

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Headteacher: Mrs M. Watts

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Advent 2 Newsletter

As we enter into the season of Advent, I wanted to share a few important updates with you all from the previous and upcoming weeks.

PCSO visit

Yesterday, we were pleased to welcome our PCSO into school to talk to all the children about keeping safe during these dark mornings and evenings. He reminded us all to cross roads carefully, without distractions, to wear bright clothing so we can be seen and to behave sensibly, listening to our adults. Y5 and Y6 also took part in a workshop about keeping safe online.

Advent Pilgrimage

This morning, the children have completed an Advent pilgrimage. They moved around school, learning about Jesus' ancestors through the Jesse tree and how we can prepare ourselves for Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. They heard about key people from the Old Testament and what we can learn from them. This begins the Advent journey for the children and helps to show our school mission in action, as well as giving the children time to reflect on and develop their own faith. See if you can work out from the photos of each place of pilgrimage, which people we have been learning about. Or, better still, see if your child can talk to you about some of them. At the end of this newsletter is the table with the answers!

Advent liturgical prayer

This year, due to changes in our timetabling and continued staggered finish times for the children, the Advent liturgies will take place during our usual timetabled daily liturgical prayer. Parents are most welcome to attend these and timings will be shared at the start of each week, beginning next week. These gatherings will be focused on the mission linked to the candles on our wreath, with this week being "hope." On the last day of term – Thursday 22nd December – we will have our final liturgical prayer at 1.30pm. All are welcome!

INSET day reminder

A reminder that we have an INSET day this Friday 2nd December and school will therefore be closed for the children.

Attendance

We continue to have high levels of absence in school. Some of this is unavoidable due to lots of winter bugs that are circulating, but we would urge you to please avoid keeping your child off school unless absolutely necessary. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, or has continued to fall since October half term, you may receive a letter inviting you to attend a meeting to discuss ways to improve their attendance. Attached is a chart that shows the significant impact of missing even a few days of school. If your child has missed 10 days or more of school, they are classed as persistently absent and this will trigger further steps, as per our attendance policy. Please contact school if you are worried about



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your child's attendance or you are experiencing difficulties in getting them to school. We are keen to work with parents so that we can improve attendance together.

Key dates for the rest of term:

Friday 2nd December – INSET – school closed

Monday 5th December – Advent liturgical prayer – 9.15am

Tuesday 6th December – Advent praise through song – 2.45pm

Thursday 8th December – Advent liturgical prayer led by our chaplain, Joe – 9.15am

Friday 9th December – Christmas non-uniform day for all

- Supper with Santa for EYFS and KS1 – 3.00 – 4.30pm – FOCTK event – more details to follow

Monday 12th December – Advent liturgical prayer – 9.15am

Tuesday 13th December – Advent praise through song – 2.45pm

Wednesday 14th December – KS1 concert at 2pm and 5pm – more details to follow

Thursday 15th December – Advent liturgical prayer led by our chaplain, Joe – 9.15am

Monday 19th December – EYFS nativity – 9.45am and 5pm – more details to follow

Tuesday 20th December – Advent praise through song – 2.45pm

Wednesday 21st December – Christmas dinner day – festive non-uniform / accessories

Thursday 22nd December – Last day of term – Advent liturgy and carols – all welcome – 1.30pm

Finally, a big thank you for the money raised for Cafod so far this half term, which amounts to £134.00.

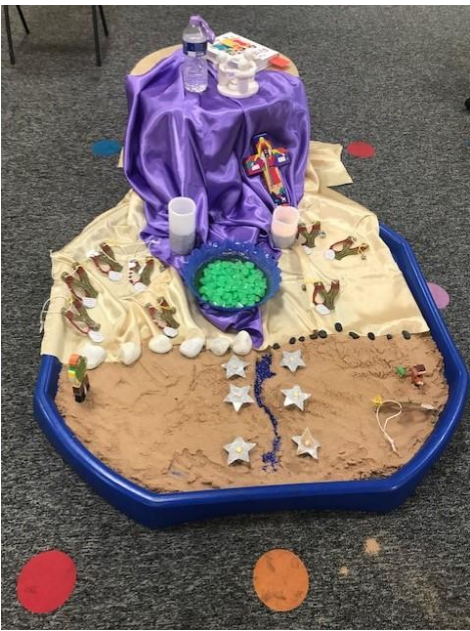
With grateful thanks, as ever, for your continued support.

M. Watts

Mrs M. Watts
Headteacher

Our Advent Pilgrimage – Can you guess / remember who we learnt about in each class?





See below for answers....

Pilgrimage stories and missions:

Bible story	Mission linked to the story:
David and Goliath	Encourage each other by celebrating our different gifts and talents
Adam and Eve	Living like Jesus asked us to live, by loving God and loving others
Noah	Achieve together with hard work
Abraham – stars	Achieve together with prayer
Joseph and his coat	Respect each other with good manners and thoughtful behaviour
Moses frees the people	Be happy together by always looking for the best in everyone and everything
Ruth and Naomi	Help each other by kind words and selfless acts