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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY
with **THE ARK, a SPECIALIST RESOURCE**



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Please Remember: No NUTS in SCHOOL

This includes nut-based products
Several of our children are severely allergic to nuts.

Work Begins on Monday...

A few weeks ago, we told you about the new classroom being built to replace a current one, which is too small, freeing this room up for other uses, and making room for an enlarged cloakroom.

Work will begin on Monday and, all being well, the new classroom will be finished by June. The classroom has been funded by the Department for Education and the Diocese of Portsmouth. See the [newsletter of 24/02](#) for some extracts from the architect's plans.

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Sainsbury's Active Kids

Active Kids Vouchers are given out by all Sainsbury's stores between now and the 2nd of May at a rate of 1 per £10 spent and provide an excellent boost for our school resources.

We are considering some kind of competition this year to encourage as many of you as possible to collect them, so watch this space for more detail and get collecting!

More information is on the Sainsbury's Active Kids website:
<https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/>

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Thursday 23rd March, 9am-3pm in the Church Hall ASD (Autism Spectrum) Course

Jenna Redmond is holding an ASD course for our parents on the 23rd of March, costing £5 (to cover resources). A free lunch

is provided and all parents are welcome.

See Mrs. Tetchner or (Jenny) if you would like to sign up.

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Marathon This Weekend

Please remember the Reading Half Marathon is this weekend—Sunday 19th. There are road closures and bus cancellations/diversions until the end of the event.

For road closures visit:

<http://www.readinghalfmarathon.com/race-info/travel-information.htm>

For bus information visit:

<https://www.reading-buses.co.uk/articles/reading-half-marathon-2017/>

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Class Blog of the Week

Class Blog of the Week Award goes to [Mrs Kassam's class](#)—two wonderful pieces of creative writing, including a cliff-hanger!!! Well done, class!

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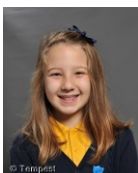
Backpack Project

We are still collecting for the Backpack Project, which is about providing children the basic tools for learning; we would love you to support this by donating good condition basic items that your child no longer uses. For full details, see last week's newsletter.

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Durham Close Gate

In the morning children and parents should come into the playground using the gate from Exbourne Road. The Ark has a separate entrance from Lulworth Road, but no children should come through the gate from Durham Close. For security and safety the Durham Close gate will be locked every morning from 8.30 a.m. to 9.15.



We started our week in Hungarian and finished in Arabic.

“Jo Reggelt” “A Salaam O Alaikum; Wa Alaikum Salaam”



UoR Healthier Lives Study

Don't forget the University of Reading and Netmums programmes to help parents and kids get more healthy and active. More information through the link below.

<http://www.uoropen.org/LabGroups/Snuggs/>

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Children Helping Children

A very huge "Congratulations" to all our children who performed at the Hexagon yesterday (Thursday).

Three classes took part—Miss Clarke's, Mr Cosgrove's and Mrs Kassam's. The children performed their hearts out and were models of good behaviour backstage—especially when Mr Cosgrove's class had to collect their performance chairs—silently, whilst other groups were performing on stage!

The event was a roaring success, with a packed audience raising, we trust, an excellent sum for two charities, Comic Relief and Aspire2 (the charity that supports those in education in the Whitley area. The exact sum raised isn't known yet, but rest assured we will publish it as soon as it is known.

The event was filmed professionally and all the performances will be available soon—more in next week's newsletter!

Do you receive the newsletter each week?

If not, contact Mrs Brophy, follow us on Twitter or email admin@christtheaking.reading.sch.uk

Comic Relief–Red Nose Day

March 24th.

Red Noses are still on sale in school for £1

Up-Coming Dates

Fri 24th Mar Mass–Mrs Kassam's class

Fri 31st Mar Dress Down Day–CAFOD Lenten appeal

Tue 4th Apr Lent Preparation–Reconciliation Service

Thu 6th Apr Lent Preparation–Stations of the Cross 11AM

Fri 7th Apr End of Spring Term–1.30 PM



Left & Left middle: Mr. Cosgrove's Class, showing excellent stagecraft in the use of their props

Above middle: Miss Clarke's Class as seen from the roof—the voices sang out loud and clear even this far away

Above: Some of Miss Clarke's Class in full voice.

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CTK PARENTS

ARE YOU AWARE OF BENEFIT CHANGES THIS YEAR?

Universal Credit requirements for parents to look for work

Parents with a youngest child aged 3, including lone parents, are expected to look for work if they want to claim Universal Credit.

Benefit Cap exemption for Universal Credit claimants changing From 1 April 2017 the earnings threshold that applies to the Benefit Cap exemption for Universal Credit claimants will be changed from a fixed amount of £430 per month to the amount claimants would earn if they (or one of them, if a couple) was working 16 hours per week at national minimum wage. The change means that for example, after April 2017 a working Universal Credit claimant aged over 25 in receipt of the Housing element (who is not otherwise exempt from the Benefit Cap) would have to earn £520 instead of £430 per month to be exempt from the cap.

Are you already looking for work. Are you going to be forced to work?

We know people who can help you – come across the road with Jenny to a **Free**:

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 5TH April- 9am – 10.30am
Geoffrey Field Junior School)

Come along to meet organisations to help you get back to work.

SMARTWORKS (Will provide an outfit for interviews, will also help with interview techniques)

NEW DIRECTIONS (Courses, work programmes/ work placements)

NATIONAL CAREER SERVICE (Help and advice with C.V's and job applications)

COMMUNICARE (Financial advice. Help with forms)

TIME TO TALK (Counselling services/ older children /Parents)

READING VOLUNTARY ACTION (Find out how they can help you/ you can help others)

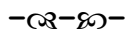
FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICES (Free advice and guidance on family matters)

Representatives from **Reading Football Club** will attend.

Also staff from Reading Borough Council, to let you know what is going on in the local area, including a Fun Day coming up!

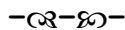


Above and Right: Miss Kassam's class and their excellent poetry recital—demonstrating wonderful interaction and teamwork on stage.



Northumberland Avenue

Just a quick reminder to please be careful on Northumberland Avenue during the mornings and afternoons. With all three schools out and about it can become difficult for road drivers to see everything that is going on the zebra crossing.



Blogger of the Week: **Luis Silva.**

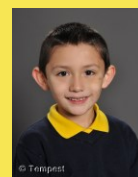
Check out his wonderful suspense story at www.CTKreading.net on Mrs Kassam's blog. Chapter 2 is coming soon.



Caoimhe Rose took part in the prestigious *Claddagh Feis* Irish dancing festival last weekend, in Watford, and won in her age group.

Sean Byrne-De la Cruz

has gained his first badge at beavers, making some wonderful handicraft.



Ethan Digweed has enjoyed success with Westwood Wanderers, winning the local league and winning his last match 7-0!

Jessica Bolger

won no fewer than 7 magnificent rosettes when she showed her ferrets recently: winning several second places and coming first in the working Jill category.



Maths Ninjas!

Shodan:

William Parry-Jones, Natasha Phonella
Keeley Wiltshire, Max Hodges,
Amelia Edwards

Nidan:

Chloe Hind

Sandan:

Caoimhe Rose

