



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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

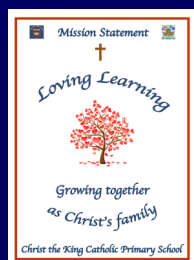


This week, 3 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a local public speaking competition.

Well done to all who took part.

Joey one of our entrants came first.

They were all amazing.



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**This week we welcome Mr Louis Pugh to our staff,
as
Pastoral Support Worker**

Term dates 2024

7th March - Non Uniform Day - Donate an Easter Egg

8th March - World Book Day

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

Sport England Survey

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

Information will be emailed out to parents today.

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.

It was a privilege to host the first ever primary inter schools rowing event on Wednesday.

We had 5 schools attend with 16 children from each school. Each school had 2 teams of 8 who rowed 2km between them.

Christ the King won both races in times of 9.41 and 9.51.



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>

Thursday 7th March

We will be holding a Non-Uniform Day and asking for donations of Easter Eggs which will be used for our Easter Raffle.

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

Shichidan: Goddeliver

Purple & White: Isla

Stars of the Week

Mrs Gallian & Miss Sutton: Myra & Henry M

Mrs Casey: Veronica & Au'Reia

Reading Points

50 points: Au'Reia

100 points: Au'Reia & Nathan

250 points: 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.

We have noticed some children have been bringing in empty Prime bottles into school to use as water bottles. Please refrain from using these bottles as water bottles for you child.

On Prime's official website it states; "PRIME Energy is not recommended for children under the age of 18."

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing and we marvel at it?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

When they heard his parables, the chief priests and the scribes realised he was speaking about them, but though they would have liked to arrest him they were afraid of the crowds, who looked on him as a prophet.



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		

***Does your child
go to a primary
school in
Whitley?***



**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

We are looking for volunteers
(18+) to take part in a short
study.

Parents and researchers will work
together to find a way to share
experiences **quickly** and **easily**.

***How do you feel
about
communication
with your child's
school?***

***Scan the QR code to
find out more:***



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