



## Newsletter: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

I bet half term seems a very distant memory for you all already as we are back in to the busyness of school life again.

We started the week with a wonderful day of Science assemblies and workshops to mark the start of our Science Week. Thank you to Mr Hint our Curriculum Leader for Science for organising and co-ordinating, there has been a real buzz about science this week.

Mrs Selby attended a conference this week organised by the Archdiocese to look at the ways we can best support all our learners, especially those in receipt of pupil premium funding. Many more of our families are entitled to this funding which helps support learning in school as well as access to free school meals.

All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals regardless of your income. Your school will write to you about this. If you or your partner **do** receive one of the qualifying benefits listed below, please complete the online application form on this page so that your child's school gets the extra funding known as the Pupil Premium.

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply.

- Universal Credit - your household earned annual income must be less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – with no Working Tax Credit and your annual household income is no more than £16,190, as assessed by the Inland Revenue

If you have any questions about this please do come and speak to a member of staff in confidence.

Our Choir made their annual journey to Manchester for the 'Young Voices' concert, this time at the new Co-op Live arena. I was sorry that I could not join them for the evening, however the staff who accompanied kept me up to date and told me what wonderful ambassadors our children were for our school and our city. I am so proud of them all. I know how long they have been practising for and how much they enjoy this event. Thank you to Miss Owens, Mr Heery and all the staff for accompanying them and for keeping choir going while Miss Douglas is still absent from school. I know the parents who were able to attend had a wonderful time too!

Thank you to the Year 4 parents who were able to attend the meeting about the upcoming PGL Residential to Winmarleigh Hall. We are all looking forward to this wonderful experience and if the weather is like it is today we will all have an amazing time. If you have any further questions about PGL please speak to Mr Brady or me.

Our Year Six children will be receiving their Secondary School places on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I know how eager they are to know what their next school will be, but I know as usual the great unknown can bring with it anxiety and worry and they will have lots of different questions and their next big steps! If you need any support or if your child needs support in the transition to secondary school please do speak to our Year Six team.





Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of reflection, prayer, and preparation for Easter. It is a time when we are encouraged to grow closer to God through acts of kindness, self-discipline, and helping others. For children, Lent provides an opportunity to think about the choices they make, show kindness to those around them, and consider small sacrifices or positive actions they can take each day. Whether it is giving up a favourite treat, spending more time in prayer, or helping a friend in need, Lent teaches valuable lessons about love, generosity, and faith. Please see our calendar below for our fundraising activities during Lent to support our local charities.

We will all receive our ashes in school on Wednesday. Father Colin will bless our ashes and our Chaplaincy team will lead our services in school.

**Dear Jesus,**

**As I begin this Lenten journey, help me to be kind, patient, and loving.**

**Teach me to make good choices and to think of others before myself.**

**May my small sacrifices bring me closer to You and remind me of Your love.**

**Amen.**

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. In school our theme will be 'Snuggle up with a book' children will be taking part in various reading activities during the day. They are invited to bring a blanket, Oodie, hoodie and a teddy to snuggle up with too as they will have time to 'drop everything and read throughout the day'. We will also have the Book Fair visiting school:

EYFS in the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 1 in the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 2 in the afternoon of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 4 in the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 6 in the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 3 in the morning of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 5 in the afternoon of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The book fair will also be open after school on the Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30pm to 4:15pm This will take place in the school hall – please access through the junior yard.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM this week. We are always grateful to those parents who give their time and energy to making our school a better place to be. A huge thank you to our newly elected committee:

**Chair: Helena Hanson (Y5 Parent) & Deputy Chair: Jemma Pownall (Y3 Parent)**

**Secretary: Laura Gibson (Y3 Parent)**

**Treasurer: Clare Dinsdale (Y5 Parent)**

If you are willing to help with any PTA event or have other ways of helping with fundraising etc. please get in touch with [pta@ctkliverpool.co.uk](mailto:pta@ctkliverpool.co.uk)

We have a school lottery £1 a ticket – with better chances of winning than the National Lottery !! If you would like to sign up please visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/christ-the-king> Please encourage your friends and family to support our fundraising. We are currently looking to renew our school football team kits – if you or anyone you know can sponsor our kits please speak to the PTA or to Mr Brady – we'd be very grateful!

