



Dear Parents/Carers,

After almost seven weeks of hard work, our children and staff are very much looking forward to the half term break. Thank you for your ongoing support you have given to the school and your children with their learning.

This week, we had a fantastic day with Steve Harris, from Wellbeing Education, who visited the Junior Site to support staff and pupils to improve the lunchtime experience.

He taught us all about the Happy Lunchtime system. This involves a system of ever-changing games and activities to maximise engagement and enjoyment at lunchtime for *all* children. Some of these activities will be child-led; others will be facilitated by an adult. In 'The Zone', there will be a different activity each day which will be open to all pupils. There is only one happy lunchtime rule in this zone: if any child asks to play, we say, "Of course you can!"

We have ordered new resources this week, trained all our staff and we hope to fully implement this on the Junior Site after half term. Steve Harris will be visiting the Infant Site on Monday 27th March to introduce the same system.

Here are some of the activities we enjoyed this week on the Junior Site:





Our Catholic Mission

Leading up to Lent

As we enter half term we turn our attention to the start of Lent. Our school chaplains prepared and led our Lenten liturgies today and reminded us of the ways we can grow closer to God during this season through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Our school will be taking part in the 'Big Lent Walk' by pledging to walk a collective 200km as a community, **gathering sponsorship of £1 for every 1km walked during Lent**. A letter has been sent home today from Miss Dodd with more details.

Palm Crosses

Each child within the Trust has received a palm cross today. These are African handwoven palm crosses that have been bought. The CEO of our Trust, Mr Neil Lockyer, has asked all of the children at all of the schools in the Trust to take a palm cross home and say the Jesus Prayer : "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" every day during Lent.

Individual Liberty assembly

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assembly on 'Individual Liberty' as part of our continued work on British Values this half term. The children learned about the freedom to make the right choice and the importance of personal responsibility.

As ever, the children were set a mission. Our mission this week: was to name and talk about a time you have made a good decision or create a poster all about Individual Liberty.

Your Mission

• Thinking about individual liberty- be able to name and talk about a time when you have made good choice.



Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peters' Parish and Mother of God RC Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times, confession and Stations of the Cross as we enter this holy season of Lent.

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

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

Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with immediate support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations today will make this quick response possible. Please join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather.



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-RG	Arthur, Victoria, Constance, Kaden
R-EG	Logan, Alona, Kidston, Seana, Yakub
R-AG/SF	Kaiyannah, Henry, Kojo, Chris, Dominik
1SR	Annabel E
1SL	Annie
1RH	Jasmine
2EO	Cuba
2NT	Agata
2SF	Xavier

CTK Juniors

3GH	Deliz
3TP	Maya
3AP	Oliver
4GO	Claudia
4LM/LW	Githikaa
4HB	Hannah V
5SN	Lysander
5VD	Jake
5HS	Damien
6EG	Hannah
6DM	Lizzy
6LS	Pacesetter

Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Athena (1RH)
Junior Site	Elijah (3TP)

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!

Lunchtime Awards coming soon!

After half term, the lunchtime teachers will nominate one pupil each week for a lunchtime certificate. These children will be chosen for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtimes. They will receive a sticker, a certificate and public praise in our Friday celebration assembly.

In addition, once a half-term, the lunchtime teachers will nominate pupils who have consistently shown fantastic lunchtime behaviour, to eat at a special table and enjoy some treats with a lunchtime teacher!





Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was **96.0%**. Well done everyone! Our school target is always to have attendance above **97%**.

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

2nd place: Mrs Griffin's class with 99.7%

3rd place: Miss Hall'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 half term .

The CTK Experience

KS2 West Leicester Boccia Competition

Last Friday, Mrs Hansrani, Mrs Fearn and Mr T took a group of children to a Boccia competition!

Boccia is a sport that can be played and enjoyed by all ages and abilities. The aim of the game is for each team to throw 2 balls each towards a white 'target' ball whilst sitting down. The team with the closest ball wins each round. The feedback from our children was excellent and you could tell they all enjoyed it by the huge smiles their faces at the end! They managed to finish in 7th position out of 16 different schools taking part on the day! Well done, Team CTK!

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023

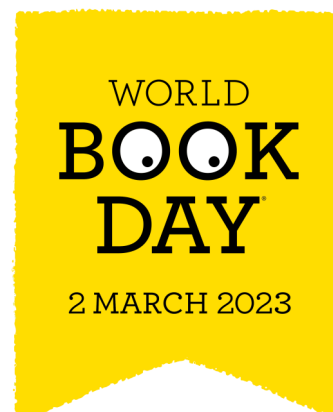
This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March and the theme is magic!

Reading for pleasure plays a very important part in developing children's reading and it all starts with a 'magic book'. This is a book that you love so much, you continue to read the next one in the series or another one by the same author. Then, before you know it, you're a reader!

On World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or along the theme of magic. They will enjoy listening to and reading a range of stories, poems and non-fiction texts to develop their love of reading.

The children have brought home a sheet of optional homework today that, if they want to, they can complete ready for World Book Day. They can create a presentation about their favourite book or author ready to present to their class on the day. More details have been shared on Class Dojo.

We look forward to a fun-filled day of reading!





February Half term –Family Information Sheet

A family information sheet for the February half term has been shared across Class Dojo this week which details free or very low-cost activities in and around Leicestershire and places to eat where food is free/discounted for children. We hope you find it useful.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

The Friends of CTK Parents' Association are meeting on Wednesday 1st March at 18:00 on the Infant Site to make preparations for Easter and the Pentecost Term. All are welcome.

Over the next few months the PTA will be preparing for the annual summer BBQ. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and usually raises between £3,000- £4000. This money helps to improve our school for your children. If we are going to continue to put on this lovely community event then we will need your help. Please come along to our next meeting to see if you can help the school.

Thought for the Week

'Do small things with great love'

St Therese of Lisieux

Have a wonderful half term break,

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Key Dates

Lent Term 2 2022

Monday 27th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 1st March	Swimming lessons begin for 6LS
Wednesday 1st March	Parents Association Meeting @18:00 on Infant site
Thursday 2nd March	<u>World Book Day 2023: the theme is 'Magic'</u> children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or along the theme of magic.
Friday 3rd March	3AP Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00 pm - Infant Site Parents Welcome
Tuesday 7th March	The science of Learning - Parent Workshop @ 8:45 – 9:30 Infant Site 14:30 –15:00 Junior Site This is an information parent session about how children learn and how we support children to remember the curriculum content in future years. The same session will run on both sites.
Wednesday 8th March	Year 4 Trip to Bosworth Battlefields
Friday 10th March	Miss Hall's (3GH) Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:25 - Junior Site Hall Parents Welcome
Friday 17th March	Mrs Pickwell's (3TP) Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:25 - Junior Site Hall Parents Welcome
Thursday 23rd March	Reception End of Year Expectations Parent Meeting @14:30 Infant Site
Monday 27th March	Happy Lunchtimes Launch Infant Site
Friday 31st March	Break up for the Easter Holidays