

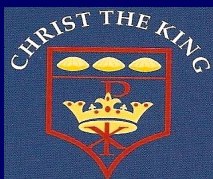


Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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



Year 2 enjoyed sports sessions at Geoffrey Field Junior School where they learnt some rugby skills and had great fun. The children were all fantastically behaved and represented Christ the King school beautifully.



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with The ARK, A Specialist Resource
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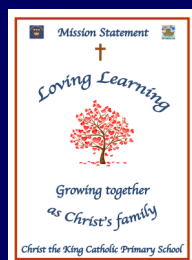
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Bring and Share Meal For Fr.Pat Send Off Saturday 22nd April 7.30pm

CTK church will be having a bring and share meal, as an official send off for Fr. Pat to show our appreciation for his work with us over the past 12 years.

Please bring the food to the parish hall before the 6.30pm vigil Mass.

Everyone is invited and please share the invite, as it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible joining in.

Strike Action

You may be aware that there is going to be a National Teacher Strike on:

27th April

2nd May

Updates on plans for these dates will be sent out by letter, text and email next week

Warning of dangerous App

Ome TV app

Please be aware that the Ome TV app allows children to connect via video call to a complete random stranger.

Welcome to Mrs Manley who helped cover Mr Cosgrove's class before Easter and who will continue teaching this class for the rest of the Summer Term along with Mr Cosgrove.

Summer Term

This is always a busy term so please check the save the date column for dates. Information regarding each event will be sent out nearer the time.

5th May 2023

Coronation Celebration

We will be having a day of celebration to mark the Coronation. Children are invited to wear Red, White and Blue.

There will be an afternoon Tea Party.

More details will be sent home next week.

Tuesday 9th May

There will be a meeting about phonics screening meeting for all year 1 parents straight after school in Mrs Beukes classroom. Please come in via the office entrance.

We have noticed some children have been bringing in bottles of Prime into school. This is not allowed.

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

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



No Nutella snacks

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

Please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats. **Snacks containing Nutella or similar spreads are not allowed.**

For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces, **Nutella spread or snack containing Nutella**, Boxes of variety chocolates.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school.

Birthdays

We are happy to celebrate birthdays with our children with sweets to be handed out at the end of the day.

However, we cannot have parties during the school day. Please keep your cakes, party bags and presents to celebrate at home.

Read Everyday Points

50 Points:

Nimi

250 Points:

Kassie, Isabella, Olesia & Amelia

Maths Ninjas

Yondan: Josh

Hachidan: Natalie

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Stars of the Week

Miss Cowen: Nora & Pat

Miss Scott: David & Charlie

Mrs Tumelty: Heidi & Alice

Miss Harris: Caleb & Gabriel

Mrs Beukes: Alice & Sebastian

Miss Nasrallah: Giselle & Leon

Mr Cosgrove: Lilly & Edward

Mrs Gooch: Dominika & Nathan

Mrs Casey: Oskar & Finbar

Mrs Pearce: Junior & Atiksh

Mrs Bloom: Chloe & Bethel

Ark: Frankie

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2023 - WALK WITH WILDLIFE

Following the success from last year when many schools signed up we will be promoting Living Streets' Walk to School Week again in 2023.

Walk to School Week will take place from 15-19 MAY 2023 and is a five-day walking challenge in celebration of the walk to school - the perfect activity to celebrate National Walking Month this May.

Reading Borough Council is working with Living Streets to support Walk to School Week and will fund classroom packs for schools that would like to participate.

THIS YEAR'S THEME AND ACTIVITY

This year's challenge encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various animals along the way, they will learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

More information can be found below and at the link

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week?>





Please join us for our
PTA Coffee Morning
Friday 28th April at 9.00

The PTA needs you!

EVERYONE is welcome.

Please come & join us on Friday 28th April at 9am so we can talk about what amazing events & activities we can organize to help make our school a thriving community, raise some money & give the children & our families some fantastic things to look forward to.

You can give as much or as little time as you have, the most important thing is to just come along and get involved. Tea, coffee & biscuits are provided.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the School library.



School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £2.28 per day.
When your child reaches Year 3, you need to pay
for school meals.

A new menu is on the website.

Reading Books

We are missing a large number of our Read,
Write, Inc books. Please can we ask all
parents to have a look at home and return
them. Thank you

Water Bottles

Please can we remind all parents to send
their children to school with a named
water bottle which should only contain
water. No Fizzy drinks please.

