

CHRIST THE KING

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
WITH THE ARK—A SPECIALIST RESOURCE



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Dates for your Diaries

MASSES

Friday January 20th Mrs Gooch's class
Friday January 27th. Miss Clarke's class
Friday February 3rd. Mrs Holmes' class
Friday February 24th. Mrs Asker's class

Wednesday 1st. March is Ash Wednesday,
Mass for the whole school

Friday 10th March. Miss Casey and Miss Kerrigan's classes
Friday 17th. March Mrs Clifford and Miss Hollows' classes
Friday 24th. March Mrs Kassam's class

INSET DAYS

Friday February 10th.
Monday February 20th.
School will be closed to children on these days which are
immediately before and after half term.

HALF TERM

Monday 13th—Friday 17th February

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Nursery

Monday 6th and Monday 13th. March

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:
Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th. March

Mrs Tetchner will be available on
Tuesday 7th and Monday 13th March

*Parent consultations run from 1.30—5.30. Each class has
two days for consultations to make sure we can see all the
parents who wish to attend.*

WORLD BOOK DAY

Themed dressing up for pupils and staff: March 2nd.

HEXAGON CHARITY CONCERT

Thursday March 16th. 7—9 p.m.

LENT PREPARATIONS

Reconciliation service: Tuesday 4th April
Stations of the Cross: Thursday 6th April 11.00 a.m.

END OF TERM

Friday April 7th. 1.30 p.m.

Please see our weekly newsletter for other events and dates

Please Remember: No nuts in school

We have several children who are severely allergic
to nuts.

FUTURE DATES

Summer Term: Monday April 24th—Friday 21st. July

Half term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June

NEXT CHRISTMAS

As a voluntary aided school Christ the King is allowed to
set its own holiday and term-time dates, although by law
children have to be in school for 190 days every year.
For Christmas/New Year 2017/18 Reading Borough has
suggested breaking up on December 19th and returning to
school on January 3rd. See the shaded days below.

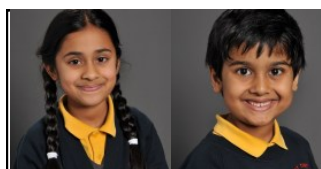
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Mr Cosgrove wonders if it would better for our families to
break up on Friday 22nd. as shown below.

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri
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What do you think?

If parents have strong feelings either way please let Mr
Cosgrove know, in person or through the school office.



We started our week in Arabic.

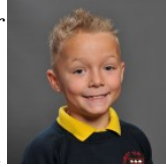
A Salaam O Alaikum
Wa Alaikum Salaam

Blog of the Week

Two Different Christmas Experiences from this week's blogs

Lennon in Miss Clarke's class told us about his Christmas:

On Christmas Day my nan went to the hospital because she fell down the side of her chair and my mum was going to get her. When my mum saw nanny on the floor. Then mum called a ambulance. I was very disappointed about no Christmas dinner because my dad can't cook food for me so we had to get a Mr Cod.



For Tristan Shuttleworth it was a happier time:

On Christmas Eve me, my sisters and my mum went to church to celebrate Jesus' birth. When we went home my dad had laid out dinner. Before we pulled the crackers we shared with each other a bit of special bread for good wishes (my mother's tradition). After that we pulled the Christmas crackers and had delicious dinner.

Later, we gathered round the living room and one by one we opened our Christmas Eve presents. (Because it's a Polish tradition that children get presents on that evening.) These were presents from our family members. I got a Pikachu teddy, a Nerf gun, some boring old books and a pool table! We had some fun playing with our presents but



unfortunately our parents said to go to sleep early so Santa would come (mind, it wasn't that early anyway!)...

I woke up early in the morning, ran downstairs and to my surprise there was no Christmas tree or presents! Everything had vanished! I was so disappointed that I started to cry... And that's when I really woke up and noticed that it was only a horrible dream! Relief flowed through me.

It was actually Christmas at last! I rushed to find my stocking and quickly ate my breakfast (we were not allowed to open our presents otherwise).

We opened more presents from Santa and I spent a lovely time with my family. Even though we could not go anywhere exciting because my dad was recovering after his operation, it was still the best Christmas ever!

But the main reason it was the best Christmas ever is because my dad didn't need to go to work so I could spend the Christmas holidays with him; we played games and had lots of fun together

Tristan's blog post is also his entry for our writing competition. The results of this will be announced at Monday's assembly.

Check out our blogs at: www.ctkreading.net

Could you consider fostering with Reading Borough Council?

Lots of people think that to become a foster carer you must be married, live in your own home, be financially well off and have children of your own. What you are able to offer a child is much more important to us than your personal circumstances. Reading has a diverse population and the children who need looking after come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Our policy is to recruit suitable carers from all walks of life.

It doesn't matter if you own or rent what is important is that you have enough space to accommodate an extra child/young person in your home and ideally you should have a spare bedroom.

Pets are not usually a problem unless they are known to be dangerous. If you own a dog we will want to know how you control it.

Lots of people think that you have to have a "traditional" family to be able to foster - this is simply not true. We welcome applications from all sorts of families/households. You could be married, living with your partner or single. You could have children (of any age) living at home with you, your children may have left home or you may not have children of your own. Your sexuality is not important.

We do not exclude people because they are overweight or disabled. However, fostering can be very demanding and you do need to be in reasonably good health in order to care for a child or young person. There are some medical

conditions that would prevent you from fostering or restrict the type of fostering you do. If you smoke we will not approve you to care for children under 5 years of age. We are happy to consider your application if you are older or younger, provided you are in good health.

We always try to place children with families who understand their background and can offer a home that meets their religious, language and cultural needs. Reading has a diverse population - we need foster carers to look after children from the white, African, Caribbean and Asian Communities. We also need people who are able to look after children who are of mixed race.

It doesn't matter to us whether you work or not - we need carers to look after children with all sorts of different needs. Some children will need a full time carer (in which case it is better if you don't have a job) while children who are older and at school during the day need care out of school hours. There are a few types of jobs that would prevent you from fostering, but in most cases the job you do won't stop you from becoming a foster carer although the hours you work may restrict the type of fostering that you can offer.

You do not need specific qualifications for most types of fostering, but you do need plenty of common sense, patience, the willingness to learn, the flexibility to adapt to different situations, a good sense of humour and the desire to make a difference.