



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. We are really looking forward to the season of Advent at CTK and we have lots of exciting Christmas events for our children and families over the next few weeks.

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Darby's class based around the theme of rhythm and rhyme in poetry. Thank you to all the pupils in 5VD for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Alberg and 'Leisure' by W.H. Davies and the song 'Better when I'm dancing'. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but it also reminded us to take a moment to appreciate the joy and beauty of God's creation around us.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

Our wonderful chaplains planned and led a beautiful liturgy on Monday to mark the Feast of Christ the King. It was based on the theme of 'Kingdom'. We thought about how we can build God's Kingdom here on Earth by the way we behave and treat other people. The chaplains shared different ways we can follow in Jesus' footsteps and asked us to think about how we can build the Kingdom by loving one another.



## **Faith in Action: Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover for Leicester City of Sanctuary**

During Advent, our school chaplains are sponsored sleepover to raise money for City of Sanctuary. The sleepover will be offered to all **Year 3 pupils and members of the Chaplaincy Teams only**, in keeping with our CTK Experience offer. Families of children in other year groups will be encouraged to show their support by camping out in their living rooms or gardens and collecting donations to add to the efforts of the pupils taking part in school. Further details have been sent home this week in a letter from Miss Dodd.

## **Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents**

Are you good at making Christmas cards? Would you like to put your faith into action this Advent? We are looking to spread love this Advent with our neighbours: the residents of the Dane View Care Home on Glenfield Road. We would like to encourage pupils to make and write a Christmas card for the residents and staff of the care home to bring them joy at this time of year.

Children can design their own card and write a personal message inside. Please leave the name of the person receiving the card blank (for example: To \_\_\_\_\_) so that the carers in the residential homes can write in the names of their residents. When signing the card at the bottom, please only include the child's first name. You may also like to add that they are a pupil from Christ the King.

Please could any cards be brought into school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and given to the office for the attention of Miss Dodd. Our Upper Phase Choir will be visiting Dane View Care Home on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December to sing Christmas carols, and so they can deliver our Christmas cards then on behalf of the school community.





## **Advent Prayer Bags**

We are called to prepare for the second coming of our Lord during Advent. One way we can do this is through family prayer. Families from each class will have the opportunity to take home the Travelling Nativity on the Infant Site and an Advent Prayer Bag on the Junior Site. These can be used for family prayer during Advent - we hope you enjoy them together. **It is essential that the Prayer Bags are returned to school the next day so the next child on the list can take it home.**

## **Parish Links**

Thank you to all those families who joined us on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at Blessed Sacrament Church. It was a huge success. The children were exceptionally well behaved and read beautifully. We are very proud of them all. Fr John reminded us how we can build the Kingdom of God here on Earth in our homes and in our school.



## **Cinderella Pantomime - De Montfort Hall**

We are looking forward to watching Cinderella at De Montfort Hall on Monday 12th December with our children. Thank you to the Parents' Association who have kindly offered to help towards the cost of the transport. It will be a wonderful Christmas treat for our children in Years 1-6. Children in Reception will enjoy a Christmas movie afternoon with their friends and teachers.

## **Book Fair**

The CTK Book Fair has been well attended this week. A reminder that it is here until next Monday 28th November and it will be open before and after school on both sites. Please come and buy a book as every book you buy will gain a free book for our school which we will either put in your child's class or the school library. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Interested in teaching?**

### **Teacher Training - a message from our Teaching School Hub**

Leicestershire and Rutland's Initial Teacher Training is working in partnership with Teach First from Sep 2023 to provide School Centred Initial Teacher Training. (SCITT) They are offering English, Maths and Primary. If you or anyone you know is thinking of training to teach, we'd love to hear from you - register here for our events: <https://forms.gle/6zAaFWRHXeW3khy78>

Visit [www.lrtshub.org.uk](http://www.lrtshub.org.uk) or drop us a call on: 0116 3033744 for more information.



## Stars of the Week



### Infant Site:

R-ER	Angelee, Mylan, Samara, Yakub, Emmanuel
R-RG	Ava, Constance, Nnabuihe, Johanan, Praise
R-AG/SF	Alaina, Cillian, Ethan, Julia,
1SR	Benji J
1SL	Mudiwa
1RH	Alexandra
2EO	Miguel
2SF	Tilly
2NT	Charlotte

### Junior Site:

3GH	Rukewe
3AP	John
3TP	Emilia
4HB	Chloe
4LM/LC	Samuel
4GO	Rai'den
5SN	Julia
5VD	Kamsi
5HS	Charlie
6EG	Chinani
6DM	Oliver
6LS	Miguel

**Infant Head of School Award Winner:** Poppy (1RH)

### **Attendance**

Overall our attendance last week was 94.7%. Our target is always to have attendance above 97%

1st place: Miss Mason's class were the winners last week with 99.6%.

2nd place: Miss Nokes' class with 98.3%

3rd place: Mrs Taylor's and Miss Hall's classes with 97.9%

***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.***

## The CTK Experience

### Missions, Vocations and Futures

From the moment each pupil enters CTK we encourage a sense of aspiration and calling. We know that each child is called to take up a special place in the world and it is our job to ensure that every child has high personal aspirations. We achieve this through giving our children the opportunity to find out about a range of careers from different volunteers from the World of Work throughout their time at CTK.

