



Dear Parents/Carers,

We gathered together as a school community this week to pay tribute following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We reflected on her incredible life of service, from being made Queen at the age of just 25, to celebrating her Platinum Jubilee earlier this year. It is a reign that has consistently reflected her steadfast faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As ever, the children were given a mission: What can we learn from Her Majesty the Queen?



In accordance with the advice from the Department of Education, **CTK will be closed on Monday 19th September** as a mark of respect and to give families the opportunity to witness the historic state funeral on television.

As a school community, we are marking this sad occasion by inviting members of our school community to leave comments on our school blog in her memory, giving thanks for The Queen's life of service. Please click the following link and scroll down to the bottom of the page to leave your comment: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/09/14/her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii-rip/>

Parish Links

First Holy Communion 2023

Children in Year 3 or above, who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's, are now eligible to apply. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: stpetersleicester@gmail.com

The deadline for returning application forms is Friday 30th September at 12-noon.

An initial meeting for parents will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 2nd October at 4pm, to explain how the preparations will proceed.

Saturday 10th June 2023, the weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi, has been provisionally booked for First Holy Communion.

RSHE parent Y5/6 session: slides and resources for parents

Thank you to those who attended the information session delivered by Miss Dodd on Monday. If you would like to view the PowerPoint slides and additional resources shared in the session, please follow this link to the blog. If you attended the session, please leave a feedback comment on the blog (scroll down to the bottom): <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/09/14/rshe-information-session-for-parents-carers-of-pupils-in-year-5-year-6/>

RE Parent Workshop - Thursday 22nd September @14:30 in Junior Library

The RE parent workshop has been rescheduled to **Thursday 22nd September at 14:30**. Parents and carers of all children are invited to join **Miss Dodd in the Junior Library** to learn about the Come and See programme which is the curriculum we use to deliver our RE lessons. You will also have an opportunity to see examples of work that your child will be studying this year.



Pupil Roles and Responsibilities at CTK

At CTK we give the children various opportunities to lead and take responsibility.

The CTK School Council provides a meaningful way for pupils to voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them.

The Council is made up of one or two pupils from each class who are formally elected by their peers to represent them and their views. ***Congratulation to our newly appointed School Council below!***



CTK Infants

1SR	Oliver + Annabel E
1SL	Mia + Damion
1RH	Efeoghene + Penny
2EO	Mari + Matylda
2NT	Agata + Noah
2SF	Denzel + Tilly

CTK Juniors

3AP	Jadoore
3GH	Ola
3TP	Rian
4LM/LW	Githikaa
4HB	Khyan
4GO	Sean
5HS	Niamh
5SN	Toni
5VD	Kenisha
6DM	Niamh
6LS	Raynan
6EG	Ra'nell

Throughout the year they will work with Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford to gather pupil voice and enhance and improve the CTK experience for all learners. We look forward to seeing the fantastic work they will do.

Recruiting for our new chaplaincy team

Is your child interested in becoming a class chaplain this year? Miss Dodd and Mrs Hainsworth are now taking applications for the role and the voting closes on Friday 23rd September! Take a look at our blog post to find out more and how to enter. If your child has previously been a class chaplain, why not leave us a comment telling us what you enjoyed about being part of this group: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/09/14/want-to-become-a-ctk-class-chaplain-heres-how/>

Attendance and Punctuality

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.1%. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Griffin, Mrs Featherstone, Miss Orrill and Miss Gilding classes with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Taylor's Class 3rd Place: Miss O'Brien; Class

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.



REMINDER Parent Curriculum Meetings

Over the few weeks, parents will be invited into school for a parent introduction meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Find out what your child will be learning this year
- Find out about the statutory tests they may be taking
- Learn about trips, visits, and extra-curricular learning
- Find out how you can support your child at home with their learning
- Find out key information at school life at CTK

You will also have the chance to see their classroom. We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.

Stars of the Week



Today we celebrated National TA Day in recognition of our brilliant team of teaching assistants. Our children benefit on a daily basis from the love, professionalism and guidance they provide to help them achieve their best.

