



Newsletter: Friday 29th November 2024

Monday was a wonderful start to the week with our Feast Day celebration in church with Father Colin. The whole community looked fantastic in their CTK crowns. It is always a good moment to stop and reflect on our mission statement and what we do as a school family – Father Colin challenged us all to follow Jesus’ example of service and to find the opportunity each day. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate towards the Nugent Care Toy appeal – these will be taken to the Cathedral next week when Year 5 attend the Advent Service. If anyone has any further donations they can be brought in to school this week.

Our school hall has been a hive of activity this week on top of the usual PE lessons and clubs. We have had Cookery Sessions for Y6 provided by Food for Thought – our catering company. The smells were incredible and the children certainly learned valuable life lessons and enjoyed their food too. Thursday morning saw Year 5’s ‘We Love Learning’ session with families invited to develop their sewing skills to create a class advent calendar. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us. We continued our work with the Southport Eco Centre with an assembly and session on climate change with Year 4. Year 2 were also treated to a wonderful presentation about the Great Fire of London as part of their history learning.

Our boy’s football teams have had matches this week. Thank you to the staff who give up their time to take them to the matches and to the supporters who always turn up to cheer them on!

The season of Advent starts on Sunday as we begin our preparations fully for Christmas. We had our annual Advent retreat in school this afternoon and we’ll be starting to decorate school, nativity rehearsals are in full flow and we’ll be back to singing ‘Light the Advent Candle’ in our prayer and assembly times. It is always a wonderful time in school. I know that lots of homes will be welcoming Elves from this weekend and the children are always excited to share what their elf gets up to when they arrive in school. Could I please ask that the Elves do stay at home though and are not brought in to school – this isn’t to stop the fun, but since every house has different traditions around the elves it is to keep the magic going at home. Some of our classes may have special visitors too!

We will be lighting the first of our Advent candles on Sunday – this is the candle of hope. It is a moment to pray that all people in the world will know hope, especially those places where there are ongoing conflicts, wars and natural disasters. You may like to light a candle at home and pray together as a family: **Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring hope, peace and joy to all people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

It really is the season for coughs, colds and other viruses spreading round and we’ve seen both children and staff absent in the last few weeks. Could you help us by continuing to reinforce the use of tissues to blow noses (catch it, bin it, kill it!) and hand washing regularly to stop the spread of germs. Is my child too ill for school? It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they’re unwell. There are government guidelines for schools about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn’t. If you do keep your child at home, it’s important to phone the school before 8:45am. Let us know that your child won’t be in and give us the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the office know . <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>





Thursday 5 th December	Advent Service	Pm	Cathedral – Year 5
Saturday 7 th December	CTK Parish fair	1:00pm	CTK Parish Club
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity	9:30am	School Hall
Thursday 12 th December	Y3/4 Nativity for Y3	1:45pm	School Hall
Friday 13 th December	Y3/4 Nativity for Y4	1:45pm	School Hall
Tuesday 17 th December	PTA Christmas Day	All day	School – Children only
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Carols	1:30pm	Church
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner	Lunch	School – Children only
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of School	Finish at 1:30pm	

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th December.

I hope you have a good weekend – enjoy opening the Advent calendars!

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