



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We also wish our Bishop - Bishop Patrick McKinney, a very happy feast day. The junior children thoroughly enjoyed special green slushies to mark this special day! Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising it and for all your donations. We will be putting all money raised towards our EYFS outdoor project.

3TP performed brilliantly in their poetry recital today. They used great expression and actions to bring the poems alive. They performed the 'Adventures of Isabel' by Ogden Nash and 'Chocolate' by Michael Rosen. As it is St Patrick's Day today, the children surprised us with their song, *The Lord of the Dance*, before breaking into some amazing Irish Dancing! Well done, 3TP. It was marvellous!

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assemblies on Monday based around the theme of Mutual Respect and Tolerance. We discussed the importance of treating each other with love, understanding and respect and linked this back to our Catholic faith and what Jesus teaches us to do: "Love one another as I have loved you." The children also learned about Tolerance - to accept that other people have different beliefs and that they should never be treated unfairly because of this. The children were asked to consider how we can display mutual respect and tolerance to each other at school.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Thank you to all the families and children who took part in the **community walk event on Western Park as part of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk yesterday**. You can still donate to our Lenten campaign up until Easter Sunday. Please click on the link here: [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/CAFOD-The-Big-Lent-Walk) All donations are welcome, no matter how much or little. We thank you in advance for your support.





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 adoration and Stations of the Cross during this holy season of Lent.

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

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

Calling Catholic Teachers

If you know of any teachers who are Catholic, but do not teach in a Catholic school, please share this event with them.



Catholic teachers working outside Catholic education

An invitation for you!

Date & Time

**Wednesday 29th March 2023
7.00pm - 8.30pm**

Teaching has an extraordinary moral depth and is one of humanity's excellent and creative activities, for the teacher does not write on inanimate material, but on the very spirits of human beings.

Venue

VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education, we'd love to meet you! Whether you have taught in a Catholic school before or not, we would like to invite you to find out more about the exciting and immensely rewarding opportunities in Catholic education within the Diocese of Nottingham, including our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts.

Teaching in a Catholic school is not just a job, it is a vocation. For us, education is about far more than academic success, it is about the formation of the whole person.

This occasion is designed to provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic School and to answer any questions you may have. There will also be an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme for those senior leaders who wish to be accompanied and supported on their journey into Catholic education.



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Serving Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

To reserve your place please contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-RG	Cillian, Mia, Dhruv, Callum
R-EG	Ludwik, Ksenia, Sophie T, Siraj
R-AG/SF	Julia, Kabilan, Sia, Livia, Chizaram
1SR	Benji J
1SL	Tomasz
1RH	Amelia
2EO	Owen
2NT	David
2SF	Agnes

CTK Juniors

3GH	Jordan
3TP	Pola
3AP	Iga
4LM/LW	Luke
4GO	Nathan
4HB	Jakub
5SN	Tegha
5HS	Patrick
5VD	Nikodem
6LS	Shanice
6DM	Nahla
6EG	Milena



New Lunchtime Awards



Well done to all our children who have received the 'Lunchtime Award' this week. Each lunchtime teacher will nominate one pupil each week for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtime.

Ollie C (5HS)	Thomas (6DM)	Alisha (4LM/LW)	Dominic (4HB)
Toby (6EG)	Charlie M (4LM/LW)	Charlie K (4LM/LW)	Chloe (4LM/LW)
Leon (3TP)	Delaney (4GO)	Iga (3TP)	Tommy S (5HS)
Sofia R (6LS)			

Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Essie, Neto and Jack 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	Kacper (2EO)
Junior Site	Arnica (4HB)



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall our attendance last week was **95.9%** Good effort, everyone.

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

2nd place: Miss Mason's class with 99.6%

3rd place: Miss Ross and Miss O'Brien's classes with 98.3%

Our target for attendance is for children across the school to be present for **97%** of the time. So far this academic year, our whole school attendance is at **95.6%** which is below our target.

This week, the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visited our school to review pupil attendance, particular for those pupils who have attendance below 90%. If you have a child whose attendance is below 90%, you may receive a letter from the EWO inviting you to a telephone meeting to discuss how the school can support you to improve your child's attendance. We know that there are some extenuating circumstances, but we are obliged to make parents aware of their child's attendance and what could happen should their attendance not improve - potentially, a fine. Should attendance not improve and a fine be considered, those extenuating circumstances would then be taken into account when the decision to fine or not is made.

Attendance at school is very important. One morning off means missing one in a sequence of English lessons and a maths lesson which will not be repeated. This results in gaps in learning which could mean your child struggling in future lessons.

Of course, there will be times when children are genuinely too ill to come to school, but if they have a cold, cough or sore throat, please think twice before keeping them at home. We will always send a child home who is too poorly to be in school.

Finally, a reminder that term time holidays cannot and will not be authorised in line with government guidelines.