We are very blessed as a school community to have them and in recognition of all their hard work, our teachers awarded each of them a Star of the Week award today.

CTK Infants

R-RG	Miss Crofts + Mrs Bourne
R-ER	Mrs Howson + Mrs Tonge + Miss Silva
R-AG/SF	Mrs Harris + Mrs Rosa
1SR	Mrs Fitzgerald
1SL	Mrs Thornton + Mrs Pickwell
1RH	Mrs Banks + Mrs Bartnik
2SF	Mrs Pearson + Mrs McDonnell
2NT	Mrs Wood
2OB	Mrs Wheatley + Mrs Feeney
All Classes:	Mrs Ambler + Mr Tite

CTK Juniors

3TP	Mrs Cranston + Miss Hadfield
3AP	Mrs Beattie
3GH	Mrs Stratton
4LM/LC	Mrs Crayfoud + Mrs Fearne + Miss Hargrave
4HB	Mrs Dalzell + Mrs O'Connor + Mrs O'Brien
4GO	Mrs Merrigan + Mrs Evatt
5HS	Miss Hadfield
5SN	Mrs Toon
5VD	Mrs Amoroso
6LS	Mrs Hargrave
6DM	Mrs Chomentowska + Mrs Seajo
6EG	Miss Sayer + Mrs Busby



Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!

We need your help! We are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance and training in school, so if you have never volunteered before - come and give it a try! We know how much both the adults and the children enjoy these sessions. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on a regular basis – even if it is just for one hour a week – please talk to your child's class teacher.

Naming School Uniform

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.

Extra Curricular Clubs!

We are very excited to start up our extracurricular clubs again. Ms Knight and Miss Orrill have spoken to some of our children this week to find out what clubs that would like at CTK. They have come up with lots of creative ideas so we will use this information to put a programme of extra curricular clubs together for this academic year.

Tennis Club and has started this week and Mr T, our Sports Coach, has started the Multi Sports sessions this week. We will be starting the football club in the next couple of weeks too. Watch out for further exciting clubs coming soon!

CTK Open Days for children starting school in August 2023

We will be holding two Open Days for parents with children due to start school in August 2023. Please share this information with friends and family to whom this applies.





Cauliflower Cards

We are excited to announce that we will be participating in the 'Cauliflower Cards' Christmas design project again this year. The children will be asked to produce a simple design that can be printed onto a variety of different products that you can then purchase as cards and gifts for family and friends. Further details will follow, but please be aware that in order for the items to be printed and returned in time for Christmas, these designs will need to be completed before half term so don't worry if the children seem to be talking about Christmas a little early!



Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2022

Online applications for secondary schools are now open. Applications can be made online at [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school) and will need to be submitted by no later than Monday **31 October 2022**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late and you may miss out on your choice of school. Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form.

Elizabeth Stone Gardens – thank you!

A huge thank you to Elizabeth Stone Gardening Company for giving up their time to tidy the grounds on our Infant Site. The CTK community are very lucky to have you!





Home Learning

The new updated Whole school Home Learning policy has been shared with parents this week across Class Dojo.

Swimming Lessons

The Year 6 children have been enjoying their swimming lessons and we recognize what an important life skill this is for our children. This year we have been able to provide these lessons for free.

Due to a substantial rise in the cost of transport and the financial pressures upon us all, we are walking the children to and from Braunstone swimming baths. The school can not afford to pay the transport costs for all pupils and we are reluctant to ask parents to pay for the bus transport. There has been some reasonable parental concerns about children walking with wet hair on cold days but we ask for your understanding as we try to ensure that swimming is free for all pupils this year.

We would suggest that a combination of swimming caps to keep hair dry and a warm coat and hat to wear are cheap and effective ways to help keep the children warm.

