

CHRIST THE KING

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WITH THE ARK ASD RESOURCE

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Autism Awareness Week 14—18 March 2016

It's OK to be different!

The family of Christ the King school is a wonderfully diverse community. We celebrate the fact that our children speak 30 languages and have links with countries all over the World; we are proud of the tolerance and the respect they show for each other and for the welcome they give to people of all ages and conditions. We are also privileged to host Reading Borough's Resource for children with autistic spectrum conditions. These children enrich our community with their gifts and talents and they help us all to understand that "Different is not less".

God has created us all in His own image and likeness. All people are individuals and every person is different: unique and special. No-one in the whole World has ever been identical to you, with the same physical appearance, the same experiences, the same thoughts, fears and dreams. People with autism are just like everyone else in this respect. They are unique and special individuals.

Being autistic means that people may find it a struggle to understand their own emotions and other people's; they sometimes need to keep to set routines and may find changes difficult to handle; communication can be hard. Autism is a life-long condition. It affects different people in different ways and the effects can be more noticeable in some people than others. Sometimes it's not easy to tell when a person has autism.

Sometimes, children with Autism have difficulty processing information from their senses: sound, touch, taste, sight, and smell. They can be sensitive to loud noises, too many people around them or strong smells. And when everything gets too much they may have "meltdowns". If this happens it is important for everyone else to remember that the child concerned has not chosen to do this. It isn't him or her being "naughty" or trying to upset anyone. It simply means they can't cope with the situation they are in. It's up to the rest of us to show our understanding and our respect for the person—which is something the children of Christ the King do really well.

This week we will be learning a bit more about autism and on Wednesday "Onesie Wednesday" we are encouraged to wear a onesie, (or pyjamas, or a dressing gown) to show we are aware of autism.

An Apology (There's a lot happening!)

The season of Lent is a time when Christians are especially invited to think of others so we have always done a lot of fund-raising in the weeks leading up to Easter. This year, however, Easter is very early, which has made the term extremely short. This has led to some congestion and means that next week there are three days when the children will not need to wear school uniform.

Wednesday (16th.) is "Onesie Wednesday" for Autism Awareness; there is no charge for this and children who don't have Onesie's may wear pyjamas or dressing gowns if you prefer. (see left)

Thursday (17th) is a non-uniform day when children are invited to bring in Easter eggs as prizes for our PTA Easter egg raffle.

Friday (18th) is a non-uniform day in aid of CAFOD's World Gifts campaign. Children are invited to bring in a contribution to go towards the work that CAFOD does in developing countries and to help build up the "Christ the King Village".

We apologise that all these days come at once. We know this can cause difficulties for parents and we're sorry to put you under extra pressure, but these are all events that will help us to encourage the children to think of others and we believe they are worth the little extra effort. Thank you for your help and support as always.



We started our week in Hungarian and finished in Lithuanian

Jo Reggelt

Labas Riytas



"I come to bring you life; life in all its fullness."

John 10:10

Please Remember— No nuts in school

We have several children who are allergic to nuts—some with very severe allergies.

Congratulations to... Our school choir and Mr Krasnopolshi's class,

who performed brilliantly at The Hexagon Theatre on Wednesday evening, accompanied by their teachers. Our photos show the children (and staff) in rehearsal.

Well done to all of them, and thanks to their teachers, in particular Mr Krasnopolshi, Miss McWade and Mrs Cox.

DVDs of the show are available for £5 each (or £7 for Blue-Ray).



New on this week's Blogs...

Keren from Miss Clarke's class has written a super poem on her blog:

Building Poem

Building are a great surprise.,
Everyone's buildings are different size.
Offices grow long and high
tall enough to touch the sky.
Houses seem more like a box
made of glue and building blocks.
Every time you look, you see
Buildings shaped quite differently.



Maths Ninjas

Enrolled this week in the rank of:

Shodan

Chloe Hind

Elsewhere on our blogs:

Nursery has some fantastic photographs from World Book Day, as well as the rhyme of the moment, the Elmer Colour Song;

Mrs Gooch's class has a great record of their learning, with not only photographs of the children working on the Magic Paintbrush story, but also some good shots of the children doing gymnastics for PE.

Read the Blogs at www.ckreading.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.