



Dear parents and carers

Well we've certainly tried our very best to take part in lots of exciting events this month, from Christmas productions, Bun and Bingo, carol concerts and a magic show. Sadly, the children did miss out on our annual panto due to the boiler trouble, but this has been rescheduled for the new year. It truly has been fantastic to have parents back in school, we certainly feel like things are back to normal.

Watch this space as there will be many opportunities in 2023 for parents to share school memories with their children.

I would like to say an extra special thank you to all the staff here at Christ the King as they continue to support the children every day and ensure they continue to strive to be the best that they can possibly be. Please take some time to read this newsletter and see for yourselves what an amazing December we've had in school. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Webster



God of light,
shine forth, show us
how to bring hope to
others.

God of mercy,
help us to comfort
your people and
share in their joy.

God of hope,
make us
Advent people,
preparing the way for
life in all its fullness.
Amen.

Wow! Thank you to everyone who attended our Bun & Bingo night last Thursday evening.

The night was a great success, and it was lovely to see so many of you there!

The evening was the first event since the Covid pandemic that 'Friends of Christ the King' have organised and we can't believe the response it got. Thank you!

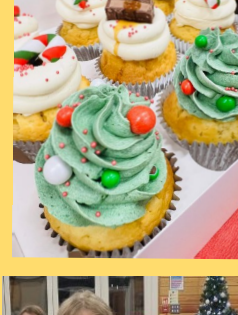
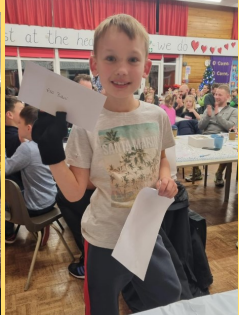
Everybody was up dancing and singing, and we could see you all having so much fun!

Can we say a big thank you to Mr Barnett, our resident bingo/quiz caller and, shall we say at times, 'comedian', who bizarrely lost his voice the next day (we have no idea why!). Thank you to all our lovely parents who donated raffle prizes, local businesses and thank you to the Friends team.

Friends are now discussing what's next to put in our school diary. A meeting will take place on

Monday 9th January 6.15pm, at Greenhill Bowling Club.

If you are interested in joining Friends, please feel free to come along to the meeting.





As part of their English topic this term, year 6 enjoyed an afternoon of panto last week at Burnley Youth Theatre.

BURNLEY
youth theatre

The Wizard of Oz was on show and proved to be a big hit amongst the children and staff!



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant.

The working hours would be from 11.45am to 1pm everyday and would involve the supervision of children during the lunch hour.

If you or anyone you know would like to join our school team, please contact Mrs Clegg via the school office.



This years KS1 production of 'Whoops A Daisy Angel' was fabulous! We am sure those who watched the performance will agree - the children all performed perfectly and looked amazing! Here are just a few photos of the children in costume and in action...

**WHOOPS-A-DAISY
ANGEL**



This week, all our children had an early Christmas treat in the shape of a Magician!
The Magic Merlin Show was a great success and Mr. Magic's tricks were fantastic! As you can see from the photographs, everybody enjoyed the morning treat!





Christ the King Choir



We've been very busy recently with various musical events. First up, last Saturday afternoon, the children performed in Burnley town centre. The choir built up a vast audience and even had a naughty gate crasher... the Grinch! He seemed to really enjoy their singing! The choir then performed at our carol concert in school on Tuesday evening, the show was magical, and they definitely made it feel like Christmas is nearly upon us!

Lastly, Wednesday afternoon a small group of children from our choir sang at Healy Lodge Care home. The residents really enjoyed the carols and all sang along. The children definitely made us feel proud! For all their hard work, the children enjoyed an after-school Christmas party instead of their usual choir practice. Well done to you all!



Wednesday was our annual Christmas dinner day. Children enjoyed a festive lunch and pudding, whilst pulling a cracker or two! A big thank you to Jenny & her team!



Fire Safety

Last week, we were very lucky to have a visit from our local firefighters. They came in to speak to Years 2 & 6 for fire safety & road safety. Children were given opportunities to act, dress up, ask and answer questions and were also allowed to go and look at their fire engine - and even got to spray water! Reception class also got to join in on the fun too!





As the temperatures fall and we enter these cold wintery months, we would like to remind everybody about the importance of wearing suitable clothing including coats and sensible footwear at school. Children can bring to school an extra pair of shoes to change into for breaktime if needed.

We always endeavor to keep school open throughout winter months but if there is ever the need for an unforeseen school closure, we will let you know at the earliest that we can.



Year 3 will be swimming in the new year. The class will go every Monday afternoon until the summer term.

Children need to take a costume/swim shorts (no two piece costumes or Bermuda shorts, please), a towel and a piece of fruit for the journey home. Any child with shoulder-length hair or longer, will also need to wear a swim cap.

If for any reason, your child cannot attend the lesson, they will remain in school with another class until Year 3 returns.

Home Learning Challenges

Well done to all children who completed their home learning challenges for this term.



Children were asked to make an Advent scene or wreath, here are just a few of the fantastic designs.



As a school, we try to keep our attendance on track with termly traffic light letters, which are sent out to all parents/carers. You should have this week, received yours.

This letter is to inform you in which attendance zone your child falls into, red, orange, or green. If your child's attendance is in the red zone, this means your child's attendance is below 90% of the **66 days so far this academic school year.**

Significant absences could have a detrimental impact on your child's progress in school.

We also have our class attendance award in which one class per term wins a treat for the best overall class attendance.

This month's class attendance award goes to, drum roll... **Year 1!**

Well done to you all! You will all receive an extra playtime next term and a yummy cake each.



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KS1 had a big surprise today, a visit from the big man himself... **Father Christmas!**

Father Christmas landed, with his reindeers, on the school roof and brought the children an early gift. All the children were very excited, including Mr. Broderick!



This terms house point winners are...

St Bernadette

A big well done!

As a reward for collecting the most house points they will all be rewarded with a trip to the cinema to watch 'Matilda the Musical'

Parents/carers with children in St Bernadette's will receive an email shortly to give consent for their child to attend.

The trip will take place on **Thursday 12th January.**