



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to see so many of our children 'Meeting and Greeting' each other and the adults around school in the mornings and the afternoons. We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King and this includes teaching our children how to be kind, polite and charming to one another, the staff and visitors to the school. Thank you for all your support with this.

A huge thank you to all the pupils in 6EG for a confident and impressive poetry recital today. We really enjoyed the contrasting poems. The children have worked hard this week, not only to learn the poems off by heart, but they considered their voice, pitch, volume and inflection when performing to an audience. We are extremely proud of them. Thank you to all those parents who joined us. Please leave us a comment on our school blog and let us know what you think using the link here: <https://truespirit.org.uk/2022/09/28/6eg-class-poetry-recital/>

Catholic Mission

Harvest

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare again this year. It is a local organisation who collect and sort food donations and make food parcels for families in our local area. During Monday's assembly, we invited Braunstone Foodshare to talk to the children about the important work they do.

As part of our Harvest Festival collection, we are asking the children to bring in one or more dried or tinned food items for the Braunstone Foodshare. They do not collect out-of-date foods, damaged foods or fresh produce. Please could we ask for all food donations by Thursday 13th October.

Rosary Club

October is the Month of the Rosary and we would like to invite the children to bring in their Rosary beads during this month. The children will have the opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary every Tuesday lunchtime at 12:00pm on the Infant Site and every Wednesday lunchtime at 12:00pm on the Junior Site as part of our Rosary Club. We will be exploring the Glorious Mysteries. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your children to actively participate in prayer during this month.

Parish Links

Our school serves three parishes: St Peters and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Churches and Mother of God. Please see the websites below for more information.

<https://www.westleicesteratholic.org/>

<http://motherofgodeicester.co.uk/>

Fr Cahill will be visiting the school next week to teach the children the sung parts of the Mass in preparation for our year group Masses.



CTK's Chaplaincy Group

We would like to congratulate and welcome the pupils who have been successfully voted into their new role of class chaplain as a member of our school Chaplaincy team. This is an important role within our school and I am sure they are going to be inspiring, spiritual leaders who will enhance the Catholic Life of our school.

Meet our Chaplaincy Team

CTK Infants

1SR	Lucie
1RH	James
1SL	Chloe
2EO	Dhiya
2NT	Leo
2SF	Hugo

CTK Juniors

3GH	Lola
3AP	Elisse
3TP	Aden
4LM/LC	Kaja
4GO	Ramayah
4HG	Georgina
5HS	Seb
5SN	Yiri
5VD	Naomi
6KT	Olivia
6LS	Angel
6EG	Sonia

Mr Calen visits Year 6

On Tuesday Mr Calen from English Martyrs' came to speak to the Year 6 pupils. He was very impressed with the way they presented themselves, by their fantastic contributions and thoughtful questions - well done, Year 6!

Each child has taken home a prospectus which contains the Supplementary Information Form. **This must be filled in and returned to English Martyrs'. This is in addition to completing the Common Application Form sent by the Local Authority.** Year 6 Secondary Applications are due in by **31st October 2022**. [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/secondary-schools/)

The Year 6 pupils are also invited to the English Martyrs' open evening - please see the flyer below:

English Martyrs' Catholic School

Anstey Lane
Leicester
LE4 0FJ

Tel: 0116 2428880 Fax: 2428881

Email: Office@englishmartyrs.org

web: www.englishmartyrs.org

ST THOMAS AQUINAS
CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Open Evening
Thursday 6th October 2022
5.00pm - 6.30pm

There will be a formal address by Mr Calen, Principal at: 5.00pm, 5.25pm and 5.45pm in the Auditorium followed by the opportunity to tour the school and meet students and staff.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

F RG	Callum, Nnabuhie, Praise, Efren
F AG/SF	Dominik, Marial, Vrishank
F ER	Mylan, Oliwia, Kidston, Alona
1SR	Oliver
1SL	Olek
1RH	Zanitha
2EO	Lena
2NT	Leo
2SF	Essie

CTK Juniors

3TP	Erin
3AP	Maya
3GH	Michael
4LM/LC	Charlie K
4HB	Jaycen
4GO	Zofia T
5HS	Sebastian
5SN	Jakub
5VD	Caitlyn
6LS	Crystal
6DM	Elijah
6EG	Divine

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 Darby, Miss Mason and Miss Gilding's class with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Griffin, Miss O'Brien and Mrs Featherstone with 99.6%

3rd Place: Mrs Pulsford with 99.2%

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.

