

Newsletter for the week beginning 4th October



Our Virtue to Live by:

Thankfulness

I am grateful for all I have and
praise God for all he has given
me.



Dear Parents/Carers,

I was absolutely thrilled this week as we could finally share our Ofsted news; Christ the King Catholic Primary school is a GOOD school following our recent inspection. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, staff, parents and governors who work tirelessly to ensure the best outcomes for all. Please do take time to read the full report but here are a few highlights:

-Pupils are happy and caring and inclusive school. The atmosphere is calm and cheerful.

-Pupils behave well in lessons and are enthusiastic about their learning

-Parents say, 'Christ the King Catholic Primary School is not just a school, it's a family'

-The current leadership is strong and has a clear vision for the school



This result reflects the continued determination, passion and hard work, not only by the staff, but by the children too. I was so proud of them and the way they continued to demonstrate good learning behaviours throughout the inspection. Not only were they a credit to our school, but a credit to you as Parents/Carers. I am so proud of all that our school community has achieved; I look forward to starting our journey towards becoming outstanding. Well done everyone-what a remarkable achievement!

November Open Days

We still have places available for our open days in November, aimed at Parents/Carers considering places for Reception in September 2022. The opening date for Primary School applications is 1st November 2021, closing in January 2022. Applicants need to complete our supplementary form as well as the Leeds City Council application form. Please pass this information onto any parents or friends who you know might be interested.

Please contact our school office on 0113 2579230 or alternatively you can email office@ctkcps.org.uk to secure your place on one of the following dates:

- Thursday 4th November
- Thursday 11th November



COVID 19 Updates

As we have a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Year 5 class, we have taken advice from Public Health England and reformed a 'bubble' for this cohort. The children will continue to participate in all activities but they will not be able to mix with other year groups for a few days. Hopefully, the confirmed numbers will not increase any further and we can relax our control measures again quickly.

If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19, we would ask that you book them a PCR test immediately and keep them off school until you know the result. Likewise, if NHS England contact you for Track and Trace, you will be obliged to ensure your child takes a PCR test. We will keep you informed of any further developments via Class DOJO.

Read-cycling!

We have been very lucky at Christ the King, to be able to refresh and renew our reading scheme so that it matches the phonics lessons in school. As a result, some of the Oxford Reading Tree Texts (The famous Biff, Chip & Kipper!) are no longer phonetically suitable for our younger children. Mrs Jones is kindly sending the books to charity to support readers across the world. Books2Africa is a UK registered charity that is improving the quality of education in Africa through the provision of books, computers and educational resources that enable individuals and communities to acquire knowledge and achieve their full potential in a globalized world. The charity collects and ships donated educational resources from individuals and organisations in the UK, reducing waste and increasing 'read-cycling'. It is our pleasure to be able to support such an inspirational charity.



Year 1/2 (Kindness Class) Collective Worship

This week, Kindness Class delivered a stunning whole school Collective Worship about Black History Month. We were invited together to join in worship and listened about the ways we can promote equality in our world. This was their first whole school worship and what a respectful and reverent worship it was! Their beautiful singing of 'Three Little Birds' certainly lifted our spirits in school this week. Most importantly, thank you Year 1/2 for sharing such a powerful message about equality.



Black History Month takes place every October to promote the history and contribution that Black communities have made to the UK- helping to understand the present through the past. We use a collection of resources to explore black history, heritage, culture and achievements within our classes. Next week in school, classes will have the opportunity to study a significant person and consider the impact they had on history.

Our pupils will study the following significant people next week:

- Reception (Joy Class) Mary Seacole
- Y1/2 (Kindness Class) Marcus Rashford
- Y2/3 (Generosity Class) Katherine Johnson
- Y4 (Patience Class) Betty Campbell
- Y5 (Peace Class) Rosa Parks
- Y6 (Faithfulness Class) Bob Marley

Virtues to Live by

This week, the following pupils have demonstrated the virtue of thankfulness. Well done for displaying virtuous behaviour in school this week!

Virtues to Live by	
Year Group	
Reception (Joy)	Daisy
Year 1/2 (Kindness)	Andrew
Year 2/3 (Generosity)	Daniel
Year 4 (Patience)	Alan
Year 5 (Peace)	Marcel
Year 6 (Faithfulness)	Sandra



Star of the week

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved 'Star of the week' status this week!

Star of the week	
Year Group	
Reception (Joy)	Nadia & Edisen
Year 1/2 (Kindness)	Whole Class
Year 2/3 (Generosity)	Jasmine & Obinna
Year 4 (Patience)	Jocie & Wiktor
Year 5 (Peace)	Ruby & Jak
Year 6 (Faithfulness)	Olivia & Daniel



Uniform

Many thanks to all the Parents/Carers who have ensured that their children are wearing the correct uniform and PE Kit to school. It has been wonderful to see so many smart children arrive at school.

A polite reminder that pupils should be wearing **black school shoes** when they are in uniform; trainers should only be worn on PE days. Here are some of our pupils modelling what the perfect PE kit and uniform should look like.



Mini Vinnies

This week, we were delighted to welcome Gaynor from the St Vincent de Paul Charity into school. She talked to Key Stage 2 pupils about the important role the Mini Vinnies undertake. Gaynor explained that the mission of the Mini Vinnie's is inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves; it is to seek and find those in need, to help them in a spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where they can. What an inspiring mission to have! We will certainly be supporting all the Mini Vinnie work across school. We can't wait to welcome Gaynor back to our Mini Vinnie Commissioning Mass in the near future.



Praying the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary with yesterday being the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Throughout the month of October, we have been joining in worship that has been dedicated to Our Lady. This week in the Prayer Garden, pupils have joined Mrs Smith and myself to pray the Rosary together at lunchtime. If pupils have their own Rosary beads, please encourage them to bring them into school as this will support them with saying the Rosary.



Harvest Events

Tickets are still available for the end of half term Harvest Disco. Tickets are £5 each and include food, a drink as well as a Harvest activity bag. Please send the money into school with your child's name clearly labelled on the envelope, and we will pass this onto SOCK who are organising this event for the children.

A Harvest Supper accompanied with a Ceili Band has been organised by the Parish. This event will take place on Saturday 23rd October in the school hall. You can buy tickets for this event after Mass for just £5!



Dates for your diary

Monday 11th October

After School Netball Club with Miss Riggs
Guitar Lessons for Key Stage 2
Lunchtime Rosary Club (Reception, Years 1 & 2)

Tuesday 12th October

Year 2 Fantastic Phonics Club with Miss Murphy

Wednesday 13th October

Year 6 Booster Class with Mrs Waide
Year 5 After School Club with the Leeds United Foundation

Thursday 14th October

Year 5 Swimming
Year 6 After School Booster Class with Mrs Clancy-Taylor

Friday 15th October

Year 4 Swimming
Lunchtime Rosary Club (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Waide
(Interim Head of School)