



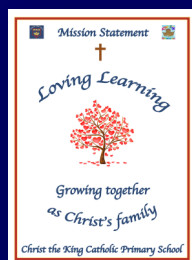
8th March 2024 No 623

Christ the King Catholic Primary

“Loving, learning, growing together as Christ’s family”



Reception had an incredible time watching their duck eggs hatch.



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Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Term dates 2024

18th March, 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Parent Consultations

20th March, 4pm to 7pm - Parent Consultations

22nd March - Where's Wally Sponsored Walk

25th March - Class Photos

28th March - End of term, school closes 1.30pm

29th March to 14th April - Easter break

15th April - Inset Day

16th April - Start of Term

23rd - 24th April - Ark, Ufton Court Visit

Trial of 30-hour Nursery Places

A letter has been sent home today regarding a trial of 30 hour nursery places.

You can check your eligibility at

<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Today we celebrated World Book Day

Children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite character from their chosen book.



Each class decorated their classroom door for World Book Day.





Special United

Help us tackle bullying!

Have you experienced bullying or seen others being bullied?

Special United is Reading's youth forum for young people with additional needs. We are making a video to encourage schools and colleges to end bullying of young people with additional needs and disabilities.

Young people can choose if they appear on camera, if they speak on camera, show their artwork or help plan what should be on the video. The recording will take place on:

2nd and 3rd April 10 - 3

(Each young person only needs to attend one morning or afternoon session)

**AVENUE SCHOOL, CONWY CLOSE, TILEHURST,
Reading, RG30 4BZ**

Open to all Reading young people with additional needs and disabilities aged 8 - 25 years.



**Find out more or book by emailing
lisaharry14@aol.com
by 15th March**



Sport England Survey

**Children in Mrs Bloom's, Mrs Gooch's and Miss Sutton's classes
will be taking part in Sport England Survey.**

**Please let the office or Mrs Tetchner know if you do not want your
child to take part.**

Our school will receive funds for each child that takes part.

**Parent's of children in Miss Sutton's class will also be invited to
take part in the parent survey. For each parent survey completed,
our school will receive an extra £10.**

**These funds will be used to purchase sports equipment for
Playtime and Lunchtimes.**

Mini Vinnies Big Lent Walk



What is it?

This year for our CAFOD Lenten appeal the Mini Vinnie's have decided to organise a sponsored Where's Wally Walk. The idea is that the children will come to school dressed as Where's Wally and complete laps of the field. We aim to complete 40 laps in total as a whole school. Each class will walk 3 laps of the playground bringing the total number of combined laps to 40. All we ask is that you sponsor your child/ children £1.

Where will donations go?

All proceeds raised will be donated to CAFOD. CAFOD stands for Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. The charity work with partners across the world, wherever the need is greatest, to bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice.

Why 40 laps?

This is to tie in with Lent being a period of 40 days. During this time we remember Jesus Christ's sacrifice and his time of preparation in the desert where he spent 40 days before he began his ministry (teaching others God's way)

When?

Friday 22nd of March

Costume

Please do not order anything specifically for this day. A Where's Wally costume can be made simply using your white school t shirt and sticking red masking tape across to make a stripe pattern or painting red stripes onto an old white t shirt. We look forward to you trying to spot your children in their Where's Wally.



School Transport Policy Consultation

BFFC is seeking families' views on proposed changes to its school transport policy. The consultation is open until Sunday 17 March 2024 and is related to the following proposals:

That free transport entitlement for pupils attending Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School is removed.

That travel assistance entitlement for eligible pupils is clarified and means an offer of a bus pass or school bus at a pickup point, with an expectation for active travel as part of a child's healthy development.

That the policy clarifies the exceptional circumstances required to access any exceptional additional support in addition to travel assistance.

That the policy clarifies that parents are liable for costs incurred by Brighter Futures for Children on behalf of Reading Borough Council if children did not access travel assistance provided .

That the policy clarifies that students are not entitled to travel assistance post-16 except in appropriately-evidenced, exceptional circumstances.

A copy of the proposed new policy and a summary of changes can be found on the BFFC website, along with a short series of consultation questions.

REMINDER Children should be wearing full school uniform, which should have your child's name on.

All children should bring a coat into school.

Please Note - Crocs are not suitable footwear for school.

