

**Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**  
**Virtues focus for next week: Simplicity – I share my things with those who need my help.**

**Attendance and House Team Winners**

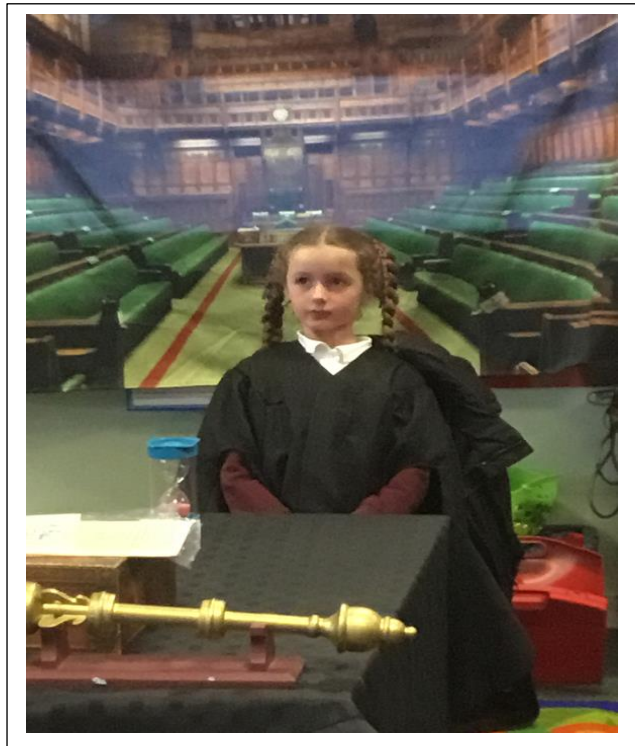
Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 4 who have jointly won the Attendance Trophy this week with 100% attendance. This is the third week in a row that Year 2 have had 100% attendance – amazing! A special treat will be coming your way Year 2. The attendance in all year groups has significantly improved this week, so a big well done to everyone.

This week Red Team has taken the house points trophy with the biggest lead. Well done Red Team!

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R	98.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99.1%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	97.9%

**Visit from Mr Battle**

On Monday, Mr Battle, the retired MP for the Leeds West constituency and member of our Christ the King Parish, very kindly volunteered his time to re-enact a session in Parliament. We have been fortunate in borrowing the Government's Parliament Loan Box, and Mr Battle came in to help us to learn a little bit about the items in it. I have to say I didn't realise that we had so many prospective Members of Parliament in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5! The children were fantastic in contributing to a debate about climate change and took the rules and traditions of a Parliamentary session very seriously. A big thank you to Mr Battle for bringing the items in the box to life and giving the children such a fantastic hands on experience.



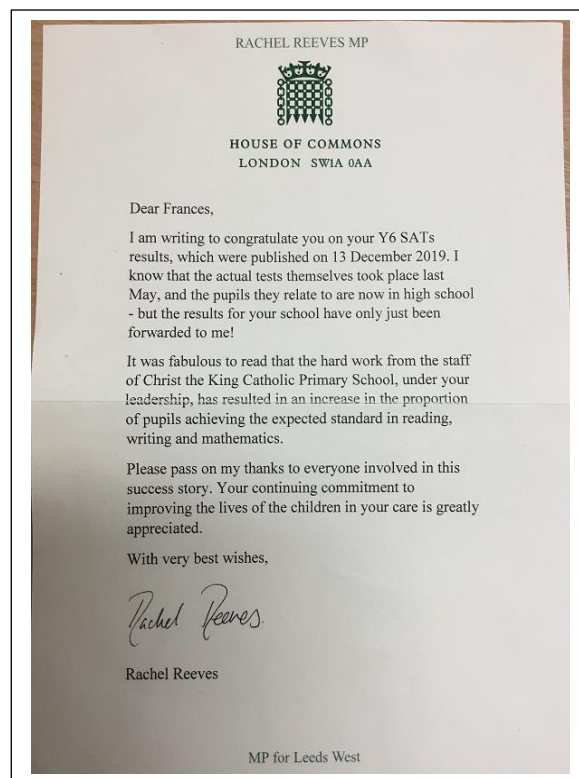
### **Letter from the House of Commons**

This week we were delighted to receive a letter from Rachel Reeves, our local MP, congratulating us on our Year 6 results at the end of the last academic year. This is credit to all of our pupils in Year 6 last year and the staff in school, who work incredibly hard together as a team to support each and every child in school, enabling them to achieve their full potential.

I am sure that, as parents and carers, you will all agree that we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team who always go above and beyond for our children at Christ the King. A big thank you to all of them for everything that they do.

### **Year 6 learn Shakespeare's Macbeth with Northern Ballet**

This week the children in Year 6 had a visit from the Northern Ballet who came in to work with the children to bring the Shakespeare story of Macbeth to life through dance. The children said that it really helped them to understand the plot of the story, as they had to create dance moves to re-tell parts of it. I know that the children are now looking forward to using their experience to inspire some writing about the play in their English lessons. Thank you to the Northern Ballet Company for providing this experience for our pupils.



### **Relationships Education**

A reminder that we will be holding a consultation meeting for all parents and carers on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00pm, following the new guidance from the Department for Education about the compulsory Relationships Education for primary pupils. We have made some changes to the curriculum and have been reviewing our policies in school to ensure that they reflect the new guidelines. The meeting next Tuesday is an opportunity for you to see the updated policies and to look at some of the materials that are being used to teach Relationships Education at Christ the King. This is an important meeting and we would like to see all parents and carers attending.

