

Newsletter for week beginning 2nd November 2020
Virtue to Live by for next week: I don't give up on myself.

Welcome back for Autumn Term 2

It has been great to welcome everyone back to school this week following the half term break. We are so pleased to be able to continue to remain open for all of our pupils despite the National Lockdown.

As you will all be aware, following the implementation of the National lockdown yesterday, further restrictions have come into force across the country. Please do make sure that you are following the government guidelines to protect all of our families and staff in school. I would like to thank you for all your support last half term, which resulted in us being able to remain open with no class bubble closures. I would also like to thank you in anticipation of you supporting this national effort to reduce the rate of infection across our city, by following the government guidelines moving forwards in the run up to the Christmas holidays.

Attendance this week	
Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R/ 1	91.7%
Year 1/2	97.7%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	89%

If you or your children have any symptoms, please ensure that you remain at home and do not come into school. You will then need to contact the NHS 119 line to book a test. Please do keep us up to date and informed if your child is absent from school due to COVID symptoms within your family, via the school office. We can then ensure that we keep in touch with you and support your child/ren with any remote learning or food supplies in place of free school meals.

What have the children been learning about this week?

We have started the half term in style this week with lots of exciting learning going on across school. Year 6 have been busily preparing their own hot meals, the children across school have been learning about Hinduism for our Other Faiths Week, Reception have been outdoors looking at the changes in the seasons and Year 5 have been busy linking their topic work with maths and D.T. by creating pyramid structures.



Virtues to Live by

As we start our new term we will be visiting our virtues to live by, which are hope and patience. Two very fitting virtues for this half term I feel, given the current National picture. For the next three weeks we will be focusing on the virtue of hope. In school, the children will be thinking about these virtues during collective worship, R.E. and PSHE.

Why Practice Hope?

When you are hopeful, you know that God will change all things for good. We know that God will give us the strength to make changes in our world. We know that through our relationship with God we will be given new ways to live and the energy to grow and spread God's Kingdom here on earth.

How do we Practice Hope?

You practise hopefulness when you dream about how things could be better in our world. When you show belief in mankind even when we are disappointed by the actions of others and ourselves. We keep God's vision of the Kingdom of God at the heart of our own visions for the future. We speak positively to others.

Parent Consultation Meetings

We will be sending out invitations shortly to sign up to parents evening consultation sessions with your child's class teacher. The parent consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 17th November and Wednesday 18th November between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. Due to the current restrictions, these consultation sessions will be taking place virtually. We will be sending out a text message to all parents next week with links to book your appointments.

Harvest Festival donations

A big thank you to all of our families for the donations for the Harvest Festival. I dropped the donations down to the St Vincent De Paul Centre on the Friday after our training day and the staff were overwhelmed and grateful for your donations, particularly at this time. They will go a long way to helping to support many local residents during these difficult times.

Admissions to Primary School September 2021

A reminder to all parents that applications for primary places for September 2021 open on the 1st November.

The link to completing the application form online with Leeds City Council is:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>

The admissions policy for Christ the King Catholic Primary School A Voluntary Academy can be found on our website on: <https://www.christthekingleeds.co.uk/our-catholic-school/admissions-1>

If you have any friends or family members who are looking for school places for their child in September, please do encourage them to look at our school website and watch our video to find out a bit more about us. We are also always happy to talk to any prospective parents and answer any questions. Parents can get in contact with us via the school phone number (0113 2579230) or via email (office@ctkcps.org.uk)

School Nursing Team

Next week on Friday the School nursing team will be coming into school to carry out the annual screening checks for pupils in Year R and Year 6



Move to a fortnightly newsletter

This half term I will be moving to newsletter every fortnight to keep you up to date with information at school. We will continue to send you updates as well this half term via text and information will be posted on the school website (<https://www.christthekingleeds.co.uk/>), Twitter feed and school Facebook page. If you have any questions or queries, please ensure that you check the website for information, as we work hard to keep this up to date with Mrs Holt, our Chair of the Academy Council. If you cannot find the information that you are looking for, please do contact the school office (office@ctkcps.org.uk or Tel: 0113 2579320) to receive accurate and up to date information.

After school sports clubs

The government released new guidance last night for educational settings. Unfortunately, as a result of the new guidance, we have had to stop the after-school P.E. clubs that we are currently providing in class bubbles. You can read the guidance below:

“All other out of school activities, not being primarily used by parents for the purposes of providing registered childcare, or where they are offering other childcare activities, where this is reasonably necessary to enable parents to either work or search for work or undertake training or education should close for face-to-face provision for the duration of the national restrictions.”

(DFE: Education and childcare settings: New National Restrictions from 5 November 2020)

All P.E. after school clubs will be suspended as of Monday 9th November. We will update you about re-starting these clubs when we are able to. Thank you for your understanding of this during these challenging times.

Miss Clark
(Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary

- 2.11.20 – Other Faiths week begins - Hinduism
- 13.11.20 – School Nurse Screening for Year R and Year 6
- 16.11.20 – Anti-Bullying week begins
- 17.11.20 – 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parents' Evening via video call
- 18.11.20 – 4:00pm- 5:30pm Parent's Evening via video call
- 22.11.20 – Feast day of Christ the King
- 29.11.20 – Start of Advent
- 08.12.20 - Feast day of the Immaculate Conception
- 11.12.20 – Filmed Nativity shared with EYFS and KS1 parents
- 17.12.20 – Christmas jumper day and Christmas party day
- 17.12.20 – Christmas dinner day