

Christ The King Primary School and Nursery Class



November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted to say that the children are continuing to work hard with their learning and now that the Halloween sugar rush has subsided the distant sound of jingle bells will no doubt begin!

As you will be aware further restrictions continue to be in place across Scotland and North Lanarkshire and we are continuing to do our very best to keep everyone safe at school.

In school we are doing our very best to ensure we keep everyone safe here but please be assured that should any COVID cases occur we have very strict guidance directed by Public Health and our Education Team to minimise any impact to our school community. The measures and actions taken will depend very much on the individual incident but we will keep you fully informed as soon as we can. We will at all times ensure confidentiality of individuals involved.

Please remember that the event and information in this newsletter is subject to change at short notice. We will continue to keep you updated on any new directives or guidance as these develop.

As always thank you all for your continued co-operation and patience especially during this time of constant change. I genuinely feel very lucky to be working with and for such a great school community.

Take care, Stay safe, God Bless,

Mrs. Tierney
Head Teacher

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The Feast of Christ The King



Every year we celebrate the Feast of Christ The King by celebrating mass with our parish community and with a whole school panto. Due to the current circumstances we will not be able to celebrate in the same way, however, we will definitely be celebrating our special day.

We are delighted that Fr Haddock will celebrate mass in the gym hall with P7 which we will also be stream across all classes.

All class teachers and children are working very hard to produce a special virtual CTK assembly which we will share with all classes.

To Mark this special occasion the children and staff can come to school '*Dressed in their Best*' and each class will have their own Tea Party.

We will go all out in true CTK style!





Merry Christmas

Tis the Season...

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year the children have designed their own bespoke Christmas Cards which you can purchase. A copy of the cards have been sent home. Please call the school if you wish to order. We would ask that you send the money in an envelope which will be quarantined for 72hrs.

Christmas Crafts...

Over the coming weeks the children will be busy making crafts for their enterprise catalogue. A catalogue will be issued to each family for you to place orders for Christmas crafts. All crafts will be made to order, will be sterilised and sit for 72 hrs before being distributed.

Look out for some fantastic gifts!!!!

Christmas Nativity/show...

We will not be able to perform our usual Christmas Show/ extravaganza this year. We are working hard on a special surprise which we hope to share with parents/carers...

(All of the plans above is subject to change depending on Local Authority and Government guidelines).



CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

We are delighted that our Christmas Lunches will go ahead this year as usual. Christmas lunch usually takes a lot longer than a normal lunch service. Due to the hygiene and social distancing measures in place lunch service will start early and will be split over two days

- ✚ *Wednesday 9th December Christmas Lunch Day P1, P2, P1/2, P2, P4*
- ✚ *Thursday 10th December Christmas Lunch Day P3a, P3b, P5, P6, P7.*

Christmas Lunch Menu...

- *Steak Pie*
- *Turkey*
- *Fish*

A selection of cakes and dessert will also be available.

We would appreciate it if you could discuss this with your child/ren to help us with orders before Christmas Lunch Day.

This is FREE to all P1-3s and P1-7 children in receipt of school meals. There is a cost of £3 for P4-7. Please ensure all dinner cards have sufficient funds.



Keeping Safe...

Drop off and Collection

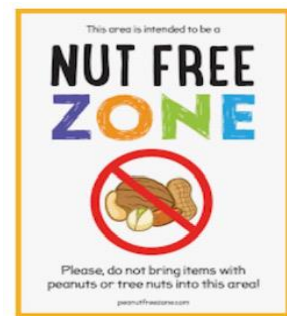
Thank you for ensuring you wear a mask at drop off and pick up times while you wait for your child/ren.

Please remember that when dropping off children, please leave as soon as possible to minimise any risk to yourself and other adults waiting. At all times please do your best to maintain a 2m distance. Keep your own children close to you as you leave the school.

Coming to School

Where possible we would always advise that your child walks, cycles or scoots to school. Please remember to use two car parks at Melrose Avenue and Michael Sheery Building.

We would encourage you to use these and walk up to the school to reduce congestion at the school.



OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

All schools in Scotland are Nut Free schools. This means that items containing nuts are not allowed in school. This does not simply apply to Peanuts!

We have children in school with serious nut allergies. This means that they could become seriously (sometimes life threateningly) ill if they come into contact with nuts.

Please do not send any dangerous items into school—either as snacks or as packed lunches.

Thank you for your support in this important Health and Safety.

Homework/Home Learning ✓

Homework/Home Learning will be posted/uploaded on to class Teams for P3-7. P1-2 will continue to be sent home weekly.

P1-3 children will be given a jotter home to complete tasks in. This jotter should be kept at home as we will not ask for these jotters to be returned.

