working with the White Rose Maths Hub, which is part of the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics. On Wednesday this week we supported the Maths Hub by hosting a training session led by one of the lead Maths Hub teachers. We had teachers from schools across Leeds at Christ the King. Mrs Waide, as our Maths Lead, and Miss Murphy are leading us in developing our Maths mastery approach across school. This is an exciting project, which we will be part of both this year and in years to follow as we continue to develop our maths curriculum in school.

### **Sporting News**

A group of our Year 5 pupils took part in a Dodgeball event yesterday at Leeds West Academy. The children were all fantastic and Miss Riggs was impressed with their competitive attitudes and super behaviour.

### **Science Review**

As you know, at Christ the King we are always striving to provide the best education for our pupils. One way in which we do this is to invite external visitors into school, to evaluate our provision and to work alongside us to continue to strengthen our teaching and learning in school.



Last week we were visited in school by Mr McDermott (School Improvement Partner and previous OFSTED inspector), Mrs McStay (Headteacher at St. Urban's Catholic Primary School), Mrs Philips (Headteacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School) and Mrs Joyce (Deputy Head Teacher at St. Augustine's). Throughout the afternoon our visitors dropped into Science lessons, spoke to pupils, looked at books and spoke to Mrs Smith, our Science leader and senior leaders in school about our Science provision. There were many positive comments about the provision and teaching of Science, the excellent behaviour of pupils in lessons, the presentation of books and the fact that leaders were clear about the areas of strength and areas that the school wants to develop further. I know that we are all looking forward to taking our next steps to further enhance our Science curriculum at Christ the King following this positive evaluation.

### **Year 2 SATs Meeting**

Mrs Jones will be sending out a letter shortly to all our Year 2 parents and carers to invite you to a meeting to give you further information about the Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments (SATs). Mrs Jones will be giving out some vital information that you can use to support your child in the lead up to these Statutory Assessments. We are looking forward to seeing all parents and carers at the meeting.

#### **Dates for your diary**

27.01.20 – Other Faiths week – focus on Judaism

28.01.20 – 9:30am - Year 5 Class Mass at church

04.02.20 – 9:30am - Year 4 Class Mass at church

06.02.20 – 2:30pm - Celebration Assembly moved to Thursday afternoon this week

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