On Thursday, Mr Hall visited Year 3 as part of our CTK aspirations curriculum. He brought in a brand new truck from his company. They learnt all about being a truck mechanic and even managed to look inside a truck. The Year 3 children asked about the safety of trucks and how Mr Hall fixes them. Thank you, Mr Hall, for providing us with this unforgettable experience.



## Eco Warriors School Trip

Last Thursday, the Junior Eco Warriors were invited to attend the annual Eco Roadshow at Gateway College. We had a wonderful time learning about the importance of sustainability and protecting our planet from climate change. We took part in 3 activities:

'Full of Beans', where we learnt about the lifecycle of beans and how they can provide us with a high protein alternative to meat. We designed our own bean themed games!

'Save the Soil', where we learnt about the impact of mass farming on our soils and how we can reverse this negative effect.

'Food for Life', where we discussed food waste and the simple steps we can take at home and at school to reduce how much food we throw in the bin.







## **CTK Football Update**

This week our Boys' Football Team continued their journey in the Leicester City Football League by taking part in another 3 matches on Monday against other local schools. Before the games began, we reminded each other of our school moto: 'Believe and Achieve' and what that meant to us as a team. The boys represented our school brilliantly, shaking hands with each opponent and saying 'thank you' to the referees at the end of each game. They managed to win ALL three games! Well done boys, keep it up!

## **Friends of CTK Parents' Association**

### **Preparations for the Christmas Fair**

Preparations are well under way for CTK's Mini Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, from 11-2pm**. There will be a couple of stalls and Santa's Grotto. Donations of bottles and chocolate for the Tombola stall would be much appreciated. We also need raffle prizes - if anyone has links to any business that may be willing to donate something to the school, this would be incredible! Thank you.

The PTA are also organising Christmas discos for all our children. If you can support or help with the preparations of either event then please let the school office know.

We hope you can join us! Thank you for your support.



## **School Lottery**

During lockdown, our wonderful PTA set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school wins a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000.

The cost to enter each week is £1. Please click the following link if you are interested: [Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Support - Your School Lottery](#)

So far the PTA have now raised over £1500 for the school! Thank you to our PTA for organising and to everybody who has taken part so far.

## **REMINDER Donations please for our Reception Classrooms:**

The Reception Team are asking for donations of the following items: buckets, spades, brooms for sweeping, mops, large paint brushes, metal teapots and jugs, large spoons, any old piping such as sections of drainpipe or tubing, large sheets, bull dog clips, trowels, rakes, bamboo sticks, pegs. Thank you for your support.



## **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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. You can view our admission policy on the website: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Admissions and Appeals \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](https://www.ckleicester.co.uk/Admissions-and-Appeals)

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

## **Extra-curriculum Clubs Programme**

In response to recent parental feedback we have made some adjustments to the CTK Club Programme:

- We are increasing the number of pupil places in each club to give more children the opportunity to attend a club
- Parents will be able to book their child on to *one club per term* initially, unless spaces remain unfilled. This will ensure more pupils are given the opportunity to attend a club each term.
- Many clubs are free or £2.50 per session
- The club programme for the Lent Term will be shared before Christmas so you can share it with your children
- It will continue to operate on a first come, first served basis through booking and paying on Arbor.
- Generally clubs run for pupils in Years 1-6 but we will endeavour to trial a club for Reception pupils in the Pentecost Term.

## **Thought for the Week**

Pope Francis reminds our young people that they are significant, special and important in The Church.

*"For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection"*

Pope Francis

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Advent 2- any additions or changes are in red

Sunday 27th November	Season of Advent begins
Wednesday 30th November	Junior Advent Liturgy 14.25—Parents Welcome
Thursday 1st December	Infant Advent Liturgy 9:00 —Parents Welcome
Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd Dec	Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor Hall
Friday 2nd December	5HS Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:25pm - Junior Site <b>Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 2nd December	5SN class trip to Art Gallery
Friday 2nd December	Menphys Carol Concert—De Monfort Hall 19:15pm
Saturday 3rd December	Mini Christmas Fair—Infant Hall @ 11-2pm. All welcome
Mon 5th—Weds 7th Dec	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Tuesday 6th December	Year 1 Performance (Ticketed) @9:15 Infant Site
Wednesday 7th December	Year 1 Performance (Ticketed) @13:30 Infant Site
Thursday 8th December	Infant CTK Trophy Assembly for the Advent term - 9:00 Infant Site Junior CTK Trophy Assembly for the Advent Term— 14:15 Junior Site
Friday 9th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9th December	Sponsored Sleepover in Junior Hall—Y3 & class chaplains @20:30pm
Monday 12th December	Pantomime trip Years 1-6
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Carol Service @ 9:20 on Infant Site
Thursday 15th December	Reception Carol Service @14:15 on Infant Site
Tuesday 13th December	Junior Carol Concert: Yr3/4: 12:45-13:45 Yr5/6 : 14:00 - 15:00
Wednesday 14th December	Junior Carol Concert Yr3/4: 9:00 –10.00 Yr5/6: 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 16th December	Christingle Liturgies—Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 14:25
Friday 16th December	School finishes for the Christmas Holidays—Normal school closure times
Mon19th Dec— Tues 3rd Jan	School closed for Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4th January	School reopens to pupils for the new term ahead

