



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

We love, aspire and serve with Christ our King



Friday 5th May 2023

Week 29

It wouldn't be a proper British event without a deluge! What an incredible amount of rain we've had today – it hasn't dampened our spirits. The children and staff all look wonderful in their red, white and blue. I hope that you enjoy yet another long weekend and any celebrations that you have go to plan! It has been good to mark this moment in our nation's history. The last few years have featured a number of Royal events from jubilees to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, I feel this will go quiet now and we will have to wait a while before we see the pomp and circumstance we will witness this weekend.

We will be celebrating a milestone in our School's history as we mark our seventieth school year since we opened. It is incredible to think of all the things that have happened in that time and the number of children who can count themselves amongst our Christ the King 'alumni'. There will be an opportunity for us to celebrate this occasion with a Mass and celebrations in school as well as inviting former pupils and families back to share their stories. I'll share more details next week.

I know that the last few weeks have been disrupted by bank holidays, elections and industrial action, thank you for your support and patience and keeping up with arrangements. You will gather from the media that this may continue for some time. Another disruption to our usual routine has been the roofing project, you'll notice that good progress is being made, we are hoping that we will soon see the end to all the scaffolding and our school will be totally waterproof!

Our football teams have been in action this week with the girls playing Bishop Eton and the boys playing LIPA. Thank you to all our supporters who come to cheer us on and to the children for showing wonderful team spirit.

This coming week our Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. We wish them well and know that although this is their time to shine and show us what they have learned during their time with us we are already so incredibly proud of the people they have become. Their first day in Reception with me, Mrs Newstead and Mrs Mohan doesn't seem that long ago – and they have all grown and achieved so much since then in so many ways.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join the Year 1 staff and children for their Phonics workshops, taking part in speed sound sessions and getting to grips with what it taught. We hope to continue to provide more support like this. If there is anything on our curriculum you would like support with please do speak to your class teachers or Mr Heery or me on the gate.

I'd like to finish this week with a prayer that has been composed for the coronation, it speaks like our own mission statement strongly of love and service and having high aspirations.

Dear God,

We thank you for your teaching and example through Jesus.

We pray for the King as he prepares for his Coronation.

May you help him to be a peacemaker, pure in heart, merciful and hungry for righteousness.

We pray that you will also help us to shine brightly in the world around us, and 'be' who you have called us to be as we all work together for a hopeful future in which all creation can flourish.

Amen.

I do hope you enjoy the long weekend and that any celebrations you have go to plan, be they for the coronation, Eurovision or anything else that needs celebrating!

David Delaney
Head Teacher