Non Attendance

If you are contacting the school office to
advise your child will not be attending
school, please clearly state:

Day, child's name, class and reason.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from
7:30 every morning.

The price is £3.50 per day

Afterschool Club

Monday to Friday until 6pm,
£10 per session. Please use School Money
to book online or ask at the school office if
you have any queries.

Save the dates

27th April

Teacher Industrial Action

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28th April 9am

PTA Coffee Morning

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2nd May

Teacher Industrial Action

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5th May Coronation Celebration.

Wear red, white and blue

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9th May

Phonics Screening Day

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15-19 May

Walk to school week

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9th June

International Day

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1st July

Summer Fayre

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18th July

Sports Day

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Information regarding each event
will be sent out near the dates

Break time snacks

Please ensure your child only brings
in a healthy snack for break times.

Term dates 2023

Summer Term

1st May—Bank Holiday—School Closed

8th May—Bank Holiday for King's Coronation—School Closed

29th May – 2nd June 2023 – Half Term School Closed

7th July 2023 – INSET Day – School Closed

21st July 2023 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Autumn Term

5th September 2023 - Start of School Term

**To find out about local activities and events in the area please look on our website under the heading
School Community / What's On**

<https://www.christthekingreading.co.uk/topic/school-community>

Brighter Future for Children's March Local Offer newsletter is now on the Website

Created by Olympian and British
Champion James Beevers

Little Musketeers classes are designed and managed by Olympian and British Champion James Beevers. James is a 3rd generation fencer emulating the success of his mother, father and grandfather who all fenced at international and Olympic level.

What does James say...

"Little Musketeers courses are inspired by my love of the Olympic sport of fencing. Each and every exercise has been carefully designed to enable children to not only develop the specific skills of the sport but also skills for life."



Come along and
join in the fun at



The UK's No. 1 Dedicated Primary
School Fencing Programme



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Dr. Adele Diamond, Tier 1 Cognitive Developmental Neuroscientist, University of British Columbia, Canada

WHAT ARE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS?

Executive functions (EFs) make possible mentally playing with ideas; taking the time to think before acting; meeting novel, unanticipated challenges; resisting temptations; and staying focused. Core EFs are inhibition (response inhibition (self-control—resisting temptations and resisting acting impulsively) and interference control (selective attention and cognitive inhibition), working memory, and cognitive flexibility (including creatively thinking “outside the box,” seeing anything from different perspectives, and quickly and flexibly adapting to changed circumstances).*

*Extract courtesy of Annual Review of Psychology Volume 64, 2013 Diamond, pp 155-168

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS & LITTLE MUSKETEERS

What does Dr. Adele Diamond say...

"Little Musketeers challenges all the critical executive functions -- including self-control, focused attention, working memory, and creative problem-solving -- in a way that's fun for kids. Kids clearly derive great joy from Little Musketeers; they help and encourage one another, and a supportive community develops; those emotional and social benefits of Little Musketeers work to support the executive function benefits of the program."



EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS & ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

What does Dr. Adele Diamond say...

"Executive functions (EFs) are critical for success in school, on the job, and in life. EFs suffer if you are lonely, sad, stressed, or not physically fit. Therefore, if we care about academic outcomes, we should care that students feel they are in a supportive community they can count on, that they are happy (even joyful), and that their bodies are strong and healthy."

*Extract courtesy of Minn Symp Child Psychol. 2014; 37: 205-232





LITTLE
MUSKETEERS

Dear Parent

Little Musketeers at Christ The King Catholic Primary School

Little Musketeers are back offering a fun, safe and educational environment for young children to learn the sport of fencing. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a dueling Musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers provide bright coloured foam and plastic foils and plastic masks with mesh visors that are safe and yet hard enough to give children the real feel of fencing. We ensure visors are worn at all times giving peace of mind as well as that genuine fencing experience.

Little Musketeers classes are designed and managed by Olympic fencer and 4 times British National Champion James Beevers. All staff are CRB checked, First Aid certified and trained personally by James.

We hope you can join us for our **5-week course** as follows:

- Thursday 27th April - Thursday 25th May 2023 / 15:30 - 16:30 / Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The cost for the course will be **£36.00** per child.

If your child would like to sign up for this course, please visit:

<https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com>

Once there, follow the instructions to complete your booking online. **Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.**

Yours Faithfully

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