

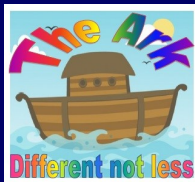
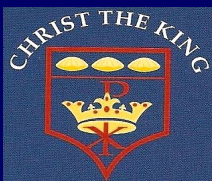


# Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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



The children from the Ark had a brilliant time during their overnight stay at Ufton Court.



**Christ the King Catholic Primary School & Nursery,  
with The ARK, A Specialist Resource**  
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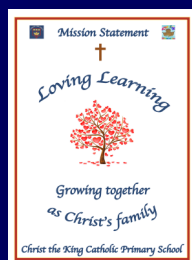
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The children enjoyed a variety of activities, including a visit to the farm, spending lots of time with the rabbits, as well as Archery, Barrel Boarding and Giant Bowling.



It was great to welcome everyone back this week. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and start to the New Year.

## Next year's term dates (2022-2023)

### Spring Term

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Half Term – School Closed

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – End of Term, School closes at 1:30

### Summer Term

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – INSET Day – School Closed

18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Start of School Term

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 – Half Term School Closed

7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – INSET Day – School Closed

# Gospel

*Matthew 3:13-17*

“And when Jesus had been baptised he at once came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him'”.



### 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.

### 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

19th January 2023

Mrs Casey's class going to Ufton

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27th January 2023

PTA meeting

9am in the Library

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### Break time snacks

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

Scarlet Fever and Strep A. We know parents and carers are worried about the reports of Scarlet Fever, caused by Group A Streptococcus, a bacterial infection. It is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. It is important to look out for symptoms in your child, which can include a sore throat, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has Scarlet Fever.

| SYMPTOMS                                                                            |                                 | VIRAL     | STREP           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
|    | Symptom onset                   | Gradual   | Abrupt          |
|   | Difficulty swallowing           | Sometimes | Common          |
|  | Red, swollen tonsils and throat | Sometimes | Common          |
|  | Cough                           | Common    | Mild, if at all |
|  | Pus in the back of throat       | Sometimes | Common          |
|  | White spots on the tongue       | Sometimes | Common          |

## 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.

ALLERGY FREE  
100%

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.

For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces. 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.**

**The next PTA meeting will be held on  
27th January 2023  
at 9am, in the Library  
Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see  
you there to support the PTA.**

**Our PTA are kindly requesting donations of good  
condition  
School Uniform, Coats, Bags, Football Boots, Shoes  
and  
Christmas Jumpers.**

**The events held by the PTA will be advertised in  
the weekly newsletter so please check weekly and  
if you are available to help at any of them please let  
the PTA know.  
Thank you**





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## Ice Safety

**Be careful around water in winter. Frozen water is dangerous and can have fatal consequences.**

### **Our Advice:**

- Never venture onto frozen water. Even if it appears thick from the bank, it can easily break and you do not know how deep the water is below or how thin the ice is.
- Do not be tempted to test the thickness of the ice. It is easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route that avoids water.
- Do not wander near the edge, icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip.

### **What to do if you fall through the ice:**

- Keep calm and shout for help.
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you.
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice.
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank.
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you.
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.
- Once you are safe, go to the hospital.

### **If you see someone fall through ice:**

- Shout for assistance and phone 999.
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm.
- Try to reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, or anything else which can extend your reach, such as clothing tied together.
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice.
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats across the ice for them to hold onto whilst help is on the way.
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services and continue to reassure the casualty.
- Make sure an ambulance has been called.
- Lay the casualty flat, check for normal breathing.
- Prevent them from getting colder by covering them with warm clothing and blankets.
- Create some shelter and get them out of the cold if possible.
- Do not rub their skin and do not apply hot water bottles.





# Squirrels

## Seeking bright eyed and bushy tailed new recruits

We have spaces available for new Squirrel Scouts, boys and girls aged 4-6 years, at 47th Reading Scout Group.

Our open evening for potential Squirrels and their carers is Monday 9th January 2023 between 4.15pm and 5.15pm at 500 Basingstoke Road, Whitley Wood, Berkshire, RG2 0QN.

Come and join us for an evening of Squirrel activities and further information on our youngest section. To book your space, please email [carly.brimms@berkshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:carly.brimms@berkshirescouts.org.uk)

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**Scouts**  
Berkshire



**Fridays, 9 Sep; 7 Oct; 11 Nov; 9 Dec; 2022  
13 Jan; 10 Feb 2023**

## **Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Whitley**

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the community of Whitley and Reading.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hour talk on a subject linked with being a parent/carers of a child with an additional need. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

**Dec: Holiday planning & catch up**

### **DATE & TIME**

See above for dates  
9.30am- 11.30am

### **VENUE**

South Reading Community Hub  
252 Northumberland Avenue  
Reading RG2 7QA  
ROOM K

### **COST**

FREE  
(Refreshments provided)

### **BOOKING & INFORMATION**

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