



CHRIST THE KING

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



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How can I help my child do well?

3 IN SCHOOL and ON TIME

Last year there were 38 children at our school who had 100% attendance. They never missed a single session of school. These children and their parents showed a really positive attitude to learning, almost all of them are doing really well with their schoolwork.



Also last year we had 16 children who missed more than 40 sessions each, which is the equivalent of four full weeks of school, and 3 who missed out on more than 60 sessions, or six full weeks. These 16 were not children who went away on holiday in term time. Most of their absences were for one or two days at a time, so the children who missed more than 40 days disrupted far more than 4 weeks of learning. Many of the children with the worst attendance are also very often late in the morning. Very few of these 16 children are doing well at school: none of them is doing as well as he or she should.

Of course everyone is occasionally ill and needs to stay at home, but it is extremely unusual for anyone to be ill one or two days every fortnight.

The parents who make sure their children are in school, on time, every single day, are showing that school is important and that it's worth making an effort with the work: after all they make an effort every single day, and particularly on those days when they don't feel at their best but come into school anyway. By contrast those children who are often late and frequently absent will pick up the message that their parents don't think school is important. This may not be true, but if children are allowed to take a day off every time they say they don't feel well, if they arrive ten or fifteen minutes late most days, they are not likely to take school work seriously.

If you want your child to do well, show them how important school is: make sure they are here and on time every day.

Parents often ask how they can help their children in school. Every week this term we will print a simple tip. We hope you will find this useful.

Please Remember:
No nuts in school

We have several children who are allergic to nuts.

Parent-Teacher consultations 1.30—5.30

Tuesday 8th. November

Mrs Kerrigan, Miss Casey, Mrs Asker

Wednesday 9th November

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Gooch, Miss Clarke,
Mr Krasnopski, Mr Cosgrove, Mrs Kassam

*Mrs Tetchner from The Ark will be available both days.
Reception and Nursery will meet and consult with parents
in other ways and at other times.*

*Parents of children in these classes will receive separate
notices nearer to the events.*

Non uniform Day for Alzheimer's Research:
Friday 7th. October



FRIDAY 30TH September

Now is your chance to show off your 'Bake off' skills! We would be grateful for any cakes which should be sent in with your child on the morning of the 30th. and will be sold in the playground after school.

Thank you in advance for your help

Please note that all cakes should be nut free



We started our week in Swahili and finished in Hungarian

Jambo!

Jo Reggelt



Congratulations to...

Harrison Corp who has gained his orange belt at karate;

Logan Chard, who was man of the match in a recent 6—0 victory for his club “Directions”;

Harry and Katie Coleman who took part in another fund-raising mud run last weekend: this time they travelled all the way to Essex and ran 3 kilometres;

Rhys Bascombe who won a trophy at his football club;

Mrs Parry-Jones whose Nursery blog was recently held up as an example of how to do things really well at a training event for teachers; if you haven't seen the Nursery blog it is worth having a look:

www.ctkreading.net.



The new Art Club for Years 3 and 4 got off to a great start on Thursday (photos above and left) There are still places available—please see Mrs Brophy.

Recorder club: 3.20—4.20 Tuesdays in Miss Clarke's classroom. £1 per session

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 28th September

9.00 – 10.15am

For parents of children with ASD,
or awaiting a diagnosis of ASD.

Meet By The School Office

First Holy Communion 2017

Information evening for parents
Tuesday 11th. October

7 p.m. in the school hall

If your child is a baptised Catholic in Year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion next summer please come to the meeting.

Blog of the Week

First winners of our magnificent new “Blog of the Week trophy” were Miss Kerrigan's class with the photos and account of their visit to “Build a Bear” in The Oracle centre. See for yourself at: www.ctkreading.net



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.