

CHRIST the KING

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with **THE ARK, a SPECIALIST RESOURCE**



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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR—SPRING SPECIAL DOUBLE EDITION

Welcome to this special four-page newsletter. We have plenty to celebrate this golden jubilee year, not least the arrival during summer of a brand new classroom, to improve facilities for our children. The new classroom will replace a current one, which is too small, freeing this room up for other uses, and make room for an enlarged cloakroom.

Work will begin on the 20th of March 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 [inside](#) for some extracts from the architect's plans.

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Wednesday 1st. March—10 am.

Ash Wednesday Mass

in the school hall. Parents, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us.

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Uniform Change

The School Governors have decided that, from the start of the summer term, the colour of our polo shirts will change to white. This is in response to a request from the school council, through which the children complained that the gold shirts attract bugs in the summer, which is unpleasant.

Our uniform suppliers have been informed and white polo shirts with the school logo will be available from Stevensons or

ordered online at www.yourschooluniform.com. We know that some parents will already have bought gold polo shorts and it will be perfectly acceptable for children to continue wearing these.

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Christmas Holidays 2017

No Change to the Dates

Thank you to all the parents who let us have their views about the possibility of changing our holiday dates for next Christmas. The responses were very clear and we have therefore decided not to make a change but to keep the dates already determined by Reading Borough Council. We will break up on Tuesday 19th December 2017 and return to school on Wednesday 3rd January. These are the dates given on the Reading Borough website.

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Tuesday 16th. March—7 to 9 pm

The Children of Christ the King in

“Children Helping Children”

Charity Concert

A fabulous evening of song and dance with the pupils of 10 schools including Blessed Hugh Faringdon, Geoffrey Field Juniors, The Ridgeway, Whitley Park, New Christchurch, The John Madejski Academy, St. Paul's and English Martyrs.

In aid of Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) and Aspire 2 (the charity for children in South Reading) - proceeds split 50/50.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE HEXAGON

To buy call 0118 960 6060 or visit <https://goo.gl/o0hnL2>

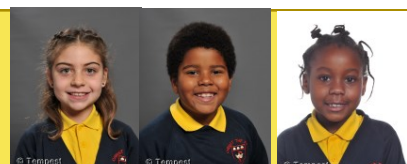
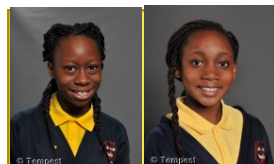
Please Remember:
No NUTS in SCHOOL

We have several children who are severely allergic to nuts.

We started our week in Igbo and finished in Spanish.

“Ututu Oma”

“Buenos Días”





Above & Above Right: World Book Day 2016

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Thursday 2nd March World Book Day 2017

Are you ready for this year's World Book Day yet?

Dress up as your favourite book character—World Book Day is always a fun day for our children and teachers alike, with a huge variety of costume ideas! Two examples from last year's festivities are pictured to give you some inspiration!

Learn more about WBD: <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

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Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids Vouchers are given out by all Sainsburys 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!

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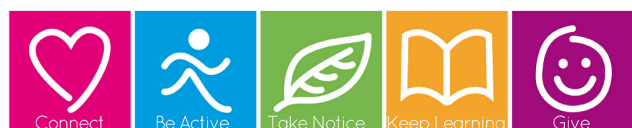
For our anniversary year, we now have a Twitter account! Follow [@CIK_RDG](#) for updates, pictures, highlights from the school blog and news. We'd love to receive a tweet or a mention from you.



Wednesday 8th March 11am–2pm
Whitley Community Café, 252 Northumberland Avenue

WHITLEY WELLBEING FAIR

Find out what's going on in your community to help you & those around you stay well—free entry



www.rva.org.uk/links-to-wellbeing
Twitter: @GetInvolvedRDG

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Class Blog of the Week

This week's award goes to Mrs. Gooch's class. There's some excellent writing about family and friends as well as a post from Mrs. Gooch showing a fab music performance. Well done, class. More at clkreading.net.

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Welcome Mrs Carroll!

Mrs Angie Carroll is our new Social Justice and Evangelisation Coordinator. She works across four Catholic schools in Reading and West Berkshire: English Martyrs, St Paul's, St Joseph's Newbury and Christ the King. She will be with us every Wednesday from now until Easter. Angie will be taking the lead in our Mary's Meals project (see next page) and also helping us to enhance our worship by enabling more children to take part.

At Christ the King we are very proud of the way our children and our whole school community show their concern and support for those who are less fortunate than us and Angie will help us to keep improving.

We are also very grateful to the Catholic community of Reading for allowing this role to be subsidised from the Trust left for the benefit of Catholic education in Reading by the Presentation Brothers (to learn more about them visit <http://www.presentationbrothers.org>).

Comic Relief–Red Nose Day

is

March 24th.

