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56 Late in One Day

We know that life can be busy, and not everything goes as smoothly as it might. We also know that some of our children come quite a distance to be with us: travelling every day from Tilehurst, Coley, Caversham, and even further afield. Everyone runs late occasionally, but a lot of our families seem to be frequently running late. On Wednesday last week 56 children arrived in school after all the other children had already gone into class. On Tuesday this week 50 children were late. Often these are the same families, and they are not the families who live furthest away.

Arriving on time is important. It gets the day off to a good start. Children who are repeatedly late do not do as well at school as they should. Those who begin the day in a rush can find it very difficult to catch up: it sets the tone for the day. Walking into a class that is underway can upset children who feel everyone is looking at them, and if they miss the start of a lesson they might not know what to do. Learning suffers, as do relationships with the other children. And if teachers have to interrupt what they are doing to get late-comers up to speed, the learning of the rest of the class suffers as well.

Please could parents try to ensure that their children are in school and on time every day?

Blog of the Week

Nursery has received a great [letter](#) from Mrs Wishy-Washy thanking the children for their help: read it on their blog. Reception have been studying The Gingerbread Man, and it's showcased on both Mrs Parry-Jones, and Miss Mather's blogs. Both of these are super blog posts, but our Blog of the Week award goes to [Mrs Holmes' class](#) for a fantastic series of book reviews..

NO NUTS!

Some of our children have serious

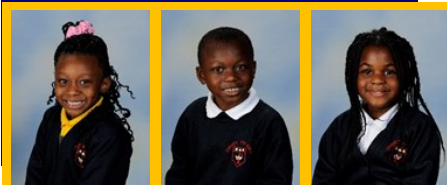
Mr. K's Class at the Tate Modern

We wish to express huge thanks to Reading University which arranged and paid for this trip, pictured below, on which the children experienced some of the most avant garde art, and were able to develop their own skills. There is a tremendous blog diary posted by Reading University which shows the children enjoying their day. Those who receive their newsletter by e-mail can [click here](#) to see the blog. Otherwise find the link on our website on Mr Krasnopolski's class page (in the Children section).



We started our week in Igbo and finished in Hungarian.

"Ututu Oma!" "Jo Reggelt!"



February 6th

Hexagon Concert

The choir and Mr. Krasnopski's class will both be taking part in this event which this year is in aid of Barnardo's and Creating Better Futures. The concert is on February 6th. from 7–9 p.m. and tickets are on sale now through the [Hexagon Theatre Box Office](#) or by phone on [01189 606060](tel:01189606060).



Pray For Mrs Matthews & Family

Mrs Matthews' mother passed away on Thursday. Mrs Matthews received the news while she was on a trip with Mr Krasnopski's class and it is a measure of her strength and her professionalism that she continued with the trip with none of the children, and only one member of staff, aware of her loss. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Miss Mather

As parents of children in Reception will know, Miss Mather has been unwell for some time. This has been made worse for her as she has no immediate family or close friends in the Reading area. She has therefore decided to leave Christ the King and to return to her home in Cheshire. We wish her every success in the future and we are grateful for the work she did with our children last term. This term Miss Digby, an experienced early Years teacher, has been taking the class, and we are grateful to her for stepping in at short notice.



Wear Red for Hearts

Next Friday February 2nd is Wear Red for Healthy Hearts Day. We invite all children (and staff) to wear red, and to bring in a contribution to support children born with congenital heart defects and their families. You can find out more about the day at <https://chsf.org.uk/wear-red-day-2018>.



School dinners now £2.05

(this is still cheaper than two years ago)

- Fri 2 Feb 09:30 Mass for Mrs. Holmes' Class
Also the Feast of Candlemas–the official end of Christmas
- Tue 6 Feb 19:00 Children Helping Children Concert–
School Choir & Mr. Krasnopski's class
- Fri 9 Feb 09:30 Mass for Mrs. Asker's & Miss Casey's
Classes
- Mon 12 Feb **HALF TERM** until Fri 16 Feb
- Fri 23 Feb Mass for Miss Kerrigan's & Miss
Clarke's Classes
- Thu 1 Mar **World Book Day**–Children will be
invited to dress up as their favourite
book character! Prizes for each class.
- Fri 2 Mar 09:30 Mass for Reception
- Fri 9 Mar 09:30 Mass for Mr. Cosgrove's Class
- Fri 16 Mar 09:30 Mass for Mrs. Cosgrove's Class
- Thu 22 Mar 11:00 Stations of the Cross led by Mr.
Krasnopski's Class
- Fri 23 Mar 13:30 **School Closes for Easter Holiday.**



Emily McAuley who won no fewer than five medals at an Irish dancing feis held in Essex last weekend. Emily impressed the judges in many disciplines: hop jig, reel, heavy jig and slip jig, and came away with a trophy for coming second in the hornpipe

Shianne Wood and Kenzo Gonzalez-Odjidja who have achieved the Maths Ninja rank of Shodan..

