



Dear Parents/Carers,



## **Our Catholic Mission**

Our new chaplaincy teams led their first liturgies today to celebrate Harvest. They were wonderful, joyous occasions and gave us an opportunity to thank God for all that we have. Thank you to all those who joined us and to Miss Dodd and Mrs Hainsworth for supporting and training our incredible children.

Please see our school blog for more information and to leave your feedback: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/10/12/harvest-festival-2022/>

Thank you also for all your donations for Braunstone Foodshare. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and it is wonderful that we can share the harvest with our brothers and sisters in the local community.

## **Chaplaincy Retreat Day**

Last Friday, the Junior Chaplaincy team had a fantastic day with the Lead Lay Chaplains, Tom and Kieran at the Rosmini Centre, House of Prayer. They spent the day getting to know one another better and building their teamwork skills. They also had the chance to make new friends with some children from English Martyrs' Primary School in Oakham, who have recently joined our Trust family.

Please see the school blog to find out more: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/10/06/chaplaincy-retreat-day-rosmini-centre/>



## **REMINDER: Rosary Challenge**

CTK is taking part in the Rosary Challenge during the month of October. You can find everything you need here: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-rosary-challenge>



## Stars of the Week



F RG	Oliver, Dhruv, Karen, Olivia, Mia
F AG/SF	Bianka, Reya, Alaina, Livin. Siamthanda
F ER	Logan, Roel, Yakub, Samara. Leo
1SR	Jameson
1SL	Aisha
1RH	Joanna
2EO	Olivia
2NT	Chris
2SF	Rohan

### **Attendance**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.6% Our winning classes last week were:

**1st place:** Mrs Pulsford and Miss Hill's class with 100%

**2nd Place:** Miss Laycock's and Miss Busby's class with 99.3%

**3rd Place:** Miss Orrill and Miss Gilding with 99%

***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 Parent Workshop for all Reception and Year One Parents**

We would like to invite all our parents in Reception and Year 1 to an Early Reading session on *Tuesday 8th November @9:15am* in the Infant hall. You will find out how we teach our children to read, learn about the national phonics screening check in Year 1 and we will share some helpful advice to support your child to be a confident and fluent reader. We hope that you can join us.



## Welcome Back to School Games

Last week some of our Year 5/6 children took part in the first school sports event of the year: 'Welcome Back to School Games'. During this event the children took part in different activities to inspire them to try different sports this year. Our children particularly enjoyed taking part in Ultimate Frisbee and Capture The Flag. Evie was the recipient of a special award for demonstrating the 'Spirit of the games' for her overall participation, teamwork and determination towards each activity. Well done, Evie!



## CTK Trips Programme

I would like to reassure all our parents that our trips have been carefully planned to ensure they directly support learning in the curriculum. There is also a residential experience in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and we hope the children will enjoy these experiences and make lasting memories. Please see the incredible trip opportunities your child will be offered at CTK:

Year Group	
EYFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Farm</li><li>➤ Local area walk</li><li>➤ Bus journey around Leicester</li></ul>
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Seaside</li><li>➤ Local area walk</li><li>➤ Live music</li><li>➤ Church visit</li></ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Twycross Zoo</li><li>➤ Western Park</li><li>➤ Beaumanor Hall</li><li>➤ Madir visit</li></ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ River Soar Walk</li><li>➤ King Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral</li><li>➤ Bradgate Park</li><li>➤ Synagogue visit</li></ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Jewry Wall Museum</li><li>➤ New Walk Museum</li><li>➤ Live music at De MonFort Hall Summer Music Festival</li><li>➤ Gurdwara visit</li><li>➤ Beaumanor Hall Residential</li></ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Space Centre Residential</li><li>➤ New Walk Museum Gallery</li><li>➤ Botanical Gardens</li><li>➤ Leicester City Walk</li><li>➤ Outdoor Pursuit Centre</li></ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Author Visit</li><li>➤ Beacon Hill Fieldwork</li><li>➤ Beaumanor Hall WW2 Day</li><li>➤ Mosque visit</li><li>➤ Spiritual residential</li><li>➤ Warning Zone</li></ul>



## **Senior Mental Health Lead**

At Christ the King we are dedicated to supporting all our children and their families. The Department for Education is offering a grant to train a Senior Mental Health Lead. CTK is eligible and has had a successful grant application. This will give us access to enhanced training for staff and support the school to further develop and implement a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing for children, staff and parents. More information will follow after half term.

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all those parents who joined us this week for parents' evening. We hope you found it informative and you could see the great progress of the CTK students. Our next parents' evening will be held in February. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, you do not need to wait for the next Parents' Evening, simply see your child's teacher at the end of the day and they will be happy to arrange a meeting with you. Alternatively, you can call the main office on 0116 2857261 to arrange a meeting.

## **Winter uniform**

Please remember that the children should be wearing their winter uniform after half term. This includes a white shirt and tie not a polo shirt and tie. The children have been taking great pride in the appearance and dressing to impress! We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.

## **Respect for our Neighbours**

We received a complaint this week from a very distressed neighbour regarding dangerous parking. As a Catholic community, we are called to demonstrate love and respect for our neighbours. I therefore ask that ALL parents respect our neighbours and avoid parking on driveways, double yellow lines or on the zig-zag lines outside of the school. Inconsiderate parking is a danger to our children. I believe that our neighbours have informed the police and the county council and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally.

