

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS AND STAFF. WE PRAY THAT 2019 WILL BRING RICH BLESSINGS TO OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY.



Blog of the Week

Both Mrs Froud and Miss Sutton's classes published some great items at the end of last term, and Tristan Shuttleworth in Year 6 posted the fantastic speech he made in the WEC public speaking contest, but first out of the blocks in 2019 were Nursery, showing how quickly they have settled back into their learning. Watch it [here](#) The New Year's first individual blogger of the week is Ibrahim Atif of Year 3, for the first instalment of a very interesting crime story set in Italy. Well done Ibrahim.



Thank You

Christ the King is an amazingly generous community and three times this week we are reminded of this fact. Thank you.

1. from Brea Thibodeau at Save the Children

Happy new year to the Christmas Jumper Day crew at Christ the King school! I spent my break with my family. The best bit was being surrounded by kids. It reminded me just how important the money we raise together is - to keep children smiling, laughing, learning, playing and dreaming of a future where anything is possible!

I just wanted to say an enormous thank you for being woolly wonderful fundraisers and raising a phenomenal £754.59. Take a look at [this video](#) and see how your fundraising could be supporting children. Woolly wishes, Brea

2. from Jamie and the 3J Fitness Team on behalf of support for Parkinson's Disease

To all the wonderful staff and pupils at Christ the King for a fantastic donation of £216. This enables us to pay for 6 pairs of specialised nordic walking poles that are helping our Parkinson's members stay active. The benefits of Nordic walking for them is not just about fitness but also a healthy soul and mental well being.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for supporting a fabulous cause.

Best wishes, Jamie and the Team.

3. CAFOD World Gifts challenge.

Reception raised £49 and decided to buy: a net to protect someone from mosquitos and malaria, brilliant birds to plant seeds, a happy queen bee to pollinate plants, footballs to help children have fun, and the precious gift of teaching someone to read.

We reported on the gifts from Mrs Asker's class last term, and there will be details from the other classes in the next couple of weeks.



Our Week on Twitter

On Tuesday we drew parents' attention to a chance to win free books from the Book Trust;

On Wednesday we commented on the Secretary of State's press release about the Curriculum;

On Thursday we tweeted 9 fantastic photos of

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Please, Would parents collecting children from after school activities use the Exbourne Road entrance? The Durham Close entrance should only be used by children leaving from After School Club.



Children Helping Children, the annual charity concert, will be on Tue. 19th Mar this year. Some of our pupils will be performing as usual. [Click here to book](#) now and be sure of the best seats.

NO NUTS

It is vitally important that we have no nuts or nut products in school, as some of our children are extremely allergic to nuts, and the smallest trace can cause them to become ill. Please remember not to include any nut products, including nut butters, in packed lunches.



We started our week in English and finished in Czech.



"Good Morning!" "Dobré odpoledne"



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Mrs Wilkinson's class at Ufton Court.

What will we tweet next? Keep up to date with all the news and views from Christ the King; follow us on Twitter @CtK_RDG.



RED: Read Every Day

Our New Year's Resolution is the same as last year: for all children to be RED in 2019. (RED = Readers Every Day!) So today we re-launched our RED incentive scheme

Years 2—6: For every book a child reads he or she will be awarded points. 10 points for any book; 20 points for a book appropriate to the child's year group. (If in doubt teachers will be happy to advise.)

There are bonus points for having a Reading, Wokingham or West Berkshire library card. We will keep track of the points children earn and RED points will win prizes. And we will start from where children are—so children who have already earned a badge will not have to go back to the beginning.

100 points earns the first badge;
For 250 points children gain a special bookmark;

500 points means the second badge and allows the child to choose a book to keep;

750 points earns the third badge and a £10 book token.

Those children who gain 1,000 points will have a special certificate, star badge and a book



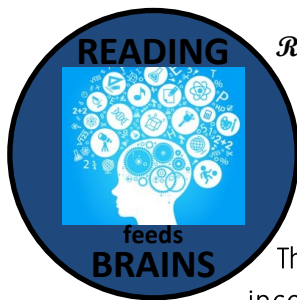
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Reading is Fun

token awarded in a special assembly.

How will we know if children from Years 3 – 6 have read the books they claim?

Simple. For the award of points the child will have to talk to a member of staff about the book, to show not only that they have read it, but that they have understood it.



Reception and Year 1:

Children who are still learning to read independently can also join in the fun.

They can gain the same incentives as the older

children, but they earn these from sharing a book with an adult. As these books are shorter and it is possible to read one or more every evening, they will earn fewer points for each book. 5 points for each book shared with an adult could allow children to gain their first badge in less than three weeks, and even quicker if they earn the bonus points for having a library card.

So let's all get reading in 2019!



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At the end of the day... Please could parents remember to stand at the side of the play-ground or behind the level of the planter boxes and benches? It is easier and safer if the children can be brought out into their lines and then sent to their parents. If adults mingle with the children it is very easy to lose track of someone..



Board Games: Do you have any board games at home that are no longer used? If so, Mrs Asker would love to have them to use with her class. Please bring them in to Reception and Mrs Brophy will pass them on.



PLEASE could parents be considerate of our neighbours and not block their drives when you come to pick up or drop off your children? Thank you.

Congratulations!

Maths Ninjas



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Shodan: *James Hutchinson, Eleazar Boakye, Aseda Newman*

Nidan: *Jayden Thiongo, Khadija Sankoh,*

Sandan: *Daniel Brobbey, Jonathan Opoku-Anokye*

RED Challenge

250 points (bookmark) *Kelsea Gillas.*

