

Newsletter for week beginning 14th December 2020



Final week of Advent

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term we enter into the final week of Advent. This Sunday, the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath will be lit in churches across the world – the candle of Peace.

I hope that you are all able to take time out of your busy schedules to spend some time to pray together and share a moment of peace.

I would like to thank Mrs Holt our Chair of the Academy Council who has spent many hours over the past two weeks preparing a special video presentation of the Nativity story for our children to watch in their classes to create a moment of peace and reflection. This was the perfect end to the term!

God of our journey,
As we light the final Advent candle,
we ask You to send Your blessings upon us.
May Your Word teach us to trust You
and to trust the climb You have called us to
make.
Be with us, guide our way,
lead us to You and to Your Son,
Jesus, in whose name we pray
Amen



Christmas Mass Times

Please do take the time over the Christmas period to take your child to Mass to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Please see the Christ the King and Holy Family website for details about how you can book to attend one of the Christmas services this year: <https://www.christtheking-holyfamily.org.uk/>

The times of the Masses are listed below. Like Easter, the Nativity of the Lord is one of the two solemnities in the Ordinary Form of the Church's liturgical calendar which has its own Octave. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. So, for example, the prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still

Christmas Day. Families are welcome to attend any of the Octave of Masses to celebrate the mystery of Christmas. Please ensure that you book in advance with Fr Neil.

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS			
DATE	DAY	TIME	CHURCH
24 th December	Christmas Eve	4:00pm	Holy Family
24 th December	Christmas Eve	6pm	Christ the King
25 th December	Christmas Day	8:00am	Christ the King
25 th December	Christmas Day	9:30pm	Holy Family
25 th December	Christmas Day	11am	Christ the King

ATTENDANCE AT THESE MASSES IS BY BOOKING ONLY

MASSES WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS AT HOLY FAMILY & CHRIST THE KING					
DAY	DATE	TIME	FEAST	CHURCH	BOOKING REQUIRED
Saturday	26 th	9:30am	St Stephen (Boxing Day)	CTK	No
Sunday	27 th	9:30AM	Holy Family	HF	Yes
Sunday	27 th	11:00am	Holy Family	CTK	Yes
Monday	28 th	9:30am	Holy Innocents	HF	No
Tuesday	29 th	9:30am	St Thomas Beckett	CTK	No
Wednesday	30 th	9:30am	Octave of Christmas	HF	No
Thursday	31 st	9:30am	Octave of Christmas	CTK	No
Friday (New Year's Day)	1 st	9:30am	Mary, Mother of God	CTK	No
Friday (New Year's Day)	1 st	12noon	Mary, Mother of God	HF	No

A person may attend any of the above Masses which are in the Octave of Christmas which will fulfil the (usual) obligation of attending Mass for Christmas.

Thereafter normal schedule will resume. Depending on any further restrictions.

Christmas Celebrations

Thank you to our Early Years and Key Stage 1 team of staff who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to plan and prepare the Christmas performances that have been filmed and shared on the Class Dojo app this week. I am sure that you will agree that the performances are excellent and a true reminder of the story of Christmas. Well done to our EYFS and KS1 team!

This week the children have also enjoyed a festive day with a fabulous roast Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs Borthwick and the catering team. It really was a delicious and all the children looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers as well.



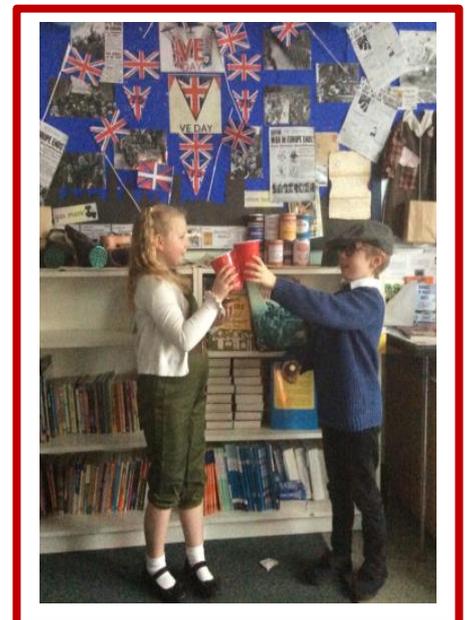
What have the children been learning about?

There have been plenty of elves around school over the past two weeks, with some behaving themselves more than others. Fortunately, our children across school have been on hand to lead the way by modelling their superb behaviour and writing letters to the elves to tell them about the high standards of behaviour that we expect at Christ the King.

Mrs Jones's class have been busy making their own healthy smoothie creations and Miss Murphy's class have been creating some delicious fruit salads in addition to practising and performing their wonderful Christmas shows. It has certainly been a busy time in Early Years and Key Stage 1!



Mrs Smith organised a VE celebration day to end their WWII history topic. I have to say I was so impressed by all of the children's VE day outfits – the children really looked the part! I know that the children have been inspired by this topic in school and I have been amazed by all the knowledge that they have gained.



We also had a visit from a very special travelling crib from the Diocese. The children in Mrs Jones's class went out to the Prayer Garden to share in this special moment with the Leeds diocesan Youth Team. I believe that the travelling crib has visited over 200 outdoor areas in the last two weeks.



Boiler Works

I am pleased to say that the works for the new boiler are going well. The installation is well underway and we plan to switch the systems over at the start of the New Year, prior to the children returning to school. We plan to make the switch over while the pupils are not in school as the heating will not be on during the switch over period. We hope that this will all run smoothly during the holidays so that everything is up and running for the start of the new term in January. We will of course keep you well informed and up to date with any changes to these plans.

Reporting Positive COVID19 Cases

Schools have been requested by the DfE to continue to track and trace positive case close contacts for 6 days after school closes for the end of term. As you are aware, the last day of term for Christ the King is **Friday 18th December** which means that until **Thursday 24th December** we will respond to notifications of positive cases and inform close contacts of the need to isolate. We have sent out a letter to inform parents and carers about how to contact us if your child has a positive COVID19 test result. The information can also be found on our school website at: [Christ The King Catholic Primary School A Voluntary Academy - Covid 19 - Information Autumn Term 2020 \(christthekingleeds.co.uk\)](https://www.christthekingleeds.co.uk)

Admissions to Primary School September 2021

Applications for primary places for September 2021 opened on the 1st 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) once the school is open again in January.

And Finally....

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff and families in school for supporting us in what has been a difficult term. We are so grateful that we have managed to successfully keep all our children in school throughout the Autumn Term. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children been provided with the very best quality teaching and learning, continuing to provide a broad and balanced curriculum throughout. I know that you will join me in thanking them for their dedication, commitment and hard work.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have supported us throughout this term. I know that all of the staff in school have appreciated your kind words, gestures and thankyou's.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back into school on Tuesday 5th January and on behalf of myself and all the staff we wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a healthy 2021.

God Bless

Miss Clark
(Headteacher)