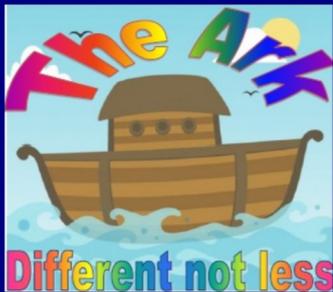


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Meet Lottie

Lottie is a Cockerpoo—a cocker spaniel and poodle cross. She belongs to Mrs Clarke, who has very generously agreed that Lottie can become our School Dog.

Lots of schools have School Dogs, because studies have shown that they can improve the wellbeing of children and lower the rate of anxiety, simply by making the environment happier, more enjoyable and less forbidding. There is also evidence that reading dogs can break down barriers and help children to develop literacy skills.

Lottie will be kept clean and healthy, with all her vaccinations up to date. Her claws will be kept short and she will be trained not to jump up at children. She is already being conditioned to being in school.

Mrs Clarke chose a Cockerpoo because these are low allergy dogs, but we know that there is still a possibility that some children will have allergies and some parents will have reservations about their children working with Lottie – delightful though she is.

Please could parents let us know if their child is likely to be allergic, or if, for any reason, they would prefer their child not to have contact with Lottie.



**NO
NUTS!**

Some of our
children have
serious allergies.

School Discos

November 24th. £2 on the door.

4–5.30: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
(please could parents stay).

6–7.30: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

All proceeds to the school's PTA which helps to provide treats and non-essential items for the pupils and the school. Volunteers and help are always welcomed by our PTA, please see Mrs Brophy in the school office if you can assist us.



Blog of the Week

There are some more wonderful blog posts this week. Louis and Angel in Mr Cosgrove's class but Blog of the week is Mrs Cox's class, and blogger of the week is Miriam Gray. Miriam and her brother Marcus who put up a great blog last week have made super use of emojis in their writing and Miriam's two blogs this week are great pieces of writing.



Universal Credit

What Will it Mean for You?

If you are unsure, or worried about what the changes will mean for you, there is help and information available. There is a meeting open to all Whitley parents as follows:

Community Cafe (South Reading
Community Centre), Northumberland
Avenue)

Monday 11th December 10.30am–12

We started our week in Creole
and finished in Turkish
“Bonzou” “Merhaba”



November/December at-a-Glance

Mon 13th. Nov.	Parents' meetings —Mrs Kassam and Mrs Cox
Tues 14th. Nov.	Parents' meetings —Other Year 3—6 classes
Wed 15th. Nov.	Parents' meetings —Reception, Years 1 and 2
Wed 22nd Nov.	School Choir performing at The Hexagon .
Sun 26th Nov.	Feast of Christ the King. Parents & children invited to Mass to help celebrate our feast day.
Fri 1st Dec.	Pantomime —Beauty & The Beast
Wed 6th Dec.	Advent reconciliation service.
Thu 7th Dec.	2pm. Nativity —Year 2
Fri 8th Dec.	10am. Nativity —Year 2
Mon 11th Dec.	2pm. Christmas Songs —Year 1
Tue 12th Dec.	10am. Christmas Songs —Year 1
Wed 13th Dec.	10am. Nativity —Reception 2pm. KS2 Christmas Play in the church
Thu 14th Dec.	2pm. Nativity —Reception 6pm. KS2 Christmas Play in the church
Fri 15th Dec.	All day. Wear a Christmas Jumper day.
Mon 18th Dec.	11am&2pm. Christmas Performances —Nursery
Tue 19th Dec.	1.30pm. End of Term.
Thu 4th Jan.	School Re-Opens for Spring Term

The Frassati Multi-Academy Trust

Diocesan trustees have now decided that we will not after all be asked to become an academy. There are six schools in Windsor, Maidenhead, Bracknell and Wokingham which have already joined the Frassati Trust, but other Catholic schools in our district will not now join them. Blessed Hugh Faringdon and English Martyrs, and CTK, will continue to be owned by the Diocese but maintained through Reading Borough Council with no change to our status.



Inset Day—Spring Term

Wed 3rd. of January will be an INSET Day and school will be closed to pupils. Spring term will start on Thu January 4th.



Christmas Toy Collection

From Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School and Alexander Devine Charity: This Christmas we are collecting new or excellent condition Toys for Alexander Devine Hospice. The toys are vital for the hospice whilst some are used to raise vital funds for the charity. Santa and his helpers will be visiting Christ the King on Friday 1st December to collect your donations. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



Lacey Stroud, who recently came second in the South East of England street dance championships.

Our Year 5/6 football team who beat Alfred Sutton school 4 – 2 on Wednesday to qualify for the finals of a local cup which will be held at the Dome next Tuesday afternoon, the 14th.

November.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic Secondary School, whose latest Ofsted report confirms that the school is a Good School.

The John Madejski Academy, which also achieved a great verdict from Ofsted and is no longer in special measures. The inspectors praised particularly the work of the present head teacher, Mrs Ellener, who has effected a tremendously positive change in a very short space of time.

Maths Ninjas

Shodan

*Harry Coleman, Migle Ceplinskaite,
Tiger-Lily Durrante, Natasha Phonela,
Dontae Hamblin*

Both schools were inspected before half-term and we are delighted for them both. Blessed Hugh Faringdon is our local Catholic secondary school and the John Madejski Academy is the closest secondary school to Christ the King – less than a five minute walk away. Traditionally these are the two schools to which most pupils from Christ the King have transferred, so it's good to know that our former pupils are in safe hands.