In the event your child is required to self isolate Home Learning tasks will also be posted on Teams. In addition to this the Class Teachers will upload specific learning for that particular week if necessary. Mrs. Pattison is our Digital Leader this year and will lead this for our families.

Please follow the link to our Glow Blog page for instructions on how to access Teams at home...

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/ChristTheKing/instructions-for-using-glow-and-microsoft-teams/>



Physical Education

<u>Class</u>	<u>P.E. Day</u>
P1	Wednesday
P2/1	Tuesday
P2	Tuesday
P3a	Thursday
P3b	Thursday
P4	Monday
P5	Tuesday
P6	Tuesday
P7	Thursday

**We will keep you updated should these days change.*

PE Kit

PE will continued to take place outdoors. Please remember that when your child has PE they can come to school in PE kit on this day only. P.E. Kit is as follows:-

- ❖ Black leggings/trousers/joggers
- ❖ School Polo Shirt/Jumper only (branded and logo sweatshirts are not permitted)

Uniform

Please remember that full school uniform must be worn on all other days unless specified. The school uniform is:-

- ❖ School Uniform jumper/cardigan
- ❖ Grey trousers/skirt (trousers can be worn by both boys and girls).
- ❖ A warm/rain jacket,



FREE SCHOOL MEALS...

As you may know the council took the decision on 24 February 2020 to incorporate "full cost recovery for school meals". The school meal service is subsidised by the council and due to extreme financial pressures can no longer sustain this level of costs.

When COVID hit in March 2020 the service postponed the increase which should have happened on the 1 April 2020. The price increase will now be applicable from 26 October and the new price of a 2 course primary school meal will be £3.00 and the price of a secondary school 2 course meal will be £3.05. A 3% annual inflationary rise will be incorporated thereafter.

The new school meal price still represents value for money and cannot be compared to the previous subsidised price. Both the Primary and the Secondary meal price includes a two course lunch. In a primary school the choice is soup and main course plus water or milk or a main course and sweet treat plus water or milk. Also to reassure parents/carers that the school meal service has worked hard to provide a safe working environment and staff are working to COVID 19 protocols.

Your child may be entitled to free school meal and essential clothing grant. You can check your benefits and how your application is processed via the council's website at <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5452>

ALL Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils are automatically entitled to receive a free school meal but must be included in your application form.

You can also download the Free School Meals & Clothing Grant application form from the website details above.

If your application for Free School Meals is accepted then the school will be notified immediately.

If you require further information on Free School Meals application please contact Free School Meals...

Dalziel Building, Ground Floor, 7 Scott Street Motherwell, ML1 1SX

Phone: 01698 40

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT... During lockdown, families were entitled to a voucher for £20 per child, per week which was texted or emailed if the children were in receipt of a Free School Meal.

IF YOUR FAMILY HAS TO SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS... Those families who have children in receipt of a Free School Meal will receive a voucher to assist them during that time.



WHAT IS THE PROVISION IF MY FAMILY IS HAVING TO ISOLATE?

North Lanarkshire Council has put in place a comprehensive strategy to support families if they have to self isolate for any period of time. This involves...

- ❖ The school informs North Lanarkshire.
- ❖ North Lanarkshire writes to Parents/Carers.
- ❖ Community Assistance contacts the family to support (e.g., Free School Meals so that vouchers can be sent to families to continue the provision of daily meals, Financial Inclusion Team if support is required, Community Assistance if other special support is required (e.g. special prescription delivery, dog walking, etc.)
- ❖ The school writes to families to inform them of what Learning Materials will be on offer and how to access these.
- ❖ The school will contact the family by telephone each week of isolation.

Help and support will be available throughout and we encourage you to contact us if you need anything... even something not related to school!

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Parent Council/Parents Association

CTK Parents Association

CTK PA do a wonderful job for both the school and nursery. Every year they work hard to raise much appreciated funds for all our children. With so many restrictions in place, this year their fundraising efforts have been impacted. In light of this however, the PA are sharing a Shopping App which contributes to our school/nursery funds.



How does it work?

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favorite cause. Just start your online shopping first at **easyfundraising**, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

Please check out school twitter for more information.

St Andrew's Day

To celebrate St Andrew's Day all pupils are invited to something Scottish On Monday 30th November to raise funds for Parent Council/Association. A donation of £1 can be made directly to the Parent Council/Association bank account using your names as a reference. Bank detail were issued via e-mail. Please contact the school if you wish any further information.

Parent Council Facebook Page...

Our Parents Council have now set up a Facebook page to keep all parents updated on new events and information. There will be lots of fundraising activities/opportunities. Remember to like and share



A huge thank you to all our Parent Council members and helpers your support and hard work is greatly appreciated. We are very lucky to have such an active parent body supporting our Children and school community.

