








Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and that you enjoyed the half term break.

This morning we had the pleasure of coming together to watch Miss O'Brien's class perform their Poetry Recital assembly. The children performed the poems: The Old Man from Peru and Daddy Fell into a Pond, and the song: All Together as a Family. Thank you to all the pupils in 2EO for working very hard to learn the words and for sharing the poems with the audience so confidently. Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Mrs Wheatley for preparing the children so well. Well done, 2EO, we are very proud of each and every one of you.

## Our Catholic Mission

Miss Dodd and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word liturgies this week on the theme of 'Diversity.' A story was shared with the children to celebrate the great cultural richness and diversity of people from all over the world. As ever, the children were set a mission. See below!

  <b>CTK's Weekly Word</b>  			
<i>Week beginning:</i> <b>24.10.22</b>	<i>Key dates this week:</i> <b>Friday: Feast of Saints Jude &amp; Simon, Martyrs</b>	<i>We are in:</i> <b>Ordinary Time</b>	<i>The Liturgical Colour is:</i> <b>Green for Growth</b>
<i>Word:</i>  <b>Diversity</b>		<i>Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13</i> Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. <sup>13</sup> In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink.	
<i>Bishop Patrick's Theme this term:</i> <b>ENCOUNTER</b>		<i>Our Mission this week:</i> Share a story with your class this week that celebrates diversity. Mrs Carter will be asking you who you have learnt about in Friday's assembly!	

## All Souls in November

As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

## Parish Links

Next week, we will mark the Feast of All Souls by attending mass at Mother of God Catholic Church on Wednesday 2nd November @10:30am. Our CTK chaplains will be commissioned during the Mass and their cross will be blessed. Year 3 and 4 pupils will be attending and all parents are very welcome to join us.



## Stars of the Week

### Junior Site:

### Infant Site:

F2 AG/SF	Jonan, Johaan, Henry, Adam, Kabilan	3AP	Sukhmani
ER	Maria, Mylan, Sophie S, Eva, Declan	3GH	Aeibel
F2 RG	Leo, Constance, Olivia, Lily	3TP	Evan A
1SR	Kevin	4GO	Sean
1SL	Oliver	4LM/LW	Bezalel
1RH	Shemi	4HB	Medric
2EO	Dominika	5VD	Natasha
2NT	Joshua J	5SN	Eve
2SF	Mukundi	5HS	Xavier
		6DM	Aisling
		6LS	Yu Xin
		6KD	Yu Xin

## Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the pupils who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

Infant Site	Henry (2NT)
Junior Site	Mateusz (6EG)

### Parent Curriculum Meetings

If you were unable to make the curriculum parent meetings last half term, the slides the teachers used can be found on our website : [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Parent Workshops \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](https://www.ctkleicester.co.uk)



## Attendance

Attendance is key priority for our school because we know that excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. The school's target is 97%. Our whole school attendance last half term was **96.3%**

**Class attendance rates for the Advent 1 Term were:**

Class	Advent 1 Term Attendance	Class	Advent 1 Term Attendance
F2 ER	94.7%	3AP	97.3%
F2 RG	96.6%	3GH	96.3%
F2 AG/SF	93.9%	3TP	96.4%
1RH	93.4%	4GO	97.3%
1SR	94.9%	4HB	96.5%
1SL	96.6%	4LM/LC	96.9%
2EO	97%	5HS	95.2%
2NT	96.4%	5SN	95.4%
2NT	98.7	5VD	98.1%
		6DM	97.5%
		6LS	97.3%
		6EG	98/1%

Please can you ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new half term I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice.

## 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.



## Behaviour at CTK

We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King for our pupils because we know that pupil behaviour is strongly correlated to educational outcomes. Therefore, we will continue our work on the Behaviour Curriculum this half term by revisiting some of the behaviours and routines that we taught the children at the beginning of the year.

We teach our children the importance of being focussed in class by giving their teachers their attention so they can learn really well. This is captured in our acronym SLANT. Please see the poster below.

We also teach the pupils to be speak with confidence and articulate their answers and questions in class in a 'university voice' This is captured in our acronym SHAPE. We want children to speak in full sentences, loudly and clearly so that everyone can hear what they say. It would be wonderful if you could support us by encouraging good SHAPE answers at home too!



