



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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Sunday 3rd September 2023

Dear Families,

BACK TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023

We are all looking forward to welcoming our children and families back to school tomorrow, Monday 4th September. We can't wait to hear what they have been up to. There is always much excitement about the first day back, especially when the sun is shining!

As usual the gates will be open from 8:45am for children to go to class, our school day starts at 8:55am and children should be in class ready to start lessons. All children should wear their smart school uniform, PE will start from Tuesday. Our Reception children have some part time days as part of their induction and we are excited to welcome them all to the Christ the King family. Music lessons for Years 3-6 will resume later in the week too – Year 3 will be bringing home their new brass instruments.

Can we ask that all items of uniform and belongings that are brought to school are clearly marked with your child's name – this makes it far easier to reunite misplaced things. The weather forecast for the week looks very warm – this always adds to the lost property pile! Can you make sure your child brings a water bottle and wears sun protection.

I wrote to you at the end of last term to explain that we were increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.00, this has been updated on the school money app. You should have received messages on the app today to explain what to do. If you are not sure please speak to Mrs Pyper – it's often easier if you take your phone to show her the problem.

We are grateful to Fr Colin for allowing the church car park to be open daily for you to park in and then walk round to school. Thank you to everyone who uses this facility. There continues to be a lot of building work happening in the roads and houses around school and there have been lots of vans and lorries accessing houses – parking space will be limited. Walking Bus departing from church is available Tuesday to Friday.

A new school year might mark a change to end of day collection arrangements for your child, especially for Year 5 and 6 who are often allowed to walk home independently. Please complete the End of Day Collection forms that are available through the app to update us of changes.

We pray a blessing for everyone starting school this week – we also remember those who have left us and are starting in their new schools too.

**Lord, bless our pupils as they begin yet another year of school. Give them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the way to and from school, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel your loving care in all they do.
Amen.**

Kind Regards

David Delaney
Head Teacher

