

**Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Virtue to Live by: I can say thank you to God.**

**Attendance**

Well done to Year 3 who have won the attendance trophy this week with 98.3% attendance.

**Our Virtue to Live by**

Next week we will be moving on to looking at the new virtue of **“Thankfulness”**. The children will be thinking about this virtue during Collective Worship, R.E. and PSHE for the next few weeks until the end of term.

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R/ 1	96.4%
Year 1/2	95.2%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	95.6%

**Why Practise Thankfulness?**

*When you open your heart by giving thanks to God our creator, you create more space for more good things to come. When you look for all the blessings in your life you begin to feel more grateful and thankful for all the wonderful gifts we are given daily. We begin to see more beauty in the world.*

*Thankfulness often leads to optimism. Often when you expect the best, you often find it.*

**How do we Practise Thankfulness?**

*A good way to practice thankfulness is by taking time to notice the beauty around you and within yourself. Appreciate the little things in life – water to drink, a flower in the garden or along the roadside, the sunrise and sunset, the trees moving in the breeze etc. Count your blessings every day, especially when you are facing difficulties. We can learn something new in every situation and we should be grateful for all opportunities to learn and grow. Live in the present moment and live it to the full - try not to think too much about the past and future. Try not to compare your life with others – be grateful for all you have.*

**Flu Immunisation**

A reminder that the school nursing team will be in school on Monday next week to administer the flu vaccination to all pupils whose parents have signed consent forms for this.

I believe that there were some difficulties when accessing the link online. Mrs Sugden has been in touch with the NHS nursing team about this as it appears to have been a fault on their system. If you were unable to log on to the system to register your child for the vaccination, please contact us on the school office email address ([office@ctkcps.org.uk](mailto:office@ctkcps.org.uk))

**Our School Video**

We are delighted to announce that our school video is in the final stages of production and will be shared with parents shortly on our school website and social media platforms. We will be sending out the link to the video as soon as it is ready. Please do share this video with friends and family to show others how fantastic our school is.

### **COVID 19 Visit**

Last week Carol McDermott, a School Improvement Advisor, came into school to carry out an assessment of how we are performing. We are delighted to share the feedback that she sent to us:

“I know that all schools have had some significant challenges in terms of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders and Governors have, nevertheless, maintained a relentless focus on school improvement, whilst at the same time, they have also ensured the safety of all - pupils, staff, parents and families - in the context of the COVID -19 Pandemic. Your determination to secure the very best education and care for pupils has been, and remains, unwavering.

On the day of the Recovery Support Visit, the school was extremely clean, bright, and well organised. The School's values and ethos were clear for all to see. All classes, from YR/1 to Yr 6 were busy, happy places, where pupils were fully engaged in their learning and all staff were working confidently and purposefully.

The school is a credit to you all, and to the excellent work you have undertaken together.”

### **A Special Visitor**

Today we celebrated Club Colours Day with Leeds United, following their successful promotion to the Premier League. You may have noticed some very colourful electric boxes around Leeds recently, skilfully decorated by Leeds' own Burley Banksy. The children have been designing their own electric boxes, to be judged by none other than the famous Burley Banksy himself, when he visited us at Christ the King today. Well done to all of the children for their artistic designs and particularly to our winner/s.



### **Year 6 Applications to High School.**

The deadline for applications to High schools for pupils in Year 6 is fast approaching and will be closing on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. 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>)

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.

### **Harvest Festival Donations**

A big thank you to all our families who have supported our Harvest Festival collection for the St Vincent De Paul Centre in Leeds. It is wonderful to see so many packets and tins of food in the entrance hall, ready to be taken to the Centre at the end of the half term. There is still time to bring in any donations, if you haven't already, right up until the end of this half term.

I know that the St Vincent De Paul Centre will be so grateful for all of the donations, particularly this year, and it is comforting to know that our families at Christ the King have helped and supported others in our Leeds community during these difficult times.

### **Curriculum**

It has been yet another very busy week at Christ the King. This week it was the turn of Year 4 to test their culinary skills with our "classroom kitchen" recipe and they have also been keeping fit and active with the coaches from "Beyond Physical". Our Year 1 children have demonstrated some wonderful maths thinking using, Numberblocks and Blockzilla to compare numbers, and our Year 1/2 class have been thinking about our R.E. virtue of Respect during their Circle Time this week.

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