

Christ The King Primary And Nursery Class



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well, safe and had a peaceful Easter Break.



Welcome back to the final term of the year. This certainly is a different kind of 'Back to School' but we know that all our amazing children will rise to the challenge with courage and positivity as always.

We are missing all the children but despite the physical distance, we want to remind you that we can remain connected in many different ways in the weeks ahead. Here are the ways in which we can stay connected.



Digital Learning Opportunities During School Closure

Whilst Home Learning Packs were issued, we realise that these will only last for a certain amount of time and that Parents/Carers may wish to engage their child in further activities as time passes. Digital Learning will undoubtedly be one of the most useful tools in the current situation. I will outline some of the opportunities available at this point. There are lots of other resources available which are not internet based and so therefore do not always require the services of broadband. TV channels are all offering daily educational programmes as well as radio. BBC Bitesize is particularly valuable. We will continually review our provision and look for new ways to engage with our children and families.

Weekly Home Learning Plans

We have now updated the home learning packs and all teachers will continue to work hard to update activities and tasks on a weekly basis. These plans will be posted on our Glow Blog for each class, they will be uploaded on to Glow Teams and we will also use twitter where appropriate.



Espresso—Discovery Education

Espresso is an online cross-curricular service that provides video-rich resources to schools throughout the UK. It contains lots of videos and multimedia activities, as well as a weekly news service - all designed by teaching professionals

To access Discovery Education Espresso from home:

- Go to www.discoveryeducation.co.uk
- click 'login' button in the top right corner select 'Espresso'
 - ❖ username - Student17480
 - ❖ password - Christ123

Please note: the login details are the same for all children.

This is fantastic resource for all children, so please make use of it.

StudyLadder



StudyLadder is an online Literacy & Numeracy learning tool. Many of our Class Teachers had already set their children up with accounts prior to school closure. If your child does not have an account, take a look as you may wish to try setting up your own account.

Alternatively, contact us and we will let you know if there is an account for your child's class.

GLOW - Scotland

We have been working hard recently to ensure that all children have access to GLOW during this period of school closure. All children have an individual login and these have been issued to them in their Home Learning Packs or have been e-mailed out. However, please email the school if you require login details for your child. Here is a description of GLOW and what it offers.



[GLOW - A Guide for Parents](#)

[Glow - What is it?](#)

Glow is the world's first national safe and secure online community for pupils, parents and teachers. Glow gives access to information and activities including interactive educational games, revision papers, links to other sites and news features. These resources support pupils to learn in innovative and exciting ways.

[How does it work?](#)

Each child or teacher is given unique logins to access this trusted, safe environment where they can create personalised programmes of work, share resources or help parents understand and become more involved in their children's learning by keeping up to date with their progress and achievements.

[How does it assist my child's learning?](#)

For children, Glow is:

- ❖ A tool to access the benefits of the internet and a range of online learning resources
- ❖ A space for interacting with other learners
- ❖ A facility to connect and check in with teachers about learning

What are the benefits?

Glow is a secure and safe setting. It will facilitate continuity of learning during school closures.

How does my child get access?

Access is provided by the school via a secure username and password. This gives your child access to information and resources suitable to them.

How can I, as a parent, use Glow?

You will be able to view and access the same information as your child.

Through your child's password, you have access to all the national material. Parents cannot be given separate user names and passwords for Glow.



Wider Digital Access

Every child has also been given a username and password for Sumdog. These are unique to your child and teachers and I will continue to monitor these during school closures.

Report Cards



Obviously end of term report cards won't be 'end of term', teachers will provide the 'report card' for learning up until our closure in March. We use the phrase 'on track, on track working towards or needing more time to complete level' based on your child's progress until closure. All children will need additional time to complete the Curriculum for Excellence levels when we return. Information on distribution of the report cards will follow.



P7 Transition to High School

We are in regular contact with Mr McCormick, HT and his team at Taylor High. We will ensure that all relevant information is passed to the high school for your child. I would also like to reassure all our amazing Primary 7 children that regardless of when, they will get a proper CTK send off as always.



P1 Transition

Mrs McLees and I in collaboration with the Nursery continue to work on ensuring as smooth a transition for all our new Primary 1 children as possible under the circumstances. We will keep you updated on this and thank you for your understanding and patience.

Finally, I will reiterate that it is important that the children engage in home learning as much as possible to reinforce what has already been taught. Whilst we encourage everyone to get on board with our digital learning tools, we also recognise the need for developing life skills which is really prevalent during this time. This may seem a lot of information and new ways of learning in a short space of time but please do not worry about things in terms of school work, but please do try to do what you can when you can. Emotional health and well-being is first and foremost.

Thank you for all the hard work with home learning and as always we really appreciate your patience, understanding and support. If you require any further information or just want to check in please contact me on ht@christ-the-king.n-lanark.sch.uk

Take care, stay safe, God Bless,

Mrs Tierney