REMINDER -PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears correct PE Kit. During the cold weather, children can wear tracksuit bottoms, their house colour t-shirt and optional appropriate hoody, which should also be their house colour.

Medication

If your child has been prescribed medication by the Hospital or GP and it needs to be taken during school hours, please ensure it is given to the school office and not any other member of staff.

Healthy Snacks

We have noticed an increasing number of KS2 children bringing in a variety of unhealthy snacks for break time eg. Chocolate, cookies, crisps. When the children start at CTK School in Nursery or Reception they eat healthy snacks that are fruit or vegetables. The Government scheme is to provide all Early Years and Key Stage One Children with a piece of fruit or veg until the end of year 2. We want to continue this healthy eating in KS2. Can we ask that you provide your child with a healthy snack for their mid morning break . Examples of healthy snacks are: fruit, vegetables, rice cakes and bread sticks.

Maths Ninjas!

To earn the title Maths Ninja you must develop your powers of concentration and practise your skills to master calculation and dominate numbers so that you face Maths with no trace of fear.

With skill and patience you may earn these ranks:

Shodan (red) 11 out of 15 in 1 minute.

Nidan (white) 22 out of 25 in 1 minute.

Sandan (yellow) 33 out of 35 in 1 minute.

Yondan (orange) 44 out of 45 in 1 m 30 sec.

Godan (Green) 55 out of 55 in 1 m 30 sec.

Rokudan (Blue) 66 out of 70 in 1 m 30 sec.

Shichidan (Brown) 77 out of 80 in 2 minutes.

Hachidan (Black) 88 out of 90 in 2 minutes.

Kudan (Purple) 99 out of 100 in 2 minutes.

This Weeks Ninja

Shodan: Shay, Juliuz & Rayaan

Nidan: Perez

Sandan: Emmanuel, Au'reia, Nathan, Vanessa and Steven

Godan: Eden

Rokudan: Caio & Blaike

Shichidan: Jan & Clara

Hachidan: Uzziel & David

Kudan: Antonia

Purple /Red: Eryk

Purple/Yellow: Isla

Purple/Green: Ana Maria & Lia

Reading Points

50 points: Harper

100 points: Dominika

150 points: Vanessa

Stars of the Week

Mrs Powell: Noel, Joel And Oskar

If your child is going to be late in due to an appointment and would like to have a school dinner, please ensure you phone in to order a meal before 9.30 as meals are cooked to orders placed.

Gospel

Gospel, John 3:14-21

No one who believes in him will be judged; but whoever does not believe is judged already, because that person does not believe in the Name of God's only Son. And the judgement is this: though the light has come into the world people have preferred darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, to prevent his actions from being shown up; but whoever does the truth comes out into the light, so that what he is doing may plainly appear as done in God.'



Join in the celebration
and discover how you
can change your world by
changing your journey

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part
in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling,
scooting and cycling to school competition?

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB:

3rd April - 5th April 2024
10am till 2pm

**A holiday club full of engaging and
fun activities to aid children's mental
health and wellbeing**



Wednesday 3rd Calcot Centre, RG31 4XD

Thursday 4th Radstock Lane Community Centre, RG6 5UL

Friday 5th Hexham Road Community Centre,
RG2 7UD

**£18
per day**



All staff are:

- DBS checked ✓
- First Aid and Safeguarding Trained ✓
- SEND Specialist ✓

For ages 5 - 11 years.

Please bring your own packed lunch.



To book your space
please email:
hello@becalmfoundation.co.uk


07584 518611
www.becalmfoundation.co.uk

BREAKFAST *With the* EASTER BUNNY

Saturday 30th March

***Book in Advance
In the Community Cafe***

Session 1 - 9:30 - 10:45

Session 2 - 11 - 12:30

***£5 Adult
£3 Children***



252 - 260 Northumberland Aveune RG27QA



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WITH THE
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**30th March
9:30 – 12:30**

**Book in advance
in cafe**



EASTER BINGO

**2nd April
10 – 12**

**SCAVENGER HUNT
4th April
10am–12pm**



**MAKE YOUR OWN
EASTER BUNNY
Tuesday 9th April
10am–12pm**



**PAINT YOUR OWN
EASTER ORNAMENTS
Thursday 11th April
10am–12pm**



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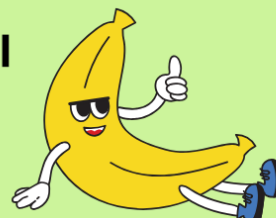




Fun with food



Tuesday 9th April
Community Hub
Main hall



252 - 260 Northumberland Avenue RG27QA
10 - 12

Apple bobbing

Smoothie making

Craft tables

Pudding making

Portion size challenge

Affordable meal

Recipe table

Fruit & veg

Tasting

And more...

