



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas cheer and festivities are in full flow at Christ the King following the incredible Year 1 performance of "BaArmy Bethlehem" this week. It was a joy to watch the children perform so confidently and to welcome our families into school. Thank you to all the parents and their families for assisting the children in learning their lines and for coming to join us for the performances. We hope you enjoyed it.

It is hard to believe that we only have one week left of the Advent term.



Our Catholic Mission

Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover for City of Sanctuary

Please say a prayer for all the staff who have **XXX** children sleeping overnight at school this evening! Well done to all the children who have volunteered and thank you to all their friends and family who are sponsoring them or taking part in this at home! This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to put their Faith into action.

Parish Links

Bishop Patrick has issued a message about returning to church for Christmas:

*Christmas is a time for families. So often we visit family at Christmas and exchange cards and gifts with loved ones. We see at the heart of Christmas the Christ child, Jesus, coming into the world and into his earthly family of Mary and Joseph. **This is a time for me to encourage you to join with your parish family, to connect, or perhaps to reconnect, with fellow parishioners who make up the family of our parishes, of our diocese, and indeed who make up the family of the Church, the Body of Christ.***

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God RC Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices for the festive period.

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

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

Christingle Liturgies

On the final day of term we will hold our Christingle Liturgies. This is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the coming of Christ, the light, into the world. The infant Christingle Liturgy will be led by Year 2 at 9:00 in the infant hall. The junior Christingle Liturgy will be led by the Junior Chaplains at 14:15 in the junior hall. All parents and carers are very welcome to join us.



House points at CTK

As part of our behaviour management system at CTK, we award house points to pupils who go above and beyond our expectations. This term, we are very pleased to announce the winning houses: **St John Bosco on the Junior Site** and **St Bernadette on the Infant Site**. This is a huge team effort and to celebrate their success and reward their hard work, the children will enjoy a special treat. Well done St John Bosco and St Bernadette!

Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-ER	Maria, Ksenia, Samara, Kendi, Declan
R-RG	Efren, John, Leo, Kaden, Constance
R-AG/SF	Adam, Dominik, Kojo, Rithul, Jonah
1SR	Whole Class
1SL	Whole Class and Olek
1RW	Whole Class
2EO	Owen
2NT	Alice
2SF	Christopher

CTK Juniors

3GH	Rachel
3AP	Jadoore
3TP	Victoria
4HB	Erin
4LM/LW	Alisha
4GO	Vusi
5SN	Erin
5VD	Sophia
5HS	Remea
6EG	Alexa
6DM	Imogen
6LS	Eleni





Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was 95.7% Good effort, everyone. Our target is always to have attendance above 97%.

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

2nd place: Mrs Stone and Mrs Pulford's class with 99.3%

3rd place: Mrs Hainsworth and Miss Orrill's class with 99.0%

As part of our aim to raise standards and improve pupil outcomes we will continue to closely monitor the attendance and punctuality of all our pupils after Christmas.

CTK Trophy Assemblies

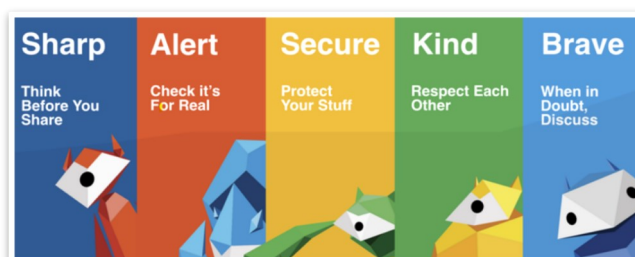
At Christ the King our school motto is *Believe and Achieve*, and so every term we celebrate the achievements of our pupils by nominating them for trophies in four special categories: kindness, sportsmanship, endeavour and creativity. We are very proud of all of our children at CTK, and congratulations to those pupils who received the trophies in this week's assemblies. Well done, children.

CTK Trophies	Infants	Juniors
Kindness	Anna (2NT)	Joseph (3TP)
Sportsmanship	Dhiya (2EO)	Oscar (6EG)
Endeavour	Masimba (f RG)	Fabian (3TP)
Creativity	Kacper (1SR)	Sophie (6DM)

Be Internet Legends Day!

To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. [Be Internet Legends](#) is a website with a range of resources and games which empower younger children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world.

Yesterday marked 'Be Internet Legends Day!' This special day started with a live interactive assembly where CTK pupils revisited the Internet Legends Code and how to use the internet responsibly so that it doesn't impact negatively on their wellbeing.



The children took part in a range of activities throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed learning more about how the internet can be used positively, as a force for good!

The CTK Experience

Year 6 Trip to Alton Castle

Our Year 6 children spent three fun-filled days on retreat at Alton Castle this week. The children worked in small groups led by a member of the Alton team. In these groups they explored the themes of discipleship and the season of Advent. The trip was a huge success and enjoyed in equal measure by both the children and staff who attended. Check out the CTK twitter feed (@CTKLeicester) for pictures of what we got up to during our time away!

The Year 4 trip to Beaumanor Hall

Our Year 4 children made some great memories last week at Beaumanor Hall. There was climbing, shelter building, hot chocolate round the camp fire, night walks, murder mystery and a lot of fun!



Sporting Opportunities -Cross Country with Mr T!

Last week, Miss Scott, Mrs Evett and Mr T took 31 children from Years 3, 5 and 6 to a Cross Country competition. Our children showed fantastic resilience considering races were approximately 1,200m for years 3&4 and 2000m for years 5&6. Each year group cheered their friends, classmates, and competitors on as we stood close to the finish line, showing great sportsmanship and representing our school in true CTK style. Well done to all our children.



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

I would like to thank our wonderful Parents' Association who hosted our Christmas Fair last Saturday. We are very grateful for their hard work and the sacrifices they make for the school. Children and families from CTK came together for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun and we raised over £500! The money raised will be put back into the school for the benefit of our children. Thank you to all those families who attended and supported through providing donations.

Christmas Discos and Parties

The Parents' Association have also organised Christmas parties for our children but we will need some parent volunteers for the Junior Discos in order to run the event. ***Please can you let the school office know if you are able to lend a helping hand.***

The Infant Christmas parties are on Wednesday 14th December during the school day. We are asking for a £1 donation towards the entertainer for the children on Arbor.



The Junior Christmas discos are also next Wednesday 14th December. It will cost £2.50 to attend and this includes a snack and a drink. All payments should be made by Arbor. All pupils will need to bring their completed permission slip on the night.

PARENTS - PLEASE NOTE. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD DISCOS AND OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN IF MORE PARENTS CANNOT HELP OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION!

The Virtue of Gratitude

With just one week 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 half term - this may include their friends or the adults working with them. We will be reminding the children that they 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.





Thought for the week

"It is not enough just to wish well, we must also do well"

St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

God bless,

Mrs Annie Carter and the CTK Team

Key Dates

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 - book on Arbor Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be during the day. Year 3 and 4: 17:00 - 18:00 Junior Hall Year 5 and 6: 18:15 - 19:15 Junior Hall
Friday 16th December	Christingle Liturgies—Parents Welcome Infants 9:00am Juniors 14:15
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