

*We learn and pray, in faith and love*



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Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

### **A brilliant outcome from our Kitchen Inspection**

I am delighted to announce that, following a visit from the Foods Standards Agency, the kitchen team have again secured a 5\* food rating - another outstanding result for St. Kentigern's!

### **URGENT INFORMATION**

It has come to my attention that someone has set up a fraudulent TikTok account in school's name. This is illegal and has been reported to the relevant authorities. I will be monitoring the content of this closely until the author of the account has been found and the account itself has been closed. As you are aware, we have highlighted the high-risk nature of TikTok in previous newsletters.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have raised £500 which will go to the Royal British Legion to support serving and ex-serving men and women and their families.

### **Manchester Sings**

On Wednesday 24th November the choir will participate in the Manchester Sings event. The children will leave from school at lunchtime, returning to school for collection when the concert is over at approximately 4pm. Can we please ask that parents be at school no later than 4:30 pm to pick up the children from the main school hall. Thank you.

### **Year 5 Bikeability**

Y5 Bikeability begins next week. The children have been given a letter allocating them a day. They need to come in warm outdoor clothes with a waterproof coat and hood. They also need to bring their bike and helmet unless they have asked us to provide one for them. Should you have any queries, please contact Miss O'Reilly.

### **Meet our lunchtime sports team**

At St. Kentigern's, we do everything we possibly can to ensure that the children have the best experiences and are afforded every possible opportunity to develop their skills and talents. As part of the programme school offers, we have a lunchtime coaching team who work with all the children from our Nursery to Year 6. Adz is a coach for Manchester Magic Basketball Club and is studying for his Doctorate. Elisha plays for the Manchester Mystics Women's teams. CJ is a Business Management student at MMU. Her love for sport has led her to play on the women's volleyball team. Rhean is the captain of Manchester Mystic women's basketball team. She works for Manchester University and is a qualified physiotherapist. As you can see, our coaches are of an incredible calibre and compliment Mr Ching's skill set very well. All are excellent role models for our children.



### **Reception Phonics Workshop**

Our Reception staff will be holding a phonics workshop on Monday 22nd November at 3:20pm. It will take place in our Reception classroom. This will be a very informative meeting where the teaching staff will talk about what phonics is, model a typical lesson and have phonic activities set up in the classroom to explore. Information will also be provided to help you support your child's learning at home.

### **Well done, Nursery!**



Thank you to our nursery parents who supported their children in making these amazing story box houses! The children used these in help them retell the stories they had been reading in class.

### **Covid Update**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and you should arrange a test for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119>. If the test result is positive, your child will be required to self-isolate for a period of 10 days from the day that their symptoms started. Please inform us if your child has a positive test result. If your child's test result is negative, they can continue with their normal activities if they are well enough to do so. In line with the national guidance, children aged under 18 years are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Your child and other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms

Your child may have been in contact with the positive case. People who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19 are advised to get a PCR test, whether or not they have symptoms. If this test is

positive, they must isolate for 10 days. PCR tests can be booked via [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling 119](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119). We strongly recommend that you do this to help stop further cases - this can be done after school this evening.

Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.

Please note people should not need to be re-tested via an LFD test or PCR test within 90 days of a previous confirmed positive test, unless new symptoms develop, in which case they should book a PCR.

Please visit the link to Public Health England's guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infections:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Rights Respecting School Council**

Our Council representatives met today to work on their action plan and to share their ideas. Chester thought they were superb in their new role.



### Photography Club

The children managed to capture a giant on camera! Their skills are clearly growing!



### Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is keeping well and safe and caring for one another. This weekend we keep the great feast of "Christ the King" as this is the last Sunday of the church year and this is how we bring every one of our prayers from the whole year together. This feast was created just under 100 years ago when the world was in turmoil. The church declared this feast as a way of giving all of us a focus, a sign of unity, a way of proclaiming out loud our Faith! The full title of Sunday's feast is "Jesus Christ King of the Universe". We are being called as Catholics, to witness to the identity of Jesus Christ above everything else! So, let us be proud of all that we say and do, in the name of our lord, as this Sunday reminds us (if we need reminding) of who we are and why we are, the family of St. Kentigern's Roman Catholic primary school and Parish. Have a great weekend.  
St. Kentigern and St. Joseph, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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