

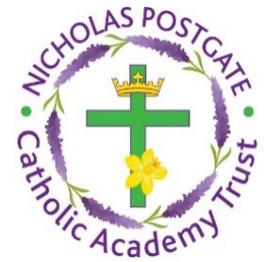


Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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'Christ be our light and our guide'

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Welcome back

Happy St David's day and welcome to Spring! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday in the beautiful spring-like weather we were so lucky to have at half term.

Internet safety

It has come to our attention that some children are aware of a frightening Internet challenge game. As a school we don't feel that it is appropriate to share information about this and the images that have been shared around it. I don't want to draw attention to it and introduce it to children who haven't seen it. As a school we are delivering additional E-Safety sessions this week and ensuring our children know how to keep safe online and report anything that concerns them. I would urge you as parents to monitor your child's Internet use and talk to them as you feel appropriate about E-Safety. Please see below advice offered to parents from Cleveland Police about E-Safety.

ADVICE

Parents are advised to talk regularly with their children about their online presence, and reassure them they can share anything with you no matter how delicate the nature is. Following guidance from Cleveland Police we recommend the following to help keep children safe online:

- Set parental controls on devices
- Always use privacy settings on social media and online games
- Don't trust any unknown numbers
- Block unknown numbers
- Don't click on any unidentified links
- They should not do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable
- Change passwords regularly
- Keep account and personal information secure
- Keep your computer software up to date
- Use antivirus software
- Make sure your child knows their options if they are suffering any type of cyber crime

There are many online resources that can give some excellent advice on how to keep your child safe online

- www.internetmatters.org
- www.net-aware.org.uk
- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- www.ceop.police.uk

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

We will celebrate World Book Day in school through a range of reading based activities. World Book day is all about encouraging a love of reading and a love of books. **We don't ask the parents go to the unnecessary expense of buying costumes** etc so the children have not been asked to dress up. Instead we want the children to spend the day with us developing a love of reading in their classes. In preparation for World Book Day children will be asked (if they wish) to bring to school a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual place. Some of these will be added to new reading displays in our school reading areas. There will be small prizes for the most unusual!

We would also like to encourage the children to spend extra time throughout next week reading, sharing stories and books at home. Each child will be given a recording sheet on Monday and will be encouraged to read each day, recording what they read and what they enjoyed about it or learned from it. This should be reading in addition to their school reading book. Books can be borrowed from our class reading areas or you may choose to visit our local library with your child after school.

In class on World Book Day, class teachers will have their own activities planned around reading during the course of the day. I'm sure lots of these will be shared with you on Twitter.

Lent

As a school, during Lent, we will be reflecting on our Academy Trust's mission of 'Called to Serve'. To help us to do this we will be learning more about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and thinking about how we can serve others through these principles. The principles that we will focus on are:

Call to family and community

God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other

Rights and Responsibilities

God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.

Option for the Poor

God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.

Solidarity

God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.

During Lent it is important that we reflect on the theme of service and how Jesus came to be a servant to others. Each class will decide on how they will try to serve others this Lent and will share this with you soon.

Stay and Pray during Lent

Following the wonderful class led liturgies that we celebrated in our school Chapel during Advent, the children will be preparing Stay and Pray liturgies during Lent to which parents will be invited. Dates of these will follow.

First Holy Communion

Our Year 3 children will very soon begin their preparations for First Holy Communion. As a school and parish we will support the children and their families as they continue on their faith journey. We ask you to keep the children in your prayers.

Rocket Fund

For many of your children, their learning would be enhanced if they had access to modern portable technology, such as iPads in their classrooms therefore we are appealing for your support in helping us to raise money to buy a minimum of five 9.7" iPads via Rocket Fund (a free, crowdfunding platform for schools). All donations are appreciated, there is no donation too small. If you can't donate right now, you can help us in other ways! Share this project with anyone you think would support us. Share the following link: <https://rocket.fund/p/supportchristthekingthornaby/> on Twitter, Facebook, email or mention it in a phone call or even just a chat over the fence!

Thank you for all the support you give us.

Kind regards,

Miss Lickess Head of School