We will keep this under review. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Thought for the Week

"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness"

Saint John Chrysostom

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Important dates for your diary (any changes are in bold and underlined)

<u>Monday 19th September</u>	<u>School Closed for Queen Elizabeth's Funeral</u>
Friday 16th September	National Day of Appreciation for Teaching Assistants
<u>Friday 16th September</u>	<u>Bikeability begins for Year 5</u>
<u>Thursday 22nd September</u>	<u>RE Parent Curriculum meeting (all year groups) - Junior Site 2.30pm</u>
Friday 23rd September	6DM Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Monday 26th September	Assemblies from Braunstone Foodshare for our Harvest collections Food donations collected from today
Monday 26th September	Y1 Parent Curriculum meeting— Infant Site 2:50pm
Tuesday 27th September	Y2 Parent Curriculum meeting— Infant Site 2:50pm
Wednesday 28th September	Reception Parent Curriculum meeting— Infant Site 2:50pm
Friday 30th September	6EG Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Friday 30th September	Training day for new class chaplains
Monday 3rd October	5SN class trip to the Botanical Gardens
Monday 3rd October	Y4 Parent Curriculum meeting— Junior Site 2:30pm
Monday 3rd October	Fr Cahill teaching Junior children the music for mass
Tuesday 4th October	5HS class trip to the Botanical Gardens
Tuesday 4th October	Y6 Parent Curriculum meeting— Junior Site 2:30pm
Wednesday 5th October	National Day of Appreciation for Teachers
Wednesday 5th October	5VD class trip to the Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 5th October	Y3 Parent Curriculum meeting— Junior Site 2:30pm
Wednesday 5th October	Governors' meeting
Thursday 6th October	Y5 Parent Curriculum meeting— Junior Site 2:30pm
Friday 7th October	6LS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Monday 10th October	Y2 & Y6 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 11th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm
Wednesday 12th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm
Thursday 13th October	Last day to bring in food donations for the Braunstone Foodshare (our Harvest charity)
Friday 14th October	Harvest Liturgies— Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Friday 14th October	School finishes for the October Half Term <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Week beginning 17th October	School closed for half term



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Monday 24th October	School reopens
Tuesday 25th October	Y1 Indian Dance Workshop
Thursday 27th October	Junior Site Individual School Photos (+ Infant Siblings 8:25am) - Junior Site
Friday 28th October	Infant Site Individual School Photos - Infant Site
Friday 28th October	2EO Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site Parents Welcome
Tuesday 1st November	Feast of All Saints
Tuesday 1st November	New School Starters Open Event - Infant Site 1:30pm
Wednesday 2nd November	Feast of All Souls School Mass at Mother of God Church @ 10:30am Y1, Y3, Y5 and class chaplains attending — Parents Welcome <i>Class chaplains will be blessed at commissioned at this service</i>
Friday 4th November	2NT Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site Parents Welcome
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— Parents Welcome
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Day Liturgy for Junior Site 2:25pm— Parents Welcome
Friday 11th November	2SF Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am - Infant Site Parents Welcome
Week beginning 14th November	Mission Week begins Anti-bullying Week begins
Wednesday 16th November	6DM final swimming session
Wednesday 16th November	Governors' Meeting
Thursday 17th November	5SN Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Friday 18th November	School closed for teacher inset day
Sunday 20th November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass <i>Church location and time TBC</i>
Monday 21st November	Feast of Christ the King Liturgies— Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Tuesday 22nd –29th November	Book Fair
Wednesday 23rd November	6EG swimming sessions begin
<u>Friday 25th November</u>	<u>5VD Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome</u>
Sunday 27th November	Season of Advent begins



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Monday 28th November	Advent Liturgies—Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
<u>Friday 2nd December</u>	<u>5HS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome</u>
Friday 2nd December	Sponsored Sleepover in Junior Hall—Y3 & class chaplains Time TBC <i>All monies raised will go to a refugee charity as part of our Advent</i>
Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Friday 9th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9th December	CTK Trophy Assemblies for the Advent Term <i>Parents of winners will be invited</i> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:15pm
Monday 12th December	Y1 & Y5 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 13th—Thursday 15th December	Reception Carol Service, KS1 Christmas Performances, KS2 Carol Concerts will be scheduled for these days— Times and locations TBC
Friday 16th December	Christingle Liturgies—Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Friday 16th December	School finishes for the Christmas Holidays <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Monday 19th Dec— Tuesday 3rd Jan	School closed for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd January	School closed to pupils—teacher training day
Wednesday 4th January	School reopens to pupils for the new term ahead