### **Safer Internet Day**

Next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day. The children across school will be learning a little more about keeping themselves safe online, and we have our visitors from D:Side coming into school to talk to them about this and to lead some fun learning activities to give the children lots of top tips for keeping themselves safe. We also have our local PCSOs visiting on Friday morning for an assembly for both Key stages to talk about how the children can keep themselves safe online.

Please do talk to your children at home about what they have learnt.



### **National Storytelling Week**

Thank you to all of our parents, carers and grandparents who came into school on Friday afternoon to share a story with our children in school for National Storytelling week. It was lovely to see the children so excited about reading, showing their grown-ups around their classroom and reading with them.

### **KS1 SATS Meeting**

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 2 SATs meeting after school on Tuesday with Mrs Jones. We do hope that you found it helpful and that the top tips about how to support your children were useful.

If you were unable to attend, please do see Mrs Jones so that she can give you any information that you have missed.

### **Celebration Assembly**

A reminder that celebration assembly will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30pm next week.

### **School Car Park**

You may have noticed that we have some parents who use our school car park at the start and end of the day. I would like to inform all parents and carers that we do have some parents who are entitled to park in the car park as a result of being Blue Badge holders. The parents who enter the car park have been asked to drive carefully into the car park due to the number of pedestrians in this area at peak times.

We would also like to ask parents and carers who are walking up to school to ensure that they use the yellow marked area at the side of the car park. This part of the car park has been marked out for pedestrians to ensure that they are protected and safe when walking to and from the main school building.

### **Start of the School Day**

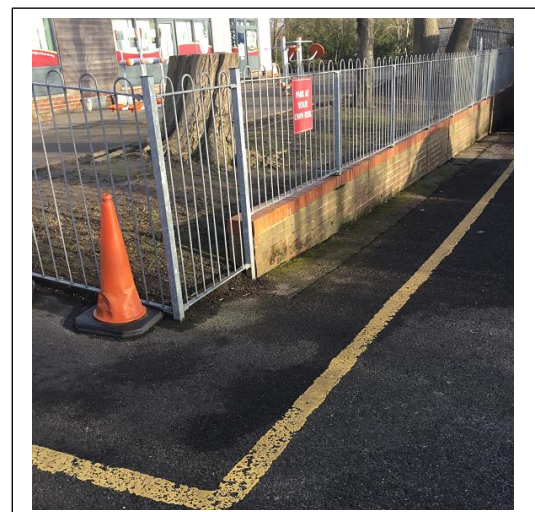
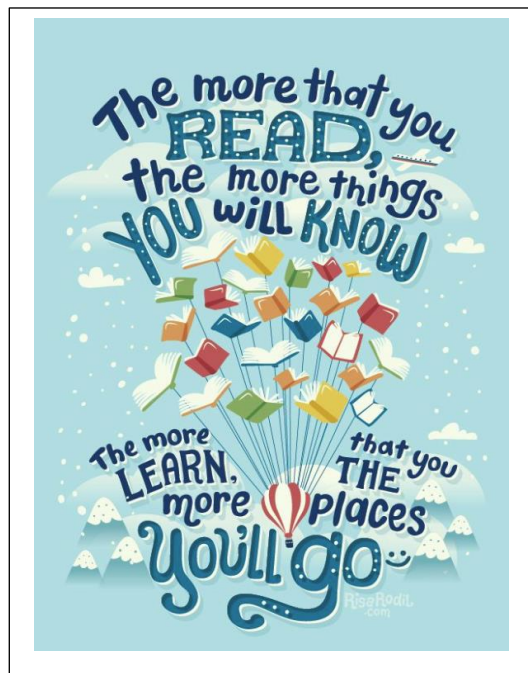
A reminder that we ask parents and carers to bring their children into the school grounds and wait with them before school, as staff in school are not responsible for any incidents or accidents that occur before the start of the school day due to children being unsupervised. Please note that this also includes pupils being dropped off for the Breakfast Clubs in school at the start of the day. We request that parents/cares who drop children off for Breakfast Club bring their children into school.

If there is an accident before or after school in the playground that requires first aid, we will of course assist you with this. Please call into the school office.

### **Attendance**

As you know we are always looking at attendance in school and aim for the best attendance possible at Christ the King. We would like to ask you, as parents and carers, to support us with this by ensuring that specific reasons are given for absence e.g. rather than saying your child is poorly, explain that they have a high temperature, have been vomiting and so on. This helps us to ensure that the correct codes are being entered into the registers.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to remind all parents that the doors to the cloakroom open at 8:50am and close at 9:00am. Please do ensure that your children arrive in school on time every day so that they are able to come into class and start the learning activities for the day with their peers. I am sure that you are aware that children thrive when consistent routines are put in place. Arriving in school on time is something that supports these good routines and good habits. I would like to thank all parents and carers in anticipation for supporting us in school with this.



### **Sporting News**

This week we had a special visitor in our after school Rugby Club. Ronnie the Rhino made a surprise guest appearance to see our budding rugby players. I know that Ronnie was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm. Miss Riggs has said that due to the level of enthusiasm and commitment that the rugby club will continue next half term up until the Easter holidays.



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