



Christ the King Catholic Primary School
part of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust
'Christ be our light and our guide'



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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for our Spring term. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your family and friends.

Yesterday morning we gathered together as a school to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where we reflected on the gifts that were given to Jesus by the Wise Men. In response to this we were encouraged to think about the gift that we could give to Jesus. Responses from the children included sharing our love, being kind and thinking about the needs of others before ourselves. We deepened our understanding of how we can share the love and joy of Christmas as we move in to the New Year, and how we can use the gifts that we have to be of service to others. We ended our liturgy by singing together our new Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust song, 'Called to Serve' which we will share with you on our school website very soon.

During the Spring term we will continue to attend morning Mass on a Thursday morning at Christ the King Church, with classes taking it in turns to plan and lead parts of the Mass. Invitations will be sent home when your child's class is leading this. For those of you who have very young children in your family, I would like to invite you to a Parent and Toddler group which is held at Christ the King Church every Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 2.30pm. This is a very friendly group where you will receive a warm welcome. Families who attend this group have found that both adults and children have made some lovely friendships which then continue as the children move into school. If you have a toddler and would like to meet up with other parents, carers and grandparents then pop along for a cup of tea and a chat for just £1 per family.

Please find our school holiday dates for the academic year 2019-2020 on the reverse of this letter. These dates have been set by our academy trust and are the same for all schools within the trust. Please note the later return to school date in September 2019. Additionally, we have added three Professional Development days to the May half term break so children will not be in school these days, giving a longer holiday period. The CEO of our academy trust has asked for the following message to be shared with you alongside the term dates.

"As a Multi Academy Trust, we have high expectations for attendance and this includes, fair and consistent application of the 'Leave of absence in term time policy'. By adjusting the term time dates, we are proactively reducing the impact of the issue of fines, particularly where leave of absence in term time is taken in September. We would hope this would give our families flexibility and as parents, you take advantage of this arrangement."

Mr Hugh Hegarty CEO NPCAT

We look forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities during the Spring term which we will share with you through class newsletters, Twitter and our school website.

Wishing you many blessings for 2019.

Miss Lickess

