



# Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

## Week 17

We've come to the end of another week, suddenly January seems to be flying by and it's getting slightly lighter in the mornings. There has been so much learning going on as you can imagine, and our Twitter pages are full of the amazing things that our classes have been getting up to. The ice and snow this week has provided real moments of awe and wonder for Miss Geering and the children as they have explored our frozen grounds. Year 4 were particularly lucky when a rainbow appeared in the frosty sky.



There have been lots of learning opportunities for staff the week as well – we had our Read Write Inc Phonics development day on Monday; our Senior Leadership team have been looking at 'Transforming Teaching' through developments in planning; Miss Douglas and Mrs Selby our Assistant Heads have been on Safeguarding training for Designated Safeguarding Leads; Miss Meadows has been Developing a Vocabulary Rich Curriculum in the EYFS; Miss Rice has been at university as part of the National SENCO course and she and Miss Geering have been to Bishop Eton school to share good practice in 'Maths No Problem!' Mrs Kinsella has also been leading staff meetings on our new Spelling Programme which is due to be launched after Half Term. Thank you to all of our staff for continuing to look for opportunities to make our school better for all children.

The snow and ice has interrupted our sport fixtures this week and some of our PE lessons, but Mr Brady and the Ski group are ready to fly to Italy on Sunday for the ski trip. I'm sure they will have lots of stories to share when they get back.

In a big step back towards 'normality' I was able to attend a Liverpool Primary Heads Association meeting in person – the first time that has happened since March 2020. I have also been out of school since Thursday lunchtime attending the Archdiocesan Primary School Improvement Trust Headteacher Spirituality and Wellbeing conference – with lots of food for thought and opportunities to bring back to school in the coming weeks.

I was disappointed to miss out on our wonderful Lunar New Year celebrations today, from what I have been able to follow on Twitter and have heard from back at school everyone looks like they have had lots of fun and have learned lots of new things. I hope that some of you will be able to attend the cultural celebrations in our city centre. More information can be found at <https://www.visitliverpool.com/whats-on/chinese-new-year-2023-p389191>. I'm looking forward to video calling my brother and family in China this weekend to see how they are celebrating too.

Looking forward to next week, we have the Parish Mass in school on Monday morning at 9:15am, Sycamore Class will be leading this and you are welcome to join the school and parishioners for Mass. After a 'false start' we are hoping that Year 5's swimming lessons will really get underway this Monday and the pool will be up and running! Our We Love Learning Parent events start this week – please see the calendar for more details.

The media has been reporting on the planned industrial action that will affect schools over the coming months, we are currently risk assessing this situation and following local and national guidance, I will keep you informed of how this will impact on our school as soon as I can.

Whatever you get up to this weekend, I hope you enjoy yourself and any celebrations You might attend! Xīn Nián Kuài Lè! 新年快乐 Happy Chinese New Year!

David Delaney  
Head Teacher