**Red Noses are on sale in
school for £1**

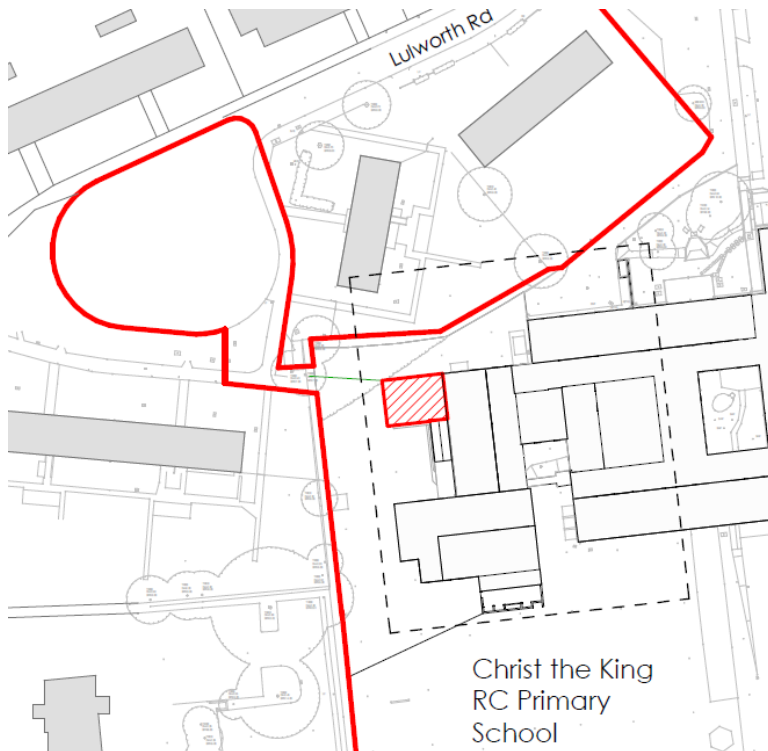
(The noses are in several different styles and come in sealed bags so unfortunately children will not be able to choose the nose they get.)

Stable Manners DVDs for sale: £10

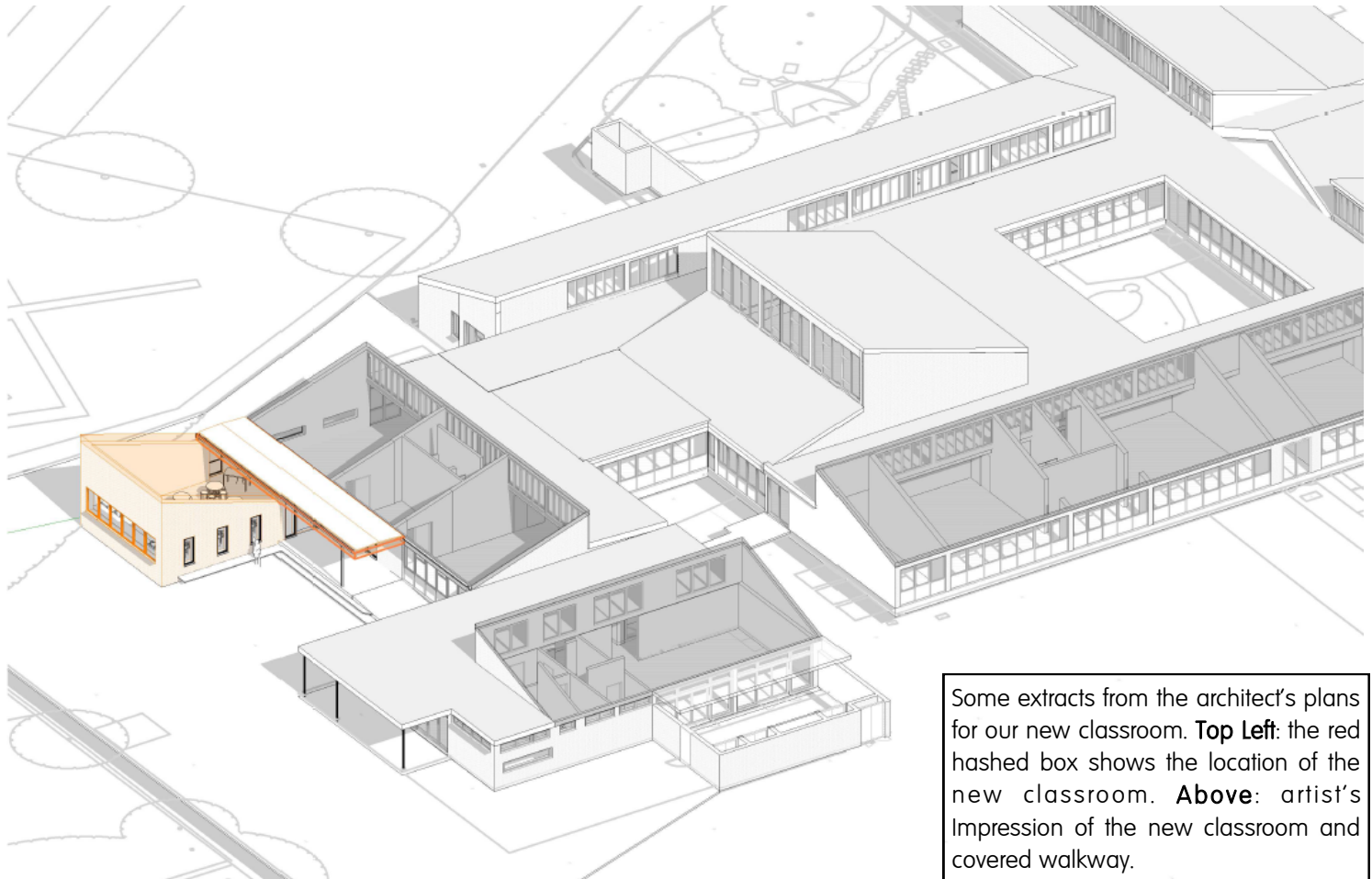
The film of the Junior Christmas Performance of Stable Manners has been professionally edited. Please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Brophy know if you would like to buy a copy.

