



Christ the King College

Newsletter

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Worship Theme: God's creatures

O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures....May the glory of the Lord continue forever!
The Lord takes pleasure in all He has made.

Psalm 104:24, 31

Your Prayers are requested for:

- † Students who are having a difficult time
- † Celebration on October 3rd at St Catherine's Church, Ventnor
- † Endangered creatures of God's creation

St Francis of Assisi has the reputation of being the friend of animals

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Dear Parent

It is difficult to believe that we have already completed three weeks of the first term. I hope that, whatever year group your child is in, these early weeks have been generally happy and worry free. Where there have been concerns, particularly with the buses, I am appreciative that you have brought these issues to our attention. Please note that there is an opportunity to meet your child's Form Tutor on Wednesday 7th October where I hope to see as many of you as possible. In the past, parents have told me how valuable this early meeting in the year with Form Tutors has been.

Phase 1 Accommodation Update

I am delighted to report that all the new classrooms should be fully operational from week beginning Monday 28th September. I am very grateful for the trust and confidence that the parents have shown in us through this first stage of our expansion programme. You will be aware that the new classrooms include brand new Art rooms, Design Technology rooms and Science laboratories, in addition to general teaching spaces. They have been equipped with excellent facilities and resources to support the curriculum and courses on offer as our age range extends. The Multi Use Games Area requires only the markings and fencings to be complete and the new Sports Hall will be completed by half term. I am sure that you would be interested in seeing the new facilities and the first formal opportunity will be at the Parent Partnership Evening on Thursday 15th October.

Year 8

I understand that the Local Authority Admissions Department has sent information about transfer to High Schools to Christ the King parents as it does to all middle schools. Please note that, as our status is now confirmed as a high school through to 19, we are no longer part of the transfer process. I wish to stress that all students can remain with us through to 19. I sincerely hope that this has not caused any concern or worry. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Glynis Hutchings if you have any queries about this.

Year 9

Parents of Year 9 students are reminded that the main Options Evening to discuss subject choices for their children will take place on Wednesday 20th January. Prior to that date, however, you will be kept fully informed of any other developments relevant to Year 9, the first of which will be the proposed arrangements for the use of laptops for all Year 9 students. Please be assured that the full range of options will be provided, including access to vocational and 14 – 19 Diploma courses. Christ the King College is also fully involved in all careers advice, guidance and information sessions and activities planned for the Island, in addition to providing our own services during the course of the year.

Finally, thank you to all parents for your support to enable us to enjoy such a happy and settled start to the year. The smartness and politeness of our students are frequently remarked upon by the public. Similarly, the hardworking, friendly and happy atmosphere

is very often commented upon by visitors. It is by working with parents that we can achieve this and I thank you for your continued support to enable us to maintain the very high standards of which we are proud.

Yours sincerely

Pat Goodhead
Principal

Friends of Christ the King

To all parents, staff and friends of the College:

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association
(known as Friends of Christ the King College)

Wednesday 21st October 8.00 pm Upper College

This will be an informal evening with drinks, nibbles and a short presentation by
Mrs Goodhead on future plans for the College.

It will be an opportunity to meet other parents and friends and to find out how you can help
at College activities and with fundraising events.

There will also be an election of committee and officers of the association.

ALL WELCOME

Cashless Catering

We are very pleased to inform you that the installation of our new cashless catering system is being completed today. All students have been issued today with their cashless catering account card and we have carried out the biometric scanning for those students where parents have chosen this option for their child.

You should have all by now have received your Activation Letter for the ParentPay system which is the web-based system that will enable you to top your child's cashless catering account (card) online using a debit or credit card. For those parents who have chosen the PayPoint option to top up the cashless catering account, the PayPoint cards have been ordered and should be with you shortly. In the meantime, if you wish to put money on your child's cashless catering account before the PayPoint card arrives please contact Mrs Williams, the College Business Manager, to request an interim PayPoint letter which will give you barcode that you take to the PayPoint stores to top your account. From Monday 28 September the cashless catering system will be fully operational and those students whose parents have already charged up their child's account via ParentPay, can start using their cashless catering card (or the fingerprint if chosen) to pay for all morning break and lunch purchases.

