

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we shared our main school development priority with parents at our year group curriculum evenings:

To enable our aspirational community to flourish with an increased sense of belonging and connectedness to one another, our local community and the wider world

We planned for all year groups to flourish with the delivery of our full, rich curriculum taught by class and specialist teachers and enriched by educational visits, extra-curricular clubs and visitors to school. We are so pleased that we have got to the end of term with all our classes experiencing a full term of teaching and learning and the school buzzing with various different activities each day. It has also been a great joy to connect with parents in the many different worship opportunities that have been held this term such as our twice weekly Mass, our wonderful service for Christ the King and more recently at our Advent Carol Services and our Nursery and Reception performances. We are hugely thankful to our magnificent PTA led by Helen and Steph and to all the families who have supported the PTA in their events this term. Not only has the PTA raised a significant amount of money for the school but these events have been a great opportunity for parents, pupils and staff in our school community to connect with one another.

Our staff have worked tirelessly this term and despite unusually high staff absences we have been able to go ahead with all our Christmas plans including an absolutely delicious Christmas lunch this week served by our dedicated in-house catering team. A huge thank you to our fantastic staff for their endurance this term and commitment to our school community!

New Staff

We look forward to welcoming Mr Mathew Holcombe as our new Site Manager in January as well as Mr John Kelly as a new class teacher for 3JK. I know you will welcome them warmly to our CtS community.

House Point results

Our Year 6 House Captains announced the results of the Autumn Term house point totals in a recorded message to all pupils today. The race has been closer than ever this term with each house in the lead at some point in the term but the winning house for the Autumn Term is **St John the Baptist** with 21,191 house points! Theo and Rena, our Green House captains, will be organising a House Treat for all pupils in St John the Baptist next term. House Captains for the other three houses are ready for another fierce competition next term and will be finding ways to continue to encourage and motivate their house teams.

Covid

Unfortunately, we have a small number of positive cases of Covid in all year groups except our Nursery class and we encourage families to continue to test with lateral flow tests over the Christmas period to keep

yourselves and your families safe. We ask that you carry out a lateral flow test at the end of the holiday before your child returns to school on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 (a reminder that Tuesday, 4th January is a staff inset day.)

We wish you all the joy and peace of Christmas as we reflect on God's love for each one of us. Please continue to pray for members of our school community - parents, pupils, staff and Governors who may be experiencing ill health or difficult times. Let us rejoice in the peace we have available to all of us through Christ our Lord, Prince of Peace.

Best wishes, Mrs Tramoni