



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Enjoy the break! Well it's hard to believe but we have been back at school for 8 weeks and the children deserve a break. They have worked extremely hard and we are delighted with the progress they have made in their books and their positive attitudes in and around school. I am sure most of them are looking forward to a few extra minutes in bed!

St. Patrick's College

I am delighted with the progress the school has made since the new leadership team have been appointed. I have been asked to be a Governor of the College, as much as this a huge commitment, it is important Christ the King and St Patrick's work together with the college, so it benefits our pupils. I am delighted to say that St. Patrick's College appears to be making excellent progress – it feels like a very different school. I have been extremely impressed and pleased during my visits to the college. Behaviour and attitudes of the pupils was excellent in lessons. Relationships with staff seemed affirming and professional and all the pupils work hard. The whole school felt calm and orderly and the pupils were very friendly and polite. I was delighted with the progress the school has made. It was very affirming to see that in many classes, the clear majority of the class, was made up from pupils St. Patrick's and Christ the King and they were definitely very positive and hard-working. It was good to see so many children from the primary schools looking happy in the college.

We will be continuing to strengthen relationships so that the college know the children well before they get there, and when they are there, the teachers and the leaders from the primary schools will continue to support and encourage them so high standards continue.

Christ the King and St. Patrick's' Primary

We have established much better partnerships across both schools. Teachers, teaching assistants and pupils now all work together to benefit each other's schools.

I am delighted with how both schools are performing.

I know you have seen the academic performance in test results etc. and they are extremely good, but I am prouder with how the schools work on a day to day basis. I am extremely proud of what the children experience every day in their classrooms: with the curriculum offered to the children, with relationships, with behaviour and with how happy the children are in school. This takes a lot of hard work from the staff. We are very lucky in Thornaby that we are served by such dedicated professionals.

This is not just my view. We work alongside a very experienced School Improvement Adviser, Mr Mike Smit, who is also an experienced current Ofsted inspector. He visits the schools to help us continually develop. He shares our views about the schools and he is extremely pleased with them. We will try to share the summary of his views after half term when we receive his latest report. Again, he doesn't just look at results, he looks far more closely about what happens in lessons and what types of school we are. Ofsted have recently announced that their focus will move away from simply looking at data– it will be much more about curriculum and the quality of the experiences of the children. Something that I couldn't agree more with and would hope that parents recognise this in the way the schools work.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Mr Ryan

