

**Newsletter for week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Virtue to Live by for next week: I use strategies to keep myself calm**

**Lockdown Rules Reminder**

I would like to thank the parents and carers who are supporting us in school by following the national lockdown rules. We very much appreciate this, as it is helping to protect our school community. The staff in school have also been making a lot of sacrifices over the past few weeks and knowing that you are supporting us by following these guidelines means a lot to them as well.

A reminder that, under the current government guidelines, there should be no household mixing inside or outside in gardens.

If you or your children have any symptoms, please ensure that you remain at home and do not come into school. You will then need to contact the NHS 119 line to book a test. Please do keep us up to date and informed if your child is absent from school due to COVID symptoms within your family via the school office. We can then ensure that we keep in touch with you and support your child/ren with any remote learning or food supplies in place of free school meals.

**Remote Learning**

If your child is absent from school because they are isolating, or because they are awaiting a test result, we have placed a 5-day learning plan for every class on the school website. This can be accessed by parents and carers and children can begin the work immediately if they are well enough. If you child has completed this work due to previously isolating, we ask that you contact their class teacher through the Class Dojo app. They will then set more work.

Attendance this week	
Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R/ 1	94.8%
Year 1/2	96.3%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	84.2%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	98.8%



**Special Educational Needs and Disability Leader in School**

From the start of December, Miss Riggs will be taking over the role of SENDCO, following a successful interview in school. Mrs Waide will still continue to be involved with the co-ordination of SEND, as we have taken the decision to move to an Inclusion Team in school. Mrs Waide will lead the Inclusion Team as a whole, with Miss Riggs taking responsibility for SEND and Mrs Hartley continuing to take responsibility for supporting our families in school in her role as Family Support Worker. We have taken this decision so that we continue to develop the skill sets of all of our staff across school and ensure that our pupils and parents receive the best possible support.

### **What have the children been learning about?**

We have started the half term in style this week, with lots of exciting learning going on across school. On November 11th we observed a 2 minute silence across school to remember those who fought for our country in the two World Wars and other conflicts. The children learnt all about Remembrance Day in their classes.

Pupils have been keeping active whilst learning about Maths and English through our new Tagtiv8 resources in school, while our cooking program is continuing, with Year 4 making a delicious paella this week.

Our Year 6 children have been the stars of the Leeds United website homepage following their mental health and wellbeing talk on Zoom with none other than Calvin Phillips from Leeds United!

We have also been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, with our 'Odd Socks Day' today. The children have been learning important lessons about the impact of bullying and thinking about what should be done if someone is being bullied.



Year 3 using our new Tagtiv-8 resources in P.E. to help them with their Maths work as well.



Year 5 supporting anti-bullying week in their odd socks.



Year 6 had a good chat with Calvin Phillips via Zoom to talk about mental health and wellbeing. Please click the link to see the full video:

<https://video.leedsunited.com/video/dm9kJTdDMF9zdm9sN2E2byU3QyUyRnBhZ2UIMoZzbHVnJTNEaG9tZSU3Q2hvbWUIMkZsaXNoJTJGMCUyRmZlZWQ%3D>

## **Virtues to Live by**

Next week we will be moving on to our new virtue for this half term, which is Patience. This supports our focus in our R.E. lessons as well, as we move into the season of Advent next Sunday.

### **Why Practise Patience?**

*When you are patient you can wait without complaining. Often when we are aiming to achieve a goal we need to be patient with ourselves and others to fulfil our hopes and dreams. When we are patient with others we work with God to build them up and give them confidence to keep going. When you are patient with yourself you build your capacity to grow in love and knowledge of God.*

### **How do we Practise Patience?**

*You practice patience when you can wait calmly and accept things that you cannot control, knowing all things are in God's hands. You are calm with others. You rely on God to give you the strength to be patient with yourself and others. You try to understand other points of view and will listen attentively to others.*

## **Parents' Consultation Meetings**

Thank you to those parents who attended our virtual parents' evenings. If you had any difficulties with technology and getting online for the parents' consultation, please let the class teachers know on the Class Dojo system. A link has also been sent out to parents via the Class Dojo system and via text for our Parent Survey online. Please do take a few minutes to complete this survey, as all of your responses are so valuable in helping us to learn more about how we can continue to develop our school.

## **Admissions to Primary School September 2021**

A reminder to all parents that applications for primary places for September 2021 opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The link to completing the application form online with Leeds City Council is:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>

The Admissions Policy for Christ the King Catholic Primary School A Voluntary Academy can be found on our website at: <https://www.christthekingleeds.co.uk/our-catholic-school/admissions-1>

If you have any friends or family members who are looking for school places for their child in September, please do encourage them to look at our school website and watch our video to find out a bit more about us. We are also always happy to talk to any prospective parents and answer any questions. Parents can get in contact with us via the school phone number (0113 2579230) or via email ([office@ctkcps.org.uk](mailto:office@ctkcps.org.uk))

## **Learning Support Assistant Vacancy**

We are currently advertising for a Learning Support Assistant to join our fantastic team at Christ the King Catholic Primary School. If you know of anyone who is interested, please encourage them to look at the advert on the school website. The link to the advert is:

<https://www.christthekingleeds.co.uk/our-catholic-school/vacancies>

Miss Clark  
(Headteacher)

### **Dates for your Diary**

22.11.20 – Feast day of Christ the King

30.11.20 – Start of Advent

08.12.20 - Feast day of the Immaculate Conception

11.12.20 – Filmed Nativity shared with EYFS and KS1 parents

17.12.20 – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party Day

17.12.20 – Christmas Dinner Day