



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have an exciting few weeks planned to get us into the Christmas spirit! All the Christmas dates have been shared with you across Class Dojo. We are looking forward to The CTK Menphys Choir performing at De Montfort Hall this evening for the Christmas Carol Concert. Good luck to our incredible children in Year 6 and thank you to Mrs Darby for preparing and coaching the children.

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford led our weekly Word assemblies this week and they were based around the word 'Hope'. We lit the first candle of Hope on the advent wreath as we wait in Hope for the coming of Christ and the children have been given the mission: Light a candle as sign of hope, or perhaps draw your own and put it in the window of your house to show passers-by that you are waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ.

Advent Liturgy

Thank you to our chaplains who led both sites in a beautiful liturgy to begin our season of Advent this week. It was lovely to hear all the class Advent promises.

Advent Prayer Bags

We hope you are enjoying the Travelling Crib and Advent Prayer Books at home with your children. Advent is a special time of preparation and we would like to encourage our children to spend some additional time in prayer with their families.

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

During Advent, our school is doing a 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 sponsoring their friends and/or camping out in their living rooms or gardens and collecting donations to add to the efforts of the pupils taking part in school. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents

We are looking to spread love this Advent with our neighbours: the residents of 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 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 14th December 2022* and given to the office for the attention of Miss Dodd. Our Upper Phase Choir will be visiting Dane Vie Care Home on Thursday 14th December to sing Christmas Carols, and so they can deliver our Christmas cards then on behalf of the school community.



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-ER	Yakub, Oliwia, Evelyn, Malachi, Ludwik
R-RG	Paris, Mia, Leon, Cillian, Oliver
R-AG/SF	Alicja, Chris, Livia, Vrishank, Chizaram
1SR	Sonia
1SL	Olivia
1RH	Freddie
2EO	Filip
2NT	Aiben
2SF	Oholiab

CTK Juniors

3GH	Hanna
3AP	Paris
3TP	Fabian
Year 4	Delaney
5SN	Yiri
5VD	Aryanna
5HS	Lorenzo
6EG	Gideon
6DM	Ann Mary
6LS	Hannah

Head of School Award

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	Damion (1SL)
Junior Site	Niamh (5HS) + Aryanna (5VD)

Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was 95.9% Good effort, everyone. Our target is always to have attendance above 97%.

Miss Hall's class were the winners last week with 100%. This is a great achievement and we are very pleased.

2nd place: Miss O'Brien's class with 98.7%

3rd place: Miss Laycock's class with 97.7%

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.



Parish links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God Roman Catholic Churches. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and confession as we enter this holy season of Advent.

<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

[St Peter's & Blessed Sacrament \(westleicesteratholic.org\)](http://westleicesteratholic.org)

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of our families who supported the book fair. You are always extremely generous and we raised a huge £1009. We have chosen lots of lovely new books for our reading corners which I am sure the children will enjoy. Congratulations to our raffle prizes winners: Emmanuel in 1RH, Amelia in 1SL, Shye 5SN and Victoria in 6DM who have won £12.50 worth of books; they are thrilled!

Pupil survey

We have created a short survey for our children to complete. The links have been sent across Class Dojo this week. Please can you encourage your child to complete this at home. The links are below:

Infant child survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/iJTJ8w1qui>

Junior child survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/zXKamAQBxP>

It is important that the children complete this survey and not the parent so we can capture what our children think about CTK. Many thanks for your support.

Times Table Rock Stars

Mindy, the rock legend, came into school on Monday to see the children on the Junior Site. She loves rock music as much as she loves times tables, and she wanted to share her passion for all-things-multiplication with the children!

Mindy has set up a Battle of the Bands competition for each year group on Times Table Rockstars, a fun website CTK subscribes to which supports children with learning their times tables.

The junior children have between now and Wednesday to earn as many gold coins on Times Table Rockstars as possible as they are battling to see which class will be triumphant in their year group!

All of the children have been provided with log in details for this fun, interactive website. Please click this link to log in: [TTRS](https://www.times-table-rockstars.com).



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.

A doctor calls on Year 2!

On Monday, the children in Year 2 had an opportunity to meet a doctor and learn all about his job as part of our aspirations curriculum. Surgeon, Dr Fahmy, told the children all about the organs of the body before telling them about different types of doctors and how they help us. The children in year 2 had prepared some very well-considered and challenging questions for Dr Fahmy including asking about the path to becoming a doctor and who inspired him to pursue a career in medicine. Thank you to Dr Fahmy for answering these questions with such insight and honesty.

As part of our aspirations curriculum, year 2 will continue to find out more about jobs within the healthcare profession this year and they are looking forward to meeting two further visitors in the coming terms.





Football Safeguarding Course

Every week millions of children play football, many of them in organised clubs and organisations. As part of its safeguarding response, the Football Association has created a free safeguarding course for parents/carers.

The course is designed to help parents/carers to make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. It also helps parents/carers to recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively.

[Safeguarding Awareness for Parents and Carers | England Football Learning](#)

The virtue of Gratitude



With only two weeks to go, we would like to encourage our children to practise the virtue of gratitude by writing a thank you note to someone they think has helped them this term - this may include their friends or the adults working with them in school. We will be reminding the children about this during our assemblies next week and the children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher. It would be a very positive end to the half term if there was lots of sharing of thank you notes! Please encourage your child to take part.

The CTK Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place tomorrow from 11am in the Infant hall. We hope you can join us for a lovely festive afternoon! Any help setting up or tidying away would be much appreciated. There will be delicious food for sale, fun games and the chance to win some great prizes.. Please take this opportunity for the school to gather together as a community.

Thought for the week

"What a treasure is hidden in two small words: thank you!"

Pope Benedict XVI

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



The weeks ahead..... Any changes or additions are in red

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
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Parties and Discos Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be during the day. Year 3 and 4: 17:30 - 18:30 Junior Hall Year 5 and 6: 18:30 - 19:30 Junior Hall
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
Mon 19th Dec— Tues 3rd Jan	School closed for Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4th January	School reopens to pupils for the new term ahead