

**Newsletter for week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Virtue to Live by for next week: I am patient with myself when I make mistakes**

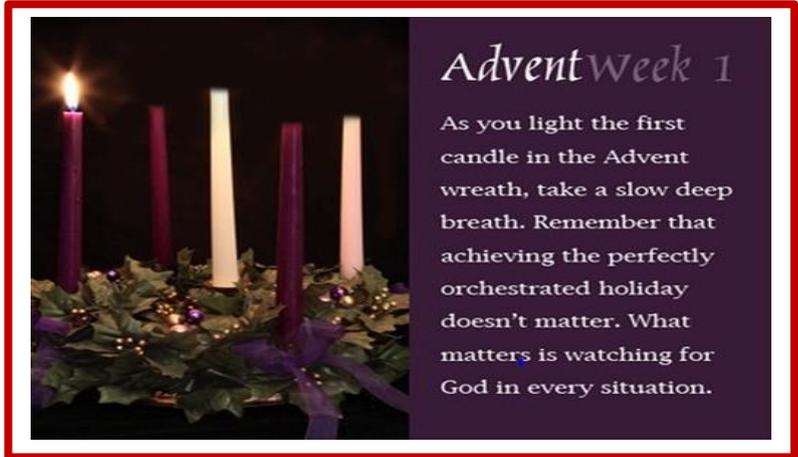
**First week of Advent**

This week we celebrated the first week of Advent in school.

I would like to thank Fr. Neil who came up to school on Tuesday to bless our Advent Wreaths, which were beautifully crafted by staff and pupils.

Our Year 4 children led an Advent Liturgy for the rest of the school to start our important Advent journey.

During this period of Advent, I would like to encourage all of our families to take time out at home to reflect on this special period, pray together and remember during this difficult time all of the things that we have to be hopeful and thankful for.



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

Over the past two weeks we have yet again had a lot of events taking place in school. We continue with our classroom kitchens projects with the children in Year 3 making crispy salmon bites and our Year 2 children making delicious smoothies.

Year 6 have been fundraising for their class charity CAFOD. They set out on a mission to raise enough funds to “buy a goat” that will support a family in Bangladesh and I am delighted to say that they reached their target.

Following their post on Twitter, CAFOD has been in contact to ask if Year 6 can provide them with some more information to publish a follow up story!



Miss Murphy's class this week entered the spirit of Christmas to start their new topic with "Elf week". I can't quite believe some of the fantastic writing that it has inspired from our youngest children in school. Thank you to Miss Murphy, Mrs Brennan, Miss Elam and our student teacher Miss Lewis for making such a special and inspirational day for our children.



We were very fortunate to have access to some amazing Egyptian artefacts courtesy of Anabelle, who visited us last year to teach us all about Ancient Egyptian lifestyles. The children had a fantastic day learning things from the mummification process to how to make Egyptian toothpaste! It was wonderful to see all of the children dressed up and so engaged in their learning. Thank you to Miss Gray for arranging this special day and to Anabelle for lending us such superb historical artefacts for our enquiry based history curriculum.

### **Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December our fabulous catering team will be preparing a Christmas dinner for staff and pupils across school. All pupils can opt into having a Christmas dinner on this day if they choose to, but we will be asking parents and carers to inform us if you would like your child to be provided with a Christmas dinner by next Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup> December). This is so that Mrs Borthwick can make sure that she orders enough food for everyone. If you usually pay for a school dinner, you can pay for your child's Christmas dinner via the parent pay app.

Also on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the children can wear their Christmas jumpers. We are asking for a donation of £1 for this, which we will be donating to our parish church of Christ the King. It has been a very difficult period for all of our churches in the diocese without the usual collections to support their funding.

### **Queries and Questions**

A reminder to all parents that if you have any queries or questions, please do ask the staff in school to find out the information you require. This can be done in a number of ways - through the school office email, the Class Dojo system, by phoning the school office or requesting to speak to a teacher at the end of the day. The answers to many questions can also be found on our website. Please do come and speak to us directly in a polite and respectful manner as we are always happy to discuss anything with you.

### **EYFS and KS1 Nativities**

Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 pandemic, this year we are unable to invite parents and carers into school for any Nativity performances. We are determined that our children and parents will not miss out on our annual performances which share the special Christmas messages.

Over the course of next week the children in Mrs Jones and Miss Murphy's classes will be performing their Nativities in class. They will be recording these and sharing the recordings with parents in the last week of term. We will be sending a letter out to all parents about this.

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

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 on: <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))

### **Parent Surveys**

Thank you to all of our parents who completed our online parent survey. The surveys were overwhelmingly positive with 100% of parents and carers stating that they would recommend Christ the King School to other parents and carers. I know that our dedicated team at Christ the King always appreciate your kind words and words of thanks for all of the work that they do for the children. A simple thank you goes such a long way and is truly valued. We will of course continue to strive to provide the best education for our children at Christ the King.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

08.12.20 - Feast day of the Immaculate Conception  
Week commencing 14.12.20 – Filmed Nativity shared with EYFS and KS1 parents  
17.12.20 – Christmas jumper day and Christmas party day

Miss Clark  
(Headteacher)

#### **Attendance this week**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Percentage Attendance</b>
Year R/ 1	92.8%
Year 1/2	98.5%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	98.9%