We are very lucky at Christ the King to have a very stable staff team, with many members having served our community for a long time! The time does always come round when it is time to say





goodbye to some of those staff members as they start to look forward to their retirement. In July we will be saying farewell to two members of staff: Ms Christopherson, our School Business Manager and Mrs Quirk one of our Administrative Assistants (and former 1:1 and Learning Support Assistant). There will be time to give thanks for their huge contributions to school life later in the school year and we look forward to celebrating with them.

Tomorrow, the first of March is Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant, or St David's Day. He is the patron saint of Wales. He was a renowned preacher, and his final words to his followers were **“Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.”** It is the little things that make the biggest difference – a smile, a kind word, a helpful hand. We’ve been encouraging the children to all these things – with great joy!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend, the sun keeps on shining, and you enjoy whatever you have planned. I heard on the radio this morning that it is “Global Scouse Day”, celebrating our fantastic city, another thing to be grateful for! My brother who lives in China sent me a message earlier saying they have been celebrating it today too. Any excuse for a celebration and to be joyful!

David Delaney  
Head Teacher

<b>WEEK 2</b>		<b>Prayer focus:</b> Preparing for Lent / Ash Wednesday
<b>Tue</b>	<b>4th March</b>	Pancake / Shrove Tuesday
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5th March</b>	Ash Wednesday, Services in School
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5th March</b>	Anthony Walker Foundation to work with Year 3&4
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6th March</b>	World Book Day - Snuggle up with a book!
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6th March</b>	Book Fair Starts - School Hall
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6th March</b>	Cross Country Race 6 - Wavertree
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6th March</b>	EYFS Stay and Play - 9:00
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6th March</b>	EYFS Stay and Play - 2:00
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7th March</b>	Stations of the Cross Reception & Y6 - Parents welcome 9am.
<b>WEEK 3</b>		<b>Prayer focus:</b> Lent: forgiveness
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10th March</b>	Y5 Philharmonic Trip - PM
<b>Tues</b>	<b>11th March</b>	Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
<b>Tues</b>	<b>11th March</b>	Cross Country - City Race - Wavertree
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>13th March</b>	EYFS Trip to Windmill Farm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>14th March</b>	Stations of the Cross Y4 - Parents welcome 9am.



<b>Fri</b>	<b>14th March</b>	Year 4 Medical Drop in for PGL
<b>WEEK 4</b>		<b>Prayer focus:</b> Lent: Community
<b>Mon</b>	<b>17th March</b>	Parish Mass in School 9:30am
<b>Mon</b>	<b>17th March</b>	Start of Neurodiversity Celebration Week
<b>Mon</b>	<b>17th March</b>	Y4 Climate change workshop
<b>Mon</b>	<b>17th March</b>	Cross Country - Wavertree
<b>Tues</b>	<b>18th March</b>	Y6 Careers Carousel
<b>Wed</b>	<b>19th March</b>	Y6 Careers Carousel
<b>Wed</b>	<b>19th March</b>	Year 4 PGL - 2 nights
<b>Thu</b>	<b>20th March</b>	Year 2 Titanic Workshop
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21st March</b>	Stations of the Cross Y1 & Y5 - Parents welcome 9am.
<b>WEEK 5</b>		<b>Prayer focus:</b> Lent: God is with us
<b>Mon</b>	<b>24th March</b>	Y1 We Love Learning - 2:00pm
<b>Mon</b>	<b>24th March</b>	Year 5 PGL Parent Meeting - Hall 3:30pm
<b>Tue</b>	<b>25th March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26th March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Thu</b>	<b>27th March</b>	EYFS Easter Bible Tales
<b>Fri</b>	<b>28th March</b>	Stations of the Cross Year 3 - Parents welcome 9am.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30th March</b>	Mothers Day
<b>WEEK 6</b>		<b>Prayer focus:</b> Lent: God loved the world so much...
<b>Mon</b>	<b>31st March</b>	B Tales Easter production
<b>Tue</b>	<b>1st April</b>	Year 5 PGL - Medical Drop in 3:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2nd April</b>	KS2 Sponsored Stop and Dance day (Good Shepherd Appeal)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>3rd April</b>	KS1 Sponsored Learn outdoors day (Good Shepherd Appeal)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>3rd April</b>	Stations of the Cross Year 2 - Parents welcome 2:30pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4th April</b>	End of Term (1:30pm)



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