



# Newsletter

## Wk 5 - 5th December

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### Chaplaincy Team

Last week our Chaplaincy Team received their special badges and certificates from Deacon Lawrence. The children presented to the school all the wonderful work their do for charities, the homeless and making a difference to everyone in our CTK Community.

**We are really proud of our Chaplaincy Team!**



### KS1 Playground

We know the play equipment on the KS1 playground and the Taffe's Turf area is being used by children before and after school including younger siblings.



**ALL children** are not insured to use the equipment **outside of school hours** and as a school we cannot take any responsibility.

Please keep your children off the play equipment - which we know is hard. We are very worried an accident will happen as children are playing in both areas with no adults supervising. Thank you CTK



### Year 4 Adventures

Year 4 had an exciting trip into Bristol City Centre. Within English, they have been looking at the story 'A Hero Like Me' by Angela Joy and Jen Reid. The children have been really engaged with the topic, as it talks of the toppling of the Edward Colston statue. They've enjoyed learning all about the different aspects of his life, and how as times change, views of people change. The Year 4's trip started with a visit to Colston's old plinth where the children were extremely excited to see a piece of important Bristol history up close. They then travelled along the harbour, noticing the same bridge they watched in news reports about the statue being pulled out the harbour. All trying to guess where exactly it had been thrown in. Next, they enjoyed some time looking around all the exhibits at the M shed. Most importantly, the captivating exhibit of the real Edward Colston statue and protest banners. It was a thoroughly engaging and exciting trip. It's not often you can see a piece of history that happened within your lifetime, and within your home city.



## Year 4 Adventures continues

Year 4 had the privilege of welcoming Ben, the Ukelele teacher from W.E.M.A. (West of England Music and Arts), for 45 minutes each Monday. They have really engaged with the sessions and extra practice too. Some even practicing at home. They learnt lots about the different strings, and notes that could be played using the Ukelele. With their highlight being able to strum along with lots of songs that they can now play. They performed in assembly and it was a great hit! Well done Year 4!



## Secret Santa



*Share the happiness this Christmas*

We all know that Christmas can be a very difficult time for many families.

This year we would like to help those who are struggling by providing some extra treats or gifts to help make Christmas a little easier for everyone to enjoy.

If you are able to donate just one thing, it could make a real difference.

Some possible ideas could be:

- A small toy or gift - girls or boys, any age (up to 11)
- A game
- Craft items such as colouring books / pens / stickers
- A book
- Chocolates / biscuits / sweets / crisps / snacks
- Decorations / wrapping paper / crackers
- Festive Food - Christmas pudding / mince pies
- Clothes / pyjamas / hats / scarves

Any donations need to be new items (not second hand)

If you are able to help in any way we would be extremely grateful. Please give any donations to your child's class teacher.



Many Thanks











CTK Chaplaincy Team



## Christmas at CTK

It is the start of Advent at CTK with many Christmas events over the next two weeks and it is busy everyday. Below is a step by step guide to CTK festive events.



Date	Christmas Event	Notes for Families
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Opening of the Christmas Post box 	Children can post a Christmas card to other children or staff at school. On the envelope you need to include the Child's name and surname (can be the first letter of the surname) and Year Group e.g. Lila M – Year 6. The Christmas cards will be delivered during the school day.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Years 1 and 2 Dress rehearsal for the Nativity Play at 10:00am	Children from EYFS, Years 3 and 4 will be watching the Dress Rehearsal of Shepherd's Delight Nativity Play. 
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performance of 'Shepherd's Delight' in the school hall at 2:00pm 	Years 5 and 6 children will be watching the performance on the Tuesday. There are no tickets for the performance however please be sensible about the amount of people per child. Families who are coming please arrive at school by 1:50pm and wait by the office entrance.  We will be able to let families into school once the hall has been cleared after lunchtime and the performance will start at 2:00pm. The performance will last about 60 minutes with photos afterwards.
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	CTK Talent Show 	The children will have an opportunity to share their talents at "CTK Has Got Talent!" 
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performance of 'Shepherd's Delight' in the school hall at 6:30pm	There are no tickets for the performance but please be sensible about the amount of people per child. <b>All Year 1 and 2 Children</b> need to arrive at school by <b>6:00pm</b> and to have time to change into their costumes. Once After School Club has finished families will be able to go and find a seat in the hall. All families to arrive at school by the office entrance. The performance will last about 60 minutes with photos afterwards and starts at 6:30pm. Children will leave school by their classroom doors.
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	EYFS Nativity Tableaux Performance at 9:30am 	There are no tickets for the performance which starts at 9:30am. EYFS's siblings and cousins will be able to watch the performance too. Families who are coming please arrive at school by 9:15am and wait by the office entrance.  We will be able to let families into school once the hall has been cleared after Breakfast Club and the hall has been set up for the Nativity. The performance will start at 9:30am and last about 45 minutes with photos afterwards.
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	PTFA Christmas Shop	Children can purchase their pre-paid (via ParentPay) gifts for their families during the afternoon.
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Carol Concert	Our Christmas Carol Concert at Christ the King Catholic Church in Thornbury at 6:30pm. All readers, choir and tableaux children to arrive at 6:15pm.
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Dinner at CTK, please book on ParentPay	Children to come into school wearing festive jumpers and clothing. Non school uniform. Year 5 will go swimming in their festive clothes. 
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Advent Mass at 10:00am	Everyone is welcome to attend our Advent Mass in the school hall. 
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Class Parties in the afternoon 	A letter will be sent out by Class Teachers about their Class Parties. Children will need to bring in their own plate of food.  The children are allowed to bring a change of party clothes for the Christmas parties and the clothes must be brought into school in a named bag.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am End of term Celebration Assembly	All families are welcome to come and attend our assembly. Our School choir and recorder group will also be performing at the assembly.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		<b>School finishes at 3:15pm for the Christmas Holidays and re-opens on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8:45am for the start of Term 3.</b> 