



Dear Parents/Carers,

At Christ the King, we recognise the importance of learning about other religions as a way to enhance and deepen our own Catholic Faith.

We have had a fantastic week learning all about Judaism. We welcomed Ginny and Ian from the Leicester Hebrew Congregation who brought in a range of artefacts to show the children. This provoked a number of fascinating questions from our children and deepened and enhanced their knowledge learned in the classroom. Please see the school blog for photos of the assembly: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/11/07/judaism-focus-week/>

## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **Remembrance Liturgies**

Today we marked Remembrance Day as a school. A huge thank you to our school Chaplains who planned and delivered the liturgies with confidence and reverence. All pupils observed two minutes silence and we said a quiet prayer for all the soldiers who have lost their lives and their families.



### **All Souls in November**

Please keep all those in our school community who have experienced recent bereavement in your prayers, especially as we are now in November: the month of Holy Souls. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November and we will pray for them. The Holy Father has confirmed that a plenary indulgence can be obtained for your loved ones during the whole month of November. This involves attending confession, communion and then visiting a cemetery to pray for the soul of a loved one. Your parish will be able to give you further guidance on times of confessions and masses as well as suitable prayers for the dead. Please remember the faithful departed in your prayers and make an effort to obtain an indulgence for them this November.

## **Parish Links**

### **CTK Family Mass**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, it will be the Feast of Christ the King and we would like to invite all members of our school family to celebrate with us. This year, we will be holding our Family Mass at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church at 9:30am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November to mark our school's feast day. The Mass will be led by our children and we hope to get as many of pupils involved as possible. A letter will be sent home earlier next week with further information and a reply slip for parents/carers to indicate whether they wish for their child to take part.



## **Parent Survey**

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent survey - we now have 279 responses which is nearly 50% of our families. We want as many responses as possible so the CTK parent survey will remain open until Monday 14th November. Please find the link below if you have not yet completed it: <https://forms.office.com/r/WLwAXTtVU2>

In addition, the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, of which we are a part, are conducting their own survey. Please follow this link to complete it [St Thomas Aquinas CMAT Parent Survey 2022 \(Page 1 of 11\) \(office.com\)](#)

## **Primary School Applications**

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in August 2023, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school and complete the Local Authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date at midnight on Sunday 15th January 2023. You can view our admission policy on the website: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Admissions and Appeals \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](http://ctkleicester.co.uk)

We will be holding an open day on **Tuesday 15th November @ 10am**. Please share this with friends and families if it applies to them.

## **REMINDER: November INSET Day – School Closed**

A reminder that **school is closed on Friday 18th November**. This is an INSET day when all of the teaching team will have training for the day.

## **Anti-Bullying Week - 'Reach Out, Speak Out'**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Reach Out'. To mark the week, we are inviting the **children to wear odd socks on Monday 14th November**, to celebrate their differences and to recognise the individuality of each child. The week will begin with an Anti-Bullying assembly on both sites on Monday 14th November to raise awareness of bullying and the positive and kind things we can do to stop hurtful behaviour. This will be followed up with daily activities in the classrooms. During the week, we will be exploring what makes a good friend and talking to the children about what to do if they are being bullied or know someone who is being bullied.

We will also be talking to the children about 'trusted adults' - the people they can turn to in times of worry, stress or crisis. We are looking forward to participating in this national project.





## **Attendance**

Overall our attendance last week was 96.3%. The Government's national expectation is 97% and CTK aim to always be above this.

Mrs Darby and Mrs Featherstone's class were the winners last week with 98.3%. This is a great achievement and we are very pleased.

2nd place: Miss Hall's class with 98.1%

3rd place: Miss Gilding's class with 97.8%

***It is really important that children are in school every day and on time so that they do not miss out on the learning and time with their friends.***

## **Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for parents.**

A big thank you to all that came to the parent meeting on Early Reading this week. We hope you found it useful. The presentation has been shared with our families across Class Dojo. Please see the link below to the Little Wandle website, where you will find advice for parents on how we teach sounds and early reading at CTK.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## **Parking**

Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are parking on the roads close to our school. We have had a number of complaints from residents on Letchworth Road. The school asks that parents/carers do not park on double yellow lines, zig-zags lines or block driveways.