## **Park and Stride**

Strider paid us a visit on Wednesday to meet those families who parked at New College and walked the rest of the way to school! Using the New College car park is a great way for our families to safely park, exercise and reduce congestion on Glenfield Road. Thank you to all of our parents who use the Park and Stride.





## **Change of Weather**

The weather is turning colder and wetter so please make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day. Children will still go outside in light rain and therefore will need to have the appropriate clothing.

**REMINDER: Please can you ensure that all school uniform, P.E kit, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's full name. We know how expensive school uniform can be and every year the lost property box is full of nearly new uniform items that have no names on them. Thank you for your support with this.**

## **REMINDER...Secondary School Applications.**

The closing date for secondary school applications is midnight on **Monday 31st October 2022**. All applications received after this date are treated as late and will be dealt with after those received on time and you are less likely to be offered a place at your preferred schools. You must complete a Supplementary Information form and apply to your local authority.

More information can be found here: [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school/)

## **The CTK Experience**

Don't forget to view our newly published CTK Experience! The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum.

[https://issuu.com/ctkleicester/docs/the\\_ctk\\_experience\\_a97bac4d746493](https://issuu.com/ctkleicester/docs/the_ctk_experience_a97bac4d746493)

## **Term Dates**

Please see our [school website](#) for the term dates for this academic year and next academic year.

## **Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association**

We had our first meeting of the school year last week. Unfortunately only 2 parents—already part of the team—were able to attend. The Association is a very valuable part of the school community and raises money that directly supports the education of your child by subsidising trips for families or buying equipment for the school which is not funded by the government. You do not need any special skills to join the association—just a friendly attitude, a willingness to help and a desire to help our community. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help with this year's Christmas Fair, Friday Night Movie Night, Christmas Discos and Parties and the annual BBQ fundraiser. Please contact the school office if you are willing to offer your support.



## **School Photographs**

During the first week back after half term, we will be having our individual school photos on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October.

We are hoping to plan a session for siblings to have their photos taken and will be in touch over the half term break with details of this. This information will be sent out via Arbor.

## **Thought for the Week**

*'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.'*

*Blessed John Henry Newman*

Have a wonderful half term.

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for the term ahead....

Monday 24th October	School reopens
Tuesday 25th October	Y1 Indian Dance Workshop
<b>Thursday 27th October and Friday 28th October</b>	<b>Individual School Photos - dates for each site and sibling session to be confirmed across Arbor over the half term break</b>
Friday 28th October	2EO Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Tuesday 1st November	Feast of All Saints
Tuesday 1st November	<b>New School Starters Open Event</b> - Infant Site 1:30pm
Wednesday 2nd November	<b>Feast of All Souls School Mass at Mother of God Church @ 10:30am</b> Y1, Y3, Y5 and class chaplains attending — <b>Parents Welcome</b> <i>Class chaplains will be blessed at commissioned at this service</i>
Friday 4th November	2NT Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Week beginning 7th November	Judaism Week begins Assemblies from the Hebrew Society
Wednesday 9th November	Y3 Synagogue trip as part of Judaism Week
Wednesday 9th November	Flu Vaccinations for pupils
Thursday 10th November	Remembrance Day Liturgy for Infant Site 9:00am— <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Day Liturgy for Junior Site 2:25pm— <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 11th November	2SF Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Week beginning 14th November	Mission Week begins Anti-bullying Week begins
Wednesday 16th November	<b>6DM final swimming session</b>
Wednesday 16th November	Governors' Meeting
Thursday 17th November	5SN Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Friday 18th November</b>	<b>School closed for teacher inset day</b>
Sunday 20th November	<b>Feast of Christ the King Family Mass</b> <i>Church location and time TBC</i>
Monday 21st November	Feast of Christ the King Liturgies— <b>Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Tuesday 22nd –29th November	<b>Book Fair</b>
Wednesday 23rd November	<b>6EG swimming sessions begin</b>
<b>Friday 25th November</b>	<b>5VD Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome</b>
Sunday 27th November	<b>Season of Advent begins</b>





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Monday 28th November	<b>Advent Liturgies—Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
<b><u>Thursday 1st December– Friday 2nd December</u></b>	<b><u>Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor Hall</u></b>
Friday 2nd December	<b>5HS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome</b>
Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th December	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>National Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>CTK Trophy Assemblies for the Advent Term</b> <i>Parents of winners will be invited</i> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:15pm
<b><u>Friday 9th December</u></b> <b><u>*change of date*</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsored Sleepover in Junior Hall—Y3 &amp; class chaplains</u></b> <b>Time TBC</b> <b><u>All monies raised will go to a refugee charity as part of our Advent fundraising</u></b>
Monday 12th December	<b>Y1 &amp; Y5 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome</b>
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>
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</b> <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Monday 19th Dec— Tuesday 3rd Jan	<b>School closed for Christmas Holidays</b>
Tuesday 3rd January	<b>School closed to pupils—teacher training day</b>
Wednesday 4th January	<b>School reopens to pupils for the new term ahead</b>