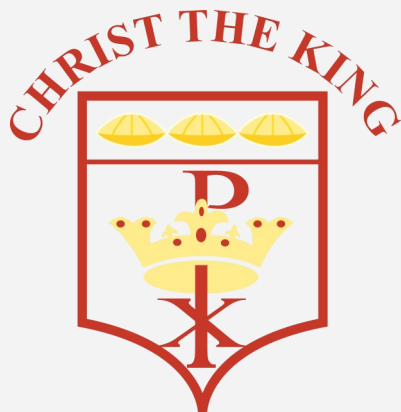




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Next PTA Meeting

Our school is supported by a fantastic Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) which raises vital extra funds through activities such as the annual fête and childrens' discos. Opportunities have arisen to be a part of this thriving and valuable association. The next meeting will be on 28th Sep. at 2.30pm, where officers will be elected and activities planned.



The Big Lottery Fund

Has awarded us just over £9,000 to help with a holiday club at half-term. Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Tetchner for their hard work in helping to prepare the bid.



Is your child...

One in 2 million?



Children who read out of school for 20 minutes a day, every day, experience 2,000,000 words in a year! They learn new words and they learn how to use the words correctly. They get better at reading and they get better at writing. They make faster progress at school, in all their subjects.

If your child is still very young, and not yet reading independently, 20 minutes of sharing stories and books with mum or dad has the same benefits.

This year, we are encouraging all our pupils to become One in Two Million!

Why not start by joining the library as a family? The library on Northumberland Avenue is great – and the central library in

town is wonderful! Children can borrow up to 20 books at a time, for free. A visit on a Saturday once every few weeks will really pay dividends.



Dates for Your Diaries

Meet the teacher sessions: Mrs Gooch's class, Wed. 20th. September; Mrs Holmes' and Mrs Cox's classes, Tue. 19th. September, both straight after school.

Fri 15th. Sep. 10 a.m. Mass for the start of the School Year in the church of Christ the King.

Sun 24th. Sep. 10 a.m. children are invited to help with the music and singing at the parish Mass.

Mon 9th. Oct. INSET Day. School closed to.

Thu 12th. Oct. Aspiration Dressing Up: children invited to dress up as "What I want to Be when I Grow Up". We are also welcoming donations for [Aspire2](#), the charity for children in Whitley.

Fri 13th. Oct. ARK INSET. The Ark closed to pupils on this day.

MON 23RD. – FRI 27TH. OCT: HALF TERM.

More information, with a full list of dates, next week.



After-School Activities

Starting This Week

Chess: 3.20 – 4.15 Tuesdays. No cost.

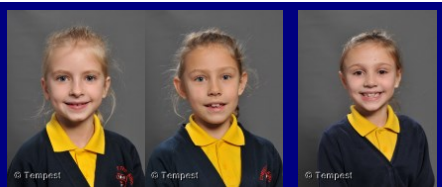
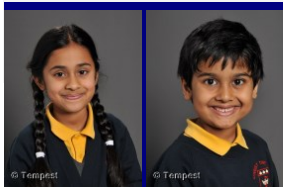
Ballet (Year 1): 3–3.45 Tuesday. £20 per half term. After half-term, reception will also be welcomed at this session.

Ballet (Years 2/3): Tuesday 3.45–4.30 £20 per half term.

Recorder: Wednesdays, 3.20–4.20. £1 per

We started our week in Arabic and finished in Polish.

"A Salaam O Alaikum" "Dzien Dobry"



session. (There will be two groups depending on experience and skill but the first week, all children together.

Football (Years 5/6): Wednesdays 3.20–4.20.

Art Club: Thursdays 3.20 – 4.30, price to be confirmed.

Starting Week Commencing 25th. September

Judo: Mondays before school, 8–8.40, £26.75 per half term.

Choir: Tuesdays, 3.20–4.20, no cost. (Choir will be practising this term for a concert at The Hexagon, on 22nd. November)

There will be other activities, please keep checking the newsletter for details.



New Directions Open Day

Tomorrow (Sat. 16th) from 11am to 3pm. Opened by Mayor Rose Williams, and with lots of family fun, including:

Free cookery workshop, ceramics workshop, sewing workshop, food for families Garden, information stalls, ice cream van, free BBQ, refreshments, John Madejski Academy Choir, fire, police, ambulance, raffle, tombola, adopt a teddy and a competition to name our new Café.

The **New Directions** staff look forward to seeing you at: New Directions South, 330 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley, Reading, RG2 8DH. Free parking is available at the Reading Leisure Centre.



Coffee Morning

Our usual cake sale in support of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held after school on Fri 29th September—in the playground if dry (or inside if wet). We are privileged to have so many generous parents each year—if you want to provide a cake, please send them to the school on the morning of the 29th. Helpers would also be most appreciated, between 3pm and 3.40. If you can help, please contact Jenny Clarke at the school.



Reminders

After school club bookings should now be made online. Regular users of After school Club should already have the link for this. New users or anyone who needs reminding or further help please see Mrs Brophy in the school office.]

NO NUTS PLEASE. Some of our children are extremely allergic.

Year 3

School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Unfortunately parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have to pay £2 per meal.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Blessed Hugh Faringdon: 21st September, 6–9 p.m.

Oak Bank: 19th September, 5.30–7.30 p.m.

Both schools and Maiden Erlegh have also notified us of Open Days when parents and prospective pupils are invited to visit. BHF: 21st September; Oakbank 22, 27 and 29 Sep 9.15–10.30; Maiden Erlegh **by appointment only** on 21, 28 Sep and 5 Oct at 9.30 or 10 a.m.



James Hutchinson, who earned his second tip at Brazilian Jujitsu on Friday.

Sean Byrne who is now a Lodge Leader at his Beavers Group



Veronica Patrick and Violet Constantine who have both achieved the Reading Libraries Animal Agent challenge.



Miss Hamblin, who over the summer said "yes" and is now engaged to be married.

Mrs Kassam who is expecting her second child in February.



We wish Mrs Kassam and Miss Hamblin every blessing.