Financial education – Money Heroes

At CTK, we believe financial education is incredibly important. You can sign up to Money Heroes for free and access a whole host of resources including books, audio books and online activities which will support you discussing money at home and provide you with fun and engaging ideas on how to develop your child's money management skills! Please click this link to find out more [Money Heroes | Helping you teach children about money](#)



CTK Experience

The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum.

Most of us fondly remember the residential trips, sporting events and cultural experiences from our school days and the positive impact they can have... this is the CTK Experience.

The CTK Experience is designed to build on the experience of previous years and each phase will see opportunities we think are best suited to your child's age and stage of development.

All of our children, regardless of their family circumstances, will access the CTK Experience during their time at the school. CTK aims to deliver the same academic opportunities to our children as they would receive at the best schools – the CTK Experience is the school's commitment to deliver the same level of opportunity outside of the classroom. Please see the link below for more information:

https://issuu.com/ctkleicester/docs/the_ctk_experience_a97bac4d746493

Join a Library!

We had a visitor from the local library who talked to the children in Year 1 about reading and how they join the local library. She brought in lots of different stories from the library and read the children some of her favourite stories. It was a lovely storytelling session and the year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Families can join a library in person by visiting their local library or by completing an [online form](#)

Year 4 Residential Trip: Parents' Information Meeting

This year, we are very excited to be offering our first Year 4 residential trip to Beaumanor Activities from Thursday 1st December-Friday 2nd December.

On **Thursday 13th October**, Jon Heather, one of the activity leaders from Beaumanor, will be holding a **parents information meeting** from **14:10-14:55** in the **Junior Hall**.

The primary purpose of this meeting will be to provide further information for the parents who have already booked for their child to attend the trip; however, it will also be an opportunity for parents who have not yet booked onto the trip to find out more about it and ask any questions they might have.

The **deadline date** for the first **payment** has now been extended until 12:00pm on **Friday 14th October** so that parents who haven't yet booked have the opportunity to attend the parent meeting and find out more before making a final decision on whether they would like their child to attend.

We would encourage all Year 4 parents join us for the meeting where possible. For those parents who are unable to attend, we will be sending a copy of the presentation shared during the meeting across Class Dojo before half term.





Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 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 of Sunday 15 January 2023. You can view our admission policy on the St Thomas Aquinas [website](#).

We have two open days for prospective parents on Tuesday 1st November @ 1.30pm and Thursday 15th November @ 10.00am. Come and see our wonderful EYFS area and meet some of our staff and pupils.

Parent Curriculum meetings

Thank you to all those parents who have attended the curriculum parent sessions already. They have been very popular and we hope that you have found them useful. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the expectations for the year and to look at some of the areas of learning that we will cover. We will also share how you can support your child at home. If you are unable to make these meetings, we will be uploading a copy of the presentation onto our school website before half term.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on *Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October*. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment. The online bookings closed today at 9:00am. If you did not book an appointment, one will be issued to you and it will appear on the target report that you will receive on *Friday 7th October*.

REMINDER 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.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

We are looking for volunteers! Our first meeting will take place on **Monday 10th October at 6.00pm on the Infant Site**. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Reception. Whilst coming together as a community for many occasions (the discos, cinema nights, BBQ) our PTA raises about £4,000 every year. This money helps to improve our school for your children.

During our meeting on Monday 10th October, we will be looking to start making arrangements for our annual CTK Christmas Fayre which is provisionally scheduled for Saturday 3rd December. Please come along if you can spare some time to support the school.



Thought for the Week

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another"

St Vincent de Paul

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team

Dates for Advent 1.... Any changes or additions are in bold and underlined

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 @ <u>2:35pm</u> - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Monday 10th October	Y2 & Y6 Joint Mass— Junior Site 2:00pm Parents Welcome
<u>Monday 10th October</u>	Parents' Association Meeting @6:00pm - Infant Site 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)
<u>Thursday 13th October</u>	<u>Year 4 Parent Meeting— Beaumanor Activities Residential @2:10pm— Junior Site - Parents Welcome</u>
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