

Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 21st September 2020

Virtue to Live by: I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings

Curriculum

As always, it has been another very busy week at Christ the King. I have been sent some fantastic photos of the children in action in their classes, enjoying activities across lots of different areas of the curriculum as well as a strong focus on Maths and English. To name just a few learning activities going on this week; Year 5 have been busy practising their culinary skills, making pasta salad, Year R and Year 1 have been using their Geography and mapping skills, taking a walk around the local area, Year 4 have been practising their sporting skills in P.E. alongside our Sports Coach, Mr Anderson, and Year 6 have been reading for enjoyment.

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R/ 1	99.2%
Year 1/2	100%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	98.9%



Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion

Arrangements are now being made for those children who last year were in Year 4 (now Year 5) to receive their First Holy Communion. As you would expect, due to the current pandemic, it will be necessary for changes to be made to the way in which the preparation programme is delivered, though children will still be required to come to Mass regularly with their family. Details of how to attend Mass can be found on both the school and parish websites.

Letters will be sent home from school this coming week to the parents of all those children who enrolled for First Holy Communion, to find out if you wish your child to continue with their sacramental preparation. Once the replies have been received, we will send out detailed information about how the programme will work. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in a properly safe and distanced way when the children have completed their preparation.

Google Classrooms App

We have now signed up to the Google Classrooms app and staff will be receiving training on this over the next two weeks. This is an app that allows teachers to set homework tasks and learning tasks in the event of a local or national lockdown. The children will then have their own logins so that they can access this learning, complete tasks set and share them with their class teacher.

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 meet the criteria for this funding.

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 with us via the office email address: office@ctkcps.org.uk, as you **may** be eligible for this support.

Flu Immunisation

This has been booked in for Monday 5th October for the whole school. Please ensure that you register your child for this vaccination, using the link that was sent out to parents this week. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Sugden, who will be happy to help you. You may be aware that pharmacists and GP surgeries are currently having to limit flu vaccinations, due to the increased demand. Therefore, we strongly encourage all parents and carers to take up this opportunity for a free flu vaccination for their child, particularly given the current COVID19 pandemic.

Year 6 Applications to High School.

The deadline for applications to High Schools for pupils in Year 6 is fast approaching. Applications must be completed online through the Leeds City Council website (<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>), and must be submitted by 31st October.

If you are applying for Catholic High Schools, please do complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for the Catholic High Schools, as this can impact on how your child is ranked according to the schools' admission criteria. Please also ensure that you fill all of the preferences on your child's application form.

I understand that it may be more difficult this year to make decisions, due to the COVID19 pandemic and restrictions in place surrounding visits. Many of the High Schools are putting virtual tours on to their websites, e.g. Mount St. Mary's Catholic High School (<http://mountstmarys.org/parents/openday/>). Some High Schools are also offering socially distanced opening evenings and tours for parents and pupils.

Wrap Around Care - After School Club

We still have some places in our After-School Club, which runs between 3:15pm and 6:00pm. For all queries, please get in contact with Linda Tiernan, who is our After-School Club Manager, on the school phone number 0113 2579230 or contact the school office on office@ctkcps.org.uk



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