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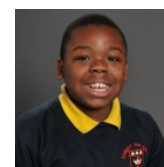
Jubilee Year Marshmallows - and Self Control

Christ the King Catholic Primary school welcomed its first pupils in July 1967. The brand new school was much smaller than it is now. There were only 8 classrooms, with no Nursery and no Ark.

Christ the King was built to replace the old St James' school which still stands in Forbury Gardens, beside St James' church, and is now a pre-school. By 1967 the Victorian buildings at St James were no longer suitable for a school and some of the children had already been moved out even before Christ the King opened. The infants were being taught in a temporary annexe at Cressingham Road.

In July 1967 the children from St James', and the children from Cressingham Road came together to take possession of the lovely, new, modern building that was Christ the King school. Amongst those pupils who were so happy and excited to be the first children at Christ the King was Miss Hatton, our deputy headteacher.

A 50th birthday is a very special milestone and we plan a big celebration for July 2017. You can help in three ways. First, a special Mass will be celebrated on July 12th, but we would welcome other ideas to mark the occasion. Please let us know if you have any thoughts. Second, we would love to hear stories and memories from past pupils and members of staff—and we would really like to see the pictures, too! It would be great to have a book of golden memories to help us remember our history. Finally, we hope that all pupils, parents, families, parishioners and friends will join us in celebrating our Jubilee.



At the start of a new term and a New Year we are focusing on self-control and at Wednesday's assembly we tried the famous "marshmallow test". Three volunteers were given a marshmallow and told that if they waited until the end of assembly before eating it they could have two.

Devised in the 1960s as a way to study self-control, scientists soon found this test was giving them results they hadn't expected. They discovered that the children who showed greatest self-control went on to do best in their school work and to do well at sport: in later life they were happier, healthier and in better paid jobs.

It may seem obvious that people with greater self control will be able to work harder, and would have the discipline to practise and to perfect their skills. Coming to school every day, working hard even when you don't particularly want to, doing homework... many of the things needed to succeed take self control. And the really good news is that the scientists also found it was possible to teach self control to those who did not have much. So for the next few weeks we will be concentrating on developing and building up self control.

By the way, all three of our volunteers showed they had great self-control; two of them managed to wait until the end of the assembly and earned their second marshmallow—so we obviously have a head start already.

Please Remember: No nuts in school

We have several children who are severely allergic to nuts.

We started our week in Polish and finished in English

Dzien Dobry

Good Morning



Congratulations to...

Ibrahim and Hiba Atif who over the holiday successfully completed the Wokingham Libraries winter reading challenge. Well done to them.



Most after school activities re-start next week:

Chess: Tuesday 3.20—4.15 (free)

Judo: Monday 8—8.45 a.m. (£32.50 per term)

Ballet: Tuesday Reception 3—3.45; Year 1/2 3.45—4.30 (£20 per term)

Gymnastics, Infants Tuesday 8—8.45 a.m. Years 3—6, Wednesday 8—8.45 a.m. (£17.50 per term)

Recorder: Wednesday 3.20—4.20 (£1 per session)

Art Club: Thursday 3.20—4.30 (£6 per session) Art club is now open to Years 2, 3 and 4

Football and choir will re-start but not next week and possibly on different days.

Remember: every day during term time

Breakfast Club

Starts at 7.30 a.m.,
children can be dropped off at any time up until 8.30.

£2.50 per morning

After School Club

Runs from 3.20 p.m. until 6 p.m.
children can be collected at any time.

£4 if the child is collected before 4.30 p.m.

£8 if the child stays after 4.30 p.m.

Parking

Please could parents be considerate with parking—particularly in Durham Close.

SURE START WHITLEY

The Council is proposing to reorganise Children's Centre services. It is asking people who use Children's Centre services, other residents and stakeholders what they think of the plans. Please visit

www.reading.gov.uk/childrenscentresreview

Or come to the meeting at Sure Start Whitley 16 February 2017, 10am-12pm

Blog of the Week

With the excitement and the change in routines of the holiday it's great to see that the blogs were still being updated. Mrs Gooch and Miss Clarke's classes have both had new entries on their blog already this term, and Nursery posted over the holiday to wish us all a Merry Christmas.

But the Blog of the Week trophy this week goes to Mrs Asker's class for a blog post from last term. The video showing the end of their learning topic about The Great Fire of London is really worth watching. Well done to Mrs Asker and her class.

Check out our blogs at: www.ctkreading.net

We are experiencing technical difficulties in posting the film of our mannequin challenge to the blogs. We apologise for this and hope to manage it soon.

Writing Competition

Prizes for every class,

Write an original story or a poem with the title:

The Best Christmas Ever...

Thank you to all those who have entered our competition; several children have asked if they can have until Monday so please bring in entries by then.

Please pray for...

Mrs Holmes and her family. Mrs Holmes' husband, Mick, passed away at the end of last term. He will be buried next week and Mrs Holmes will return to school on Monday 16th.

Mrs Rutter and her family. Mrs Rutter's mother passed away just before the Christmas holiday and the funeral was held this week.

May eternal light shine upon these our loved ones and may they rest in peace.

Make sure you always receive our weekly newsletter. Join the growing number of parents who receive their newsletter by e-mail. Please see Mrs Brophy in the school office.