

Dear Parents:

After 12 years and 455 weekly newsletters at Christ the King, this is my last.

For me, this is a time of mixed emotions: I am, of course, looking forward to the future, but there is also sadness. It will be very strange not to have the pupils, the staff and the parents of Christ the King as a daily feature of my life.

In September 2007, in my very first Christ the King newsletter, I wrote that I was looking forward to working with you all: "Dear Parents," I wrote, "We started the new term with the sun shining, and a school full of bright, eager, rested children. Thank you all for the really warm welcome you have given me. I look forward to getting to know you properly and to working with you..." I went on to say that even in that first week I had already "learnt what a special place Christ the King is."

I have enjoyed all my time at Christ the King, and I would like to thank you all for the part you play in making up the special family that is the community of our school.

At the end of term Miss Hatton will also be retiring. Miss Hatton was one of the first pupils who came through the doors of our school when it opened in 1967. Later she returned to us to begin her teaching career at Christ the King, and then after stints at two other schools she came back to us, re-joining the school just as I began here in 2007.

In the last 12 years Miss Hatton has been a super servant to our children. She taught Year 6, and was unfortunate enough to find my own daughter in her class for a year, then she became the first manager of the Ark, setting it on the road to its present success. In recent years she has been Deputy Headteacher and oversaw our school's introduction of the Singapore Maths approach four years ago: researching the programme, training staff, running parents' workshops and teaching Maths across the school. Our results in Maths



have improved in each of the past three years and are now higher than they have ever been.

More than anything else, Miss Hatton has always been an untiring champion for the children of Christ the King. A Christ the King child herself, she would never let anyone give less than their best for our pupils.

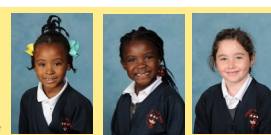
To Miss Hatton, Mrs Flynn our other deputy headteacher, and all our staff, I would like to say a public thank you for all their unstinting hard work over the years. For them, nothing has ever been too much trouble if it will benefit our children. I must thank, also, our parents and the wider community for their support and encouragement over the years. And most of all, of course, I must thank the hundreds of children who have sat in my assemblies, filled our playgrounds with their laughter, and brightened our classrooms with their smiles.

Our children are kind, helpful, hard working and above all cheerful. They have a real zest for life, and an energy that sometimes leaves me in awe. I have frequently reminded them, in assembly, of St John Bosco's advice to St Dominic Savio. "All you need to be a saint," Bosco told his young friend, "is to work hard and be cheerful." By this token we have 300 saints in our school today.

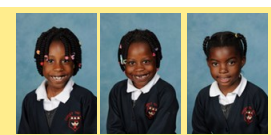
So thank you all for twelve wonderful years. I wish you all every success in life and I will always be grateful that in 2007 I happened across this very special community.

Yours sincerely,

John Cosgrove



We finished our week in **Akan-Twi Fanti**





"Maakye!"





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Blog of the Week

Blog of the week this week is awarded to Mrs Bloom's class, which has some brilliant diary entries, facts about pirates from Jay, and photographs from the visit of Mr Bloom, the firefighter. There is super video of Leighton quickly kitting himself out as a fireman, and, perhaps best of all, some photographs and a blog post from Lena, our friend who moved back to Poland in May, telling us about her and her brothers Daniel and Juliusz. There were so many great individual blog posts that it was impossible to choose a single individual blogger of the week so the award goes to: Abram and Daria.



What a Week

What a week! Competing against other schools, we won the Y3 cricket! We won the Y5/6 football! We won the poetry competition at Key Stage 1, and we won the same competition at Key Stage 2. See photos on our website.

CRAFT SESSIONS

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

WHERE

Whitley Wood Community Centre, Swallowfield Drive (on the corner of Copenhagen close). Number 6 bus stops right outside.

WHEN

Monday 5th August 10am - 12noon

Tuesday 6th August 10am-12noon

Monday 12th August 10am-12noon

Activities include:

Colouring sheets, Scratch art magnets, wind chimes and wooden key rings.

Just pop along to the community centre no booking is needed. Parents will need to stay with their children.

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Olivia Pagliaro for success at Gym.

Theodore Martins for success in Kumon Maths and for gaining fabulous badges at Beavers.

Chloe Villoldo who has achieved Level 5 in swimming.

Rhys Bascombe who has four fantastic trophies for football.

Tyler Marriner who won the award for best Year 6 helper at the infants' sports.

Our Year 3 cricketers; ; our Year 5/6 footballers; Mrs Cox's class and Mrs Wilkinson's class for success in inter-school competition (see What a Week above)



The Read Every Day Challenge

100 points Georgie Hanly, Kamaiya Miller, Eden Prempeh

250 points Aaron Bird, Oscar Seward, Tia Ashok, Blossom Fernandes, Ewan Hutchinson, David Konadu, Rah-Ma Mohammed, Odelia Newman

500 points Chloe Villoldo, Godd eliver Boateng, -Apraku Eryk Kezdzia **750 points** Tristan Shuttleworth, Marco Danyltsiv

We thanked God for his many blessings
this week in Lithuanian:

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