Do you receive the newsletter each week?

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



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Some extracts from the architect's plans for our new classroom. **Top Left:** the red hashed box shows the location of the new classroom. **Above:** artist's Impression of the new classroom and covered walkway.

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Backpack Project

Our school is undertaking a very exciting project with an international charity called Mary's Meals. This organisation provides over 1.13 million breakfasts for children every day in 12 different countries.

They also run the Backpack Project, which is about providing children the basic tools for learning. Your children here at Christ the King have shown a fantastic interest in helping with the project and we would love you to support them by donating good condition basic items that your child no longer uses. The bags will be collected on the 29th Mar and then sent to various schools in Malawi, and your help would be most appreciated!

You can donate one or as many as you like of the following items

- ✂ Backpacks
- ✂ Notepads, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, rulers, sharpeners, pencil cases etc.
- ✂ Towels, shorts, skirts, t-shirts, dresses, flip-flops, sandals etc.
- ✂ Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- ✂ Small bowls and spoons

Thank you in advance—Mrs Carroll.

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Photos Wanted

Have you got any photos or memorabilia from Christ the King through our 50 years? We would love to display



William Parry-Jones who has achieved Level 4 in rock-climbing's NICAS awards, as well as Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Level 5;



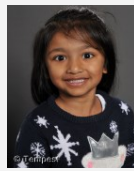
Kunaal Ashok who entered a painting in the national competition run by Look and Learn (*see right*);



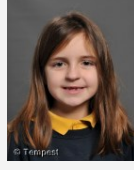
Emily McAuley who recently went all the way to Glasgow to take part in an Irish dancing *feis*; earning a medal for placing in a very keen competition;



Alba del Prado who has gained the International Teachers of Dance Gold award with honours after earning a super 91% in her assessment;



Tia Ashok who has earned her second "Little Explorer's" certificate from Whitley Library.



Kelsea Gillas who has earned no fewer than 14 badges at Brownies—and she has only been going to Brownies for 6 months! This week she earned the "spy badge" by finding clues and breaking codes.

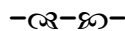


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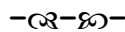
Kunaal's picture

some of it in further newsletters this year. If you have, please leave any submissions with the school office (with a note saying who they're from and whether you want them back).



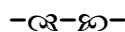
Northumberland Road

Please take care when crossing Northumberland Road. One of our parents who is also a PCSO has reported two near misses on the zebra crossing near the school. Car drivers very often cannot see people on the crossing itself. With children and parents from three schools coming and going at the beginning and end of the day it gets very busy. We will be asking the police to give our children some more road safety advice, but we appeal to everyone to please take care.



Mrs Neale

We say farewell today to Mrs Neale, who has been a member of staff at Christ the King for several years and recently has been teaching Spanish throughout the Juniors. Mrs Neale has obtained a new teaching job at a school in Wokingham District. We wish her well for the future, but we will miss her. Spanish teaching will be on hold for the rest of this term while we make alternative arrangements, but will return in the summer.



School Trip Payments

This term we will be trialling an online payment system: www.schoolmoney.co.uk. We hope that this will provide a new more efficient method of making payments to school.

For the trial we will only be using the system for specific trips. If it proves successful we will then roll it out for other activities. We will explain how to make a payment when we send home details of the school trip.

The system uses our existing texting service so please can you help us by letting us know of any changes to your contact details.

Wear Red Day: Some Photos

