

**Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 14th September 2020**  
**Virtue to Live by: I use good manners and speak politely to everyone.**

**Attendance**

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have kept us well informed if their child has been unwell. At this time of year there are some colds and sore throats circulating as well as the Coronavirus. The main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

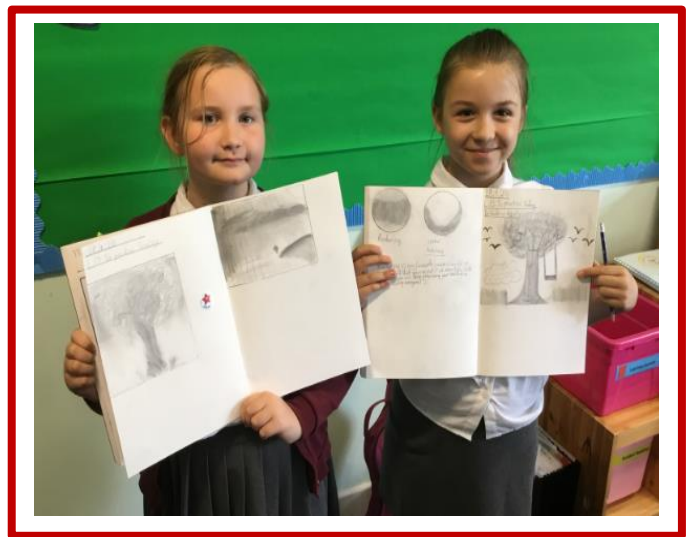
- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough; this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss of taste and smell

Please contact your GP or the 111 helpline if you are unsure and need to seek further medical advice.

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R/ 1	87.8%
Year 1/2	92.4%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	95.0%

**Curriculum**

It has been fantastic to see all our children in school back in school again and enjoying their learning. At Christ the King we are continuing to provide a broad and diverse curriculum alongside our focus on ensuring that any gaps in core subject areas are identified and addressed.



**Year 5 have been busy this week practising their sketching skills in art.**

**Our Christ the King video**

This week we successfully completed the filming for our Christ the King video. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported us with this by giving permission for the pupils to star in this video. We are looking forward to sharing it with you all soon.

**Parent Information sessions**

Thank you to parents and carers who attended our online virtual information sessions last week. As a result of the current Coronavirus pandemic, we will be moving more of our information sessions and support sessions online. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be putting together some videos that you can watch online about phonics and how we teach maths calculations in school. We will alert you when these are ready to share with you all.

## Parent Surveys

Thank you to all parents who completed our online survey about remote learning. We were overwhelmed by all of your positive comments which have meant so much to the staff who worked very hard over the course of the lockdown to support all of our parents and our children with their learning. We know that this has not always been easy for parents as well and we have also listened carefully to some of your suggestions. As a result of your suggestions, these are just some of the things that we will be putting in place.

What you have said	What we are doing
That you would like a mix of online and paper based resources should there be another situation where remote learning needs to take place	Teaching staff are setting up ongoing paper based work files. In these files they are placing work which will support the children by reinforcing skills and concepts that they have been learning this half term in school. We are also looking at additional workbooks for English and Maths for pupils across school which they can take home in the event of a lockdown situation. We have recently signed up to Google Classrooms and staff will be receiving training on how to use this platform so that they are able to share lessons online and support pupils with the learning of new concepts and skills should there be a further lockdown period.
Provide support and help to parents with home learning tasks set to ensure that they understand how concepts, skills and methods are taught in school so pupils are not taught in different ways	We have been supporting all parents to make sure they are signed up to the Class Dojo system. Parents can contact teachers via the messaging service on this to ask them any questions that they have about pupils' learning at home and teachers have been asked to respond to these messages within school hours. We will be creating some videos to show how elements of the curriculum are taught, such as mathematical methods, phonics and reading, so that parents can refer to these and re-watch them in their own time.
Provide more websites or links for home learning activities if the children finish the work set	We have up a page on our website with links to lots of different sites for learning that parents and pupils can access and reach out for support and help with educational resources. Pupils can also then access these additional learning resources if you would like additional work for your child to complete alongside the work that is set from teachers, should a period of isolation or lockdown period occur. We will be continually updating this adding further sites. <a href="https://www.christthekingleds.co.uk/curriculum-1/homework/lockdown-learning-resources">https://www.christthekingleds.co.uk/curriculum-1/homework/lockdown-learning-resources</a>
Provide e learning with a laptop for children who don't have access to technology	The government has released some funding and guidance about additional resources for children in school who do not have access to technology to support them with remote learning or who do not have access to the internet at home. The school will be placing requests for children who meet the government criteria for additional support with access to technology.

### **Access to technology**

The government has issued some further funding to support pupils who do not have access to technology to support them with remote learning. From the parent survey we will be identifying pupils who may be eligible to meet this criteria.

If your child does not have access to any digital devices at home, the only access they have to a digital device is through a smart phone or you have multiple children sharing one device, please get in contact to inform us of this via the office email address on: [office@ctkcps.org.uk](mailto:office@ctkcps.org.uk) as you **may** be eligible for support from government funding.

### **Reading**

#### **We need your help!**

As we start the new term, please continue to listen to your child reading every day at home.

Reading is the gateway to learning across the whole curriculum. Just 10 minutes of reading with an adult or older sibling at home makes such a difference to our children at Christ the King. This applies to children from Reception to Year 6.

Our children also love to have stories read aloud to them.

If you don't feel confident sharing a story yourself, there are plenty of places online such as the CBeebies website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories>) with famous celebrities sharing their favourite stories.



### **After School Sports Clubs**

After School Sports Clubs have now begun across school. The clubs are being offered to pupils in their class bubbles to ensure that we are complying with the government guidelines on health and safety. Access to the different clubs will rotate on a half termly to termly basis to enable pupils in different class bubbles to access the different clubs over a period of time. We request that all parents and carers to form a socially distanced queue using the markers on the floor outside of the school gate near the main entrance when collecting children from the clubs. We will do our best to ensure that the children are ready to be collected promptly at the end of the sessions outside of their classroom doors for their bubbles.

### **Wrap Around After-School club**

On Monday, we will be adding to our wrap around care with our After-School Club, which will run from 3:15pm to 6:00pm. All parents who have been allocated places for their child/children will have received a letter and policy contract to sign. Please note that if you have not returned a signed copy of the policy contract, your child will not be able to start at the wrap around After-School club until you have done so. For all queries please get in contact with Linda Tiernan, who is our After-School Club Manager, on [l.tiernan@ctkcps.org.uk](mailto:l.tiernan@ctkcps.org.uk) or contact the school office on [office@ctkcps.org.uk](mailto:office@ctkcps.org.uk) or via the school phone number on 0113 2579230.

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