Please be aware that there will be a charge of £1.00 per card for any replacement cards that need to be issued if your child loses his/her card; a problem which can be eliminated by opting for the biometric scan. If you have not already returned your reply slip that was sent to you before the summer holidays and again at the beginning of term, then please do so as soon as possible to enable us to set up your child's cashless catering account in the way that you prefer. However, please be assured that your child will still be able to purchase their food as normal in the event that they might have forgotten their card as the kitchen staff will be able to retrieve their account details from the system by their name. Please also be aware that up until the Autumn Half Term break the kitchens will continue to operate the "old" cash system alongside the new cashless system, but it is Pabulum's intention to move fully to the cashless system from 2 November 2009. This means that from 2 November your child is unlikely to be able to purchase any food/drink items from the College kitchen by using cash. By then all parents will need to have let the College know in which way they wish their child to use the cashless system, ie by paying online via ParentPay, or by paying cash through the PayPoint stores.

The ParentPay system will enable you to get a full history of your child's transactions that were made using the cashless card, as well as all the transactions you have made to top your child's account. We are also hoping to be able to use the ParentPay system in the near future for all other College payment requests such as school trips.

We hope that you will find the new cashless catering system beneficial to you and your child and would welcome your feedback on this new development. Please do also not hesitate to contact the College if you have any questions or problems with the system. Thank you very much for your support and co-operation.

College Photographs

Please can you ensure that all orders for the recent photographs are returned to the College Reception by Friday 9th October.

The photographer will be visiting us again on **Monday 12th October** to take photographs of students who were absent on the first sitting. This will also provide the opportunity to take pictures of siblings who were missed on the previous visit. If you wish your children to be photographed together, please indicate on the slip attached at the back of this newsletter and return it to the College Administrative Centre by **Friday 9th October** at the latest. This will allow us sufficient time to organise the sittings. Thank you.

The whole College photograph will now take place on Monday 12th October, weather permitting.

Christ the King Gift Aid

The Gift Aid donations of £10 per student for the Autumn Term are now due. Please find a form attached to this newsletter.

College Sports News

Year 7 Football Result

Christ the King 5 Mayfield 3

Year 9 Football Results

Christ the King 0 Sandown 2

Year 9 Netball

Christ the King A 8 Medina A 19

Christ the King B 2 Carisbrooke B 13

Calendar Dates

Parent Consultations	-	Wednesday 7 th October
Parent Partnership Evening	-	Thursday 15 th October
Half Term	-	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October
Christmas Holiday	-	Friday 18 th December 2009 - Friday 1 st January 2010

Carisbrooke Extended Schools

With all classes below spaces are limited so please contact Extended Schools officer Carol Ward on 01983 550025/07928591629 for your space or more information

Be Active

Carisbrooke (Central) cluster Extended Schools has some spaces on our Be Active course for Parents and Carers in Carisbrooke Cluster to start again on September 14th 2009. Run by a fully qualified Gym/Aerobics Instructor, Personal Trainer and activity leader and Extended Schools officer Carol Ward.

On every Monday (not including school holidays) from: - 9.30-11.15am.

This has been extended from a nine week course in which you can do up to a 45 minute personalised workout at your own pace. Sign In at powerbase at Carisbrooke High School and then refreshments after in the dining room.

During refreshments there will be opportunities to learn about good eating on a budget for families and getting active with Children and how to have fun whilst getting fit and other discussions all in a relaxed environment.

You will also have your own personal workout card with exercises just for you.

Spaces are limited

Carisbrooke Extended Schools Gymnastics

Our extended schools gymnastic club is due to start again on the 15th September 2009. We have some places available to join our Gymnastic Club. Our places go quickly so call to secure your child's place.

Tuesdays 4.00 – 5.00pm or 5.00 – 6.00 pm at Carisbrooke High School - £2.50 per session.

Cheerleading

For age 8 and above join in our cheerleading club new for September 2009.

Cheerleading 6-7pm Tuesdays based at Carisbrooke High School. Using elements of cheer dance, pom poms and gymnastics

Hip Hop and Freestyle Dance Club

Klusta Krew Hip hop and freestyle - Restarting Friday 11th September 2009
4.15pm-5.30pm @ Newport Primary School £2 per session - 9+ year olds

New Dance classes for September 2009

Boyz Krew

Starting Monday 14th September at 4.00 pm at Carisbrooke High School, £2 per session payable termly. Boys only of any school age to start a strong male dance Krew

Maximum numbers apply so please book for place

Adults Fitness Dance Kraze

Calling all adults who want something different in a workout, Hip Hop and freestyle recreated to a fitness twist- all the fun of Dance, it won't even feel like exercise

Starting Friday 18th September 6.30pm-7.30pm @Carisbrooke High School £2.50 per session

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS – Reply Slip

Monday 12th October

(Only return this slip if you wish to have a group photograph taken)

I would like my children photographed together please.

Name of child Form

Name of child Form

Name of child Form

Signature

Please print Date

Please return to the College Administrative Centre