At CTK, we make every second count!

**And we take every opportunity to learn.**

We remember to:

**S** Sit up  
**L** Listen  
**A** Ask/Answer Questions  
**N** Never Interrupt  
**T** Track the speaker

Believe and Achieve



At CTK, we communicate clearly and confidently.

**We always treat members of our school community with respect.**

We remember to:

**S** Sentences  
**H** Hands away from face  
**A** Articulate  
**P** Project  
**E** Eye contact

Believe and Achieve

## CTK Experience

### **Year 1 Indian Dancing**

On Wednesday, Year 1 had a special visitor called Sunita who came into school to tell the children about a festival that she celebrates called Diwali. She taught them about her Hindu beliefs and the children listened to the story of Diwali. After that, the children had the chance to dress up in Indian style clothes and had a go at some traditional Indian dances. The children then wrote a recount of their time with Sunita as part of the English unit.



## Extra Curricular clubs

### **Year 2 Photography club**

The Y2 children enjoyed their first Photography club session on Monday this week. They learned all about how photography began and how cameras have changed throughout history. The children were given the opportunity to see Mrs Taylor's Grandad's very old camera which was very different from the cameras we see today.



The group were then introduced to the camera app on the iPad. Over the coming weeks they will be looking at taking close up photos, perspective, composition, portraits and changing the colour of the photos e.g. sepia.



## **Secondary School Admissions**

The closing date for 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. More information can be found here: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/>

## **Come and See Workshop for Parents**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the RE Come and See session this week. Any parents who were unable to attend, can access the information and resources shared by clicking the link to the blog and scrolling down: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/10/26/re-parent-curriculum-meeting/>

## **When would parent information sessions be most suitably scheduled?**

In an attempt to raise parental engagement at parent information sessions at CTK, such as curriculum meetings and residential meetings, we would like to ask parents to vote for when would be the best time to schedule these meetings so that more people can attend. Please click on the link below to take part in the poll for parents: <https://forms.office.com/r/WpHEis1Byd>

## **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.





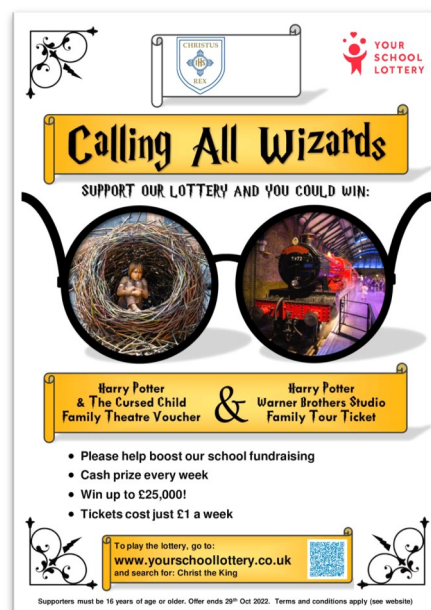


## **Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association**

In 2020, the CTK PA 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. It's only a £1 a week and the more people who take part, the higher the prizes will be. Please click the link you are interested in taking part: <http://bit.ly/ctk-pta>

Until the 29th of October, you can also buy lottery tickets for fantastic themed Harry Potter prizes too!

Thank you for your support and good luck!



## **Thought for the Week**

*'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus'*

Galatians 3:28

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for the half term ahead...

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> <b><u>Y1, Y3, Y4 and class chaplains attending</u></b> — 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 <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>
Friday 18th November	<b>School closed for teacher training 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>
Friday 25th November	<b><u>5VD Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome</u></b>
Sunday 27th November	<b>Season of Advent begins</b>
Monday 28th November	<b>Advent Liturgies—Parents Welcome</b> Infants 9:00am Juniors 2:25pm
Thursday 1st December– Friday 2nd December	<b>Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor Hall</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>





## Dates for the half term ahead

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
<u>Friday 9th December</u> <u>*change of date*</u>	<b><u>Sponsored Sleepover in Junior Hall—Y3 &amp; class chaplains Time TBC</u></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>