

CHRIST THE KING

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



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**Tuesday
December 6th**

is a staff training day for The Ark. The Ark will be closed to pupils on this day; the rest of the school will be open as normal.

Pupil Discos

Friday November 25th. (Today!)

4—5.30 Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
(Please could parents stay)

6—7.30 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

£2 payable at the door

The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark

Nursery and Reception had a visit from some feathered friends this week to help them in their learning about "the Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark". There are more great pictures on Nursery's blog at www.ctkreading.net



Please Remember: No nuts in school

We have several children who are severely allergic to nuts.

Celebrating a birthday?

Every week we include the message about nuts, above, in our newsletter. We know how difficult it can be to remember and how inconvenient it can be to keep to this rule, but the reason we keep repeating the message is that it is really important. The consequences of forgetting, or not bothering, could be really serious and potentially life-threatening for those of our children who have allergies.

There are still occasional snacks which contain nuts appearing in lunchboxes, and there is a persistent problem with birthday cakes. Of course we are more than happy to help your children to celebrate their special day, and we are always delighted by the generosity of our families, but please could we ask that if you send in treats for the other children that these should be in bags or individually wrapped?

Cakes that need to be cut up and handed out can be dangerous, so we ask parents please to avoid these. Anything brought in for other children to eat which is individually wrapped will be passed on so that parents can make their own decisions about whether to give it to their children. In the same way, when we have sales of cakes and buns in school we not only try to make sure they are nut free, we also have the sale after the end of the school day. Thank you for helping us to keep all our children safe.



We started our week in Portuguese, and finished in English.

Bom dia

Good morning



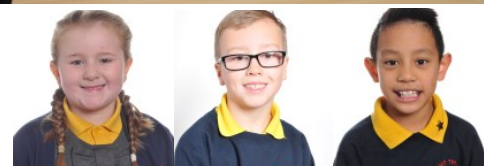
Congratulations to...

Emily McAuley who went to Watford last weekend to take part in a qualifying competition for the Irish Dancing World Championships. Emily is too young to compete in the World championships, but her dancing on the day would have been good enough to qualify and she thoroughly deserved the magnificent trophy she brought away.

Aaron Digweed and Joshua Basa who both play for South Reading at football and whose team recently won their league.

Megan Ndasi and Danica Monreal of our school council represented Christ the King school at a meeting of WEC school councillors and the Mayor of Reading. They invited the mayor to come to our Christmas performances. It will be great if he does!

Very well done to all of these..



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Next term starts on January 4th.

THANK YOU

...to all those who came last week to help us celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It was good to see many children in the church with their crowns. Sadly the weather did not allow us to process outside, but it was still a lovely and very special occasion.

THANK YOU

for

£187.41

raised for CAFOD by our non uniform day last week.

Blog of the Week

Our Blog of The Week award this week goes to Nursery.

Every week the Nursery blog has tips and hints for parents. This week there is advice about Arts and Crafts and a short explanation of why they are so helpful to children. Mrs Parry Jones also uses the Nursery blog to showcase the children's learning, and to tell the World what has been going on in our Nursery. This week there is a sequence of photographs showing Nursery with the owls.

Because so many classes were out on Friday morning we decided to leave the blogger of the week award until Monday. There has been the usual keen competition with Miss Clarke's class alone posting 12 great new entries. Lucia in Mr Cosgrove's class used one of her three blog posts to tell us 10 odd facts, including the information that missing breakfast can make people put on weight, and Anya in the same class has written the start of another exciting story. Jesse, from Miss Clarke's class, is a strong contender to win a second Blogger of the week award for telling us all about scorpions; Zack, has an interesting post about the Megalodon while Tyler told us about a book he has enjoyed reading, Shianne had more great posts and Abigail told us about the Stone Age and her birthday all in the same blog entry.

Check out our blogs at: www.ctkreading.net

How can I help my child do well? 11

Rules and Routines

Children need to know where they stand.

They need to know what is expected of them and what is not permitted. Children who grow up without rules find it difficult to apply themselves: if



they are always allowed to do what they want, to give up when things get tough and to make their own rules, it is hard for them to do the things that are needed to succeed. Class work can be completely beyond them.

You don't need too many rules, but the ones you have your children should know about; and they should know what the consequences are of not following them. Consequences don't need to be harsh, but the rules need to be consistent and consistently applied. Few things undermine children's confidence and performance more quickly than being unsure of what they are supposed to do. At worst, when rules are inconsistent, some children can end up not doing anything, and not trying to do anything, because they aren't sure what they should do and they are worried about getting into trouble.

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.