Local residents are understandably becoming increasingly upset and frustrated at the inconsiderate behaviour of a number of parents/carers of pupils from Christ the King. We ask that all parents and carers show respect and courtesy to all those people living in the local community and use the Park and Stride facility at New College. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## **The Family, Inclusion and Transition Team (FIT Team)**

The FIT Team is made up of the SEND Lead (Mrs Wheeldon) the Pupil Premium Lead (Ms Knight) and Learning Mentor (Mrs Hansrani) at Christ the King. The team aim to support families to ensure their children can access all learning opportunities, participate positively in all aspects of school life and ensure they reach their full potential. In addition to this, they provide support for social, emotional, mental health wellbeing and behavioural needs. If you have any concerns about your child's academic, social, emotional or behavioural development, please speak to your child's class teacher who will put you in touch with the relevant member of the FIT Team. Please see our school website for more information and resources: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - FIT Team \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](https://www.chrastlekingcatholicvoluntaryacademy.co.uk/fit-team)



## Thought for the Week

*To remember is an expression of humanity.*

*To remember is a sign of civility.*

*To remember is a condition for a better future of peace.”*

Pope Francis

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



# CTK News

11/11/2022

Week beginning 14th November	Anti-bullying Week begins
Monday 14th November	Wear Odd Sock Day!
Wednesday 16th November	<b>6DM final swimming session</b> — <i>please bring pyjamas/leggings + top to take part in National 'Big Swim' event (no jeans/jogging bottoms please)</i>
Thursday 17th November	2SF Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Thursday 17th November	5SN Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Thursday 17th November	<b>5VD class trip to Art Gallery</b>
Friday 18th November	<b>School closed for teacher inset day</b>
Sunday 20th November	<b>Feast of Christ the King Family Mass 9:30am at Blessed Sacrament Parish</b> <b>All Welcome!</b>
Monday 21st November	Feast of Christ the King Liturgy— <b>All Parents Welcome—Juniors 8:45am</b>
Tuesday 22nd –29th November	<b>Book Fair</b>
Wednesday 23rd November	<b>6EG swimming sessions begin</b>
Friday 25th November	5VD Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 25th November	<b>5HS class trip to Art Gallery</b>
Sunday 27th November	<b>Season of Advent begins</b>
Monday 28th November	<b>Infant Advent Liturgy 9:00am —Parents Welcome</b>
Wednesday 30th November	<b>Junior Advent Liturgy 2.25pm—Parents Welcome</b>
Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd Dec	<b>Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor Hall</b>
Friday 2nd December	5HS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 2nd December	<b>5SN class trip to Art Gallery</b>
Friday 2nd December	<b>Menphys Carol Concert—De Monfort Hall 7:15pm</b>
Mon 5th—Weds 7th Dec	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle</b>
Monday 5th December	<b>Infant CTK Trophy Assembly for the Advent term—9:00am</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>National Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>Junior CTK Trophy Assembly for the Advent term—2:15am</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>Sponsored Sleepover in Junior Hall—Y3 &amp; class chaplains Time TBC</b>
Monday 12th December	<b>Pantomime trip Years 1-6</b>
Monday 12th December	<del><b>Y1 &amp; Y5 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome—POSTPONED</b></del>
Tuesday 13th—Thursday 15th December	<b>Reception Carol Service, KS1 Christmas Performances, KS2 Carol Concerts will be scheduled for these days— Times and locations TBC</b>
Wednesday 14th December	<b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>
Friday 16th December	<b>Christingle Liturgies—Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Friday 16th December	<b>School finishes for the Christmas Holidays—Normal school closure times</b>
Mon 19th Dec— Tues 3rd Jan	<b>School closed for Christmas Holidays</b>
Wednesday 4th January	<b>School reopens to pupils for the new term ahead</b>