REMINDER.... KS2 Reading Parents Meeting

On Tuesday 21st March, Miss Mason, our KS2 reading lead, will be holding a meeting for parents to provide you with information about the reading we do at CTK and how you can provide reading support for your children at home. The meeting will be at 2.30pm in the Junior Hall; all KS2 parents are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!



Park and Stride Poster Competition

All children at CTK are invited to take part in our Park and Stride poster competition!

We would like you to design a poster to encourage our families to park away from the school grounds and/or use the New College car park to reduce congestion around the school and support a healthier lifestyle.



There will be a winner from both sites whose poster will be displayed around the school grounds, and you will win your very own 'Strider' plushie toy! Entries on the Infant site must be given to Mrs Koenig and entries on the Junior Site must be given to Miss Orrill by **Thursday 23rd March**. The Eco Warriors will be judging the posters next Friday 24th March with a winner announced in the following week's assembly. Good luck!

Sustran BIG Walk and Wheel

We're excited to be a part of this year's #BigWalkAndWheel which is taking place this month. Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of pupils to get active on the school run. Each day children will be asked to record if they walked, wheeled, scooted or cycled to school to contribute to our whole school score. We will be in competition with hundreds of other schools to win daily prizes!



Please encourage your children to take part on as many days as you can between **27th 31st March 2023**. If you find it tricky to walk, scoot or ride to school due to distance, you could park a little further away from school or try it for one or two days. It all counts!

School uniform

At CTK we encourage the children to 'Dress to Impress' - the children should aim to look smart at all times. We are noticing a number of children wearing boots. The uniform policy is *plain, black shoes* - no trainers, boots or sandals please. Hairstyles should be in natural tones, no bright colours. And all children should be wearing shirts and ties.

We want the children to feel proud to wear the uniform of Christ The King and to have high expectations of their own appearance, making them excellent ambassadors for the school. I would ask you to support us with this and to encourage your child to look smart every day.

Reception Parent Meeting – Thursday 23rd March Infant Site

On Thursday 23rd of March at 2pm, we will be holding an 'End of Year Expectations' meeting in the Infant hall. During this meeting we will discuss how the children are assessed at the end of the Foundation Stage year and what we can do together to support your child in meeting the end of year national expectations. This will clarify the information that you received before Christmas. We will also discuss how we aim to successfully transition your child to year 1. We hope that you can join us.

The CTK Experience

Year 6 Visit the Mosque

On Monday, Year 6 visited Leicester Central Mosque. They were very lucky to be able to link this experience to three areas of their learning this year: Early Islamic Civilisation in history; Islamic Decorative Art; and our other faiths unit, Islam.

The visit was fantastic and the children enjoyed learning about another place of worship. We were very impressed with the children's respect and enthusiasm while at the Mosque - well done, Year 6!



New School Website

We have a new school website which has lots of new photos, videos and valuable information about our school. Please take a look! [Home - Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](http://Home - Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester (ctkleicester.co.uk))



Friends of Christ the King Parents Association

The junior children enjoyed the green slushies today for St Patrick's Day. Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising it for our children and for all your donations.



A couple of years ago, our fantastic PTA set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school will win a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000. The cost to enter each week is £1. Please click the following link if you are interested: [Support Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#) Thank you to everyone who already takes part!

Thought for the Week

"May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us."

St Patrick

God bless,



Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead....

Tuesday 21st March	KS2 Reading Workshop for Parents on Junior Site @ 2:30pm Junior Hall
Wednesday 22nd March	Leicestershire Wombles Assemblies across school - Litter Picking
Thursday 23rd March	Year 4 Money Managers Visitor Sessions
Thursday 23rd March	Reception End of Year Expectations Meeting 2:00pm Infant Site
Monday 27th March - 31st March	Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Begins..
Monday 27th March	Year 4 Easter Play Dress Rehearsal to school
Tuesday 28th March	Year 4 Easter Play Performance to Parents 1:30pm Junior Hall Ticketed parent/carers event—doors open 1.15pm
Wednesday 29th March	Year 4 Easter Play Performance to Parents 6:00pm Junior Hall Ticketed parent/carers event—doors open 5:40pm
Thursday 30th March	CTK Trophy Assemblies Juniors 2:15pm Infants 9:00pm Parents of winning children will be invited
Friday 31st March	Holy Week Liturgies —led by our chaplaincy teams Infants: 9:00am Juniors: Middle Phase: 1:35pm Upper Phase: 2:25pm Parents welcome at any service
Friday 31st March	School closes for half term
Monday 17th April	School reopens for Pentecost Term

Advanced notice for the Pentecost Term

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for The King's Coronation—School closed
Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May	KS2 SATs Week for all Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 16th May	Class Photo Day for Infant pupils
Wednesday 17th May	Class Photo Day for Junior pupils
Monday 5th June—Friday 16th June	Assessment Window for Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check
Week beg 12th June	Phonics Screening for Year 1 begins