

## Newsletter for week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**Virtue to Live By: I look for ways to help others by following the example of Jesus.**

### A Fond Farewell to Mrs Mitchell

After 23 years of caring for all the pupils who have attended Christ the King, Mrs Mitchell is retiring from her position as Higher Level Teaching Assistant at our school today.

During her time at Christ the King she has supported the staff, pupils and parents in so many ways that it is impossible to know where to start in thanking her for each and every contribution that she has made.

Mrs Mitchell has been a dedicated and committed member of the team. She has always gone above and beyond, often giving up her own time to support the children to ensure that they never miss out on any opportunities. Her presence in school will be greatly missed.

I know that you will join the staff and I in wishing her well in her retirement. We hope that her new journey is filled with good, health, happiness and many joyful family moments (particularly with her two new grandchildren). Thank you Mrs Mitchell for all that you have done for us at Christ the King!



May is the  
Month  
of  
Mary

This month we are honouring Mary. This week the children have been praying the Rosary and enjoying spending time in our beautiful prayer garden.

The children have also been learning a sign language version of the Hail Mary prayer set to music. Do ask your child to show you, as they have done an amazing job of starting to learn this. The link to video we have been using is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglEF7mTf2E&t=56s>

### Our Virtue to Live by

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about the virtue of kindness.

#### Why Practise Kindness?

When we are kind to other people we recognise their God-given dignity as a child of God. When we are kind we reach out to other people and show that they are important to God and to us. Being kind brings people together, combats suffering, dispels loneliness and builds up community and God's kingdom. When we show kindness to animals and God's creation we show our faith and love for God who asks us to take care of creation. When we are kind we show our humility because we know we depend on God and His creation for everything.

#### How do we Practise Kindness?

We think of other people, are sensitive to their needs, and notice that they are in need of help or care. We greet them with courtesy, we smile, say kind words and make them feel valued. When someone is in need of help, we perform an act of kindness to bring comfort, support or happiness. We learn what ways of acting (habits) show kindness and build up community and try not to be cruel or insensitive. We take good care of animals and God's creation.

## Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Year R/1	95.59%
Year 1/2	94.35%
Year 3	94.02%
Year 4	95.54%
Year 5	92.79%
Year 6	93.42%

Well done to Year R/1 who have had the highest attendance this week at 95.59%.

Remember that our target attendance each week is 97% for each class. Please help us to achieve this by ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. It is so important that your child does not miss any learning time in school.

## Changes to the times of the school day

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, we will be changing the times for pupils being dropped off and collected from school. Pupils with surnames A – J can be dropped off at school in the morning between 8:40am – 8:50am and collected from school between 3:05pm and 3:10pm. Pupils with surnames K – Z can be dropped off at school in the morning between 8:50am and 9:00am and collected from school between 3:10pm and 3:15pm. We ask that all parents and carers continue to wear masks whilst on the school site when collecting pupils from school.

## P.E. Kits

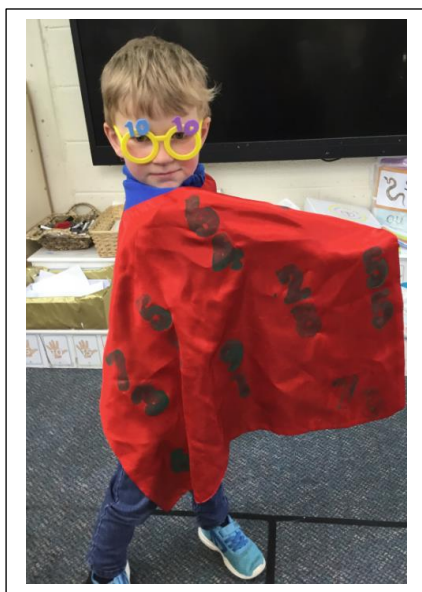
Miss Riggs has asked me to let parents and carers know that there are plenty of P.E. tee-shirts and shorts in stock at the moment for any parents wishing to purchase new kits on ParentPay. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that children need to be wearing the school P.E. kit of black shorts or plain dark tracksuit bottoms and a burgundy tee-shirt.

## Number Day

Today, the children have had a fantastic maths themed day in school. I know that the children at Christ the King all love their maths and have enjoyed their number themed lessons across school.

There have also been some wonderful number costumes around school and all in aid of a good cause – raising some money for the Year 4 class charity NSPCC.

I am sure Year 4 will be using their maths skills next week to count the money that they have raised for their charity and let everyone know.



Miss Clark  
(Headteacher)