Enjoy!



[SEND Short Breaks Easter Holiday Sessions - Reading Play](#)

Reading Play welcomes you to The Ranger Station as your [SEND](#) half term provider, we will be holding two sessions on the 9th and 11th April 2024.

Each short break day will consist of 2 sessions, unique activity themes for each session like seasonal arts and crafts where young people can take home their work and crafts. Young people will all have access to mini golf, climbing tree, low ropes, archery and more. Each session is 2.5 hours with 8 spaces per session.

Further information and how to book a place can be found here [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks Easter Holiday Sessions](#)

Reading Play Education Play and Support, Communications & Bookings Officer 01189373283E-
reading.play@reading.gov.uk

[SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program](#)

Short breaks are available for Reading children aged 5 years to 18 years old.

We cater for children 5 years to 25 years at all our activities. (discounted short breaks not available for 19-25yrs)

Chance to Dance Stars CIC will provide group activities for children & young people with disabilities to have new experiences with sport and dance, to have fun and to build upon social and physical needs.

Note Cost - £20 per day for anyone outside of Reading.

Reading Residents - Session are partial funded by Brighter Futures for Children. You receive a 50% discount only paying £10 per day. Don't forget to enter your discount code: EQN344. Proof of residence will be required in booking. If your child requires 1:1 you must contact Vicky before booking on sendanceclub@hotmail.com or 07736343570

[SEND Easter Holidays 2024 - Short Breaks - Holiday Clubs - Make Sense Theatre](#)

Make/Sense Theatre will be running our ever popular Easter holiday clubs once again this April!

Our different sessions cater for young people aged 4-25+ and are designed in a way to ensure that we are fully inclusive, giving all young people with SEN the opportunity to attend. We will be running our Primary Sensory, Secondary Sensory and MLD groups over the first week of the Easter holidays (Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April). [Reading Directory | SEND Easter Holidays 2024 - Short Breaks - Holiday Clubs](#)

[SEND Easter Holidays 2024 - Short Breaks – Reading FC –](#)

[Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks \(all ability activities & overnight breaks\)](#)

fis@reading.gov.uklocaloffer@reading.gov.uk



Mental Health coffee mornings in READING SCHOOLS 2024

Come and learn about mental health in a relaxed and informal setting. Understand how mental health might affect your child and learn practical tools to help you support your child through any mental health difficulties they may experience, whether short or long-term.

These informal coffee mornings are run by Amanda Mavunga, Reading MHST CAMHS Senior Clinician at BFFC. Amanda will deliver a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions. You can attend any session, even if your child does not attend the hosting school.



YOU MAY ATTEND ANY OF THESE SESSIONS AT ANY SCHOOL

DATE/TIME	SUBJECT	SCHOOL
9 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	Challenging behaviour	St. Michael's Primary School
18 Jan, 1-3pm	Supporting your child with autism	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
19 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	ADHD	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
29 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	Challenging behaviour	Oxford Road Community School
31 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	OCD	Churchend Primary Academy
22 Feb, 9.15-11.15am	Mental health and minority ethnic identity	St. Michael's Primary School
29 Feb, 1-3pm	Impact of social media on mental health	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
1 March, 9.15-11.15am	Low self-esteem: Building resilience to improve mental health	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
18 March, 1-3pm	Support with growing up, mood and hormonal changes	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
26 March, 9.15-11.15am	ADHD	Churchend Primary Academy
19 April, 9.15-11.15am	Anxiety	St. Michael's Primary School
26 April, 9.15-11.15am	Challenging behaviour	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
20 May, 9.15-11.15am	Autism	Churchend Primary Academy
4 June, 9.15-11.15am	Autism	St. Michael's Primary School
14 June, 9.15-11.15am	Emotional wellbeing Q&A	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
8 July, 9.15-11.15am	ADHD	St. Michael's Primary School
12 July, 9.15-11.15am	Anxiety or Q&A	Churchend Primary Academy
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		