



Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the industrial action taking place next Wednesday 1st February, **Christ the King will remain open for all pupils on this day. Please send your children to school as normal.** Some of the children may not be taught by their usual teacher but they will be supervised in their classes in a safe and secure environment.

This morning we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Laycock's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 1SL for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed "Cats Sleep Anywhere" by Eleanor Farjeon and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also using their voice and actions to enhance their performance.

### **NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe online Programme**

This week our children took part in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme. This was kick-started with an online assembly supervised by Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford which taught the children about abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse in a child-friendly way. This was followed up with a number of supporting classroom-based activities. As ever, the children were given a mission: Speak Out, Reach Out to a trusted adult if they are worried or concerned about something.

Next week, the children will receive a workshop to reinforce the messages in assembly this week.

### **Our Catholic Mission**

#### **The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas**

On Tuesday 31st January, the Trust celebrates the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas. We will be reviewing our work on virtues. Please speak to your child about what they have learnt. Next Tuesday, a small number of our children will join others from across the Trust at English Martyrs Secondary School in Leicester for a celebration event. Letters will be sent home to the parents of those children.

### **Parish Links**

On Wednesday, Michael, a seminarian, currently working with Fr Cahill, visited our Year 5 children to speak to them about Christian Unity and the importance of bringing all Christians together in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.





## **Attendance**

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 95.5% - below our target.

This week, messages were sent out to parents of children whose attendance so far this year was below 95%. We know that there may be 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. The Local Authority can fine parents in some circumstances.

Attendance is very important. One morning away from class means missing English and Maths lessons which will not be repeated. This can result 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 general cough or cold, 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 and may result in a fine from the Local Authority.

Overall our attendance last week was **95.4%**.

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

2nd place: Miss Nokes and Miss Laycock's classes with 98.3%.

3rd place: Mrs Hainsworth and Miss Orrill's classes with 97.3%

## **Year 5 sleepover at The National Space Centre - Parent Information Session**

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent information session on Wednesday in preparation for the Year 5 sleepover at the National Space Centre. Mrs Glassford has shared this information across Class Dojo if you were unable to make this meeting. We look forward to a very exciting trip on next Friday.

## **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.



## **REMINDER ....Number Day**

On Friday 3rd February, Christ the King will be joining schools and nurseries across the UK to mark the NSPCC's Number Day.

Number Day is a maths-inspired fundraising day where pupils will raise money to support NSPCC services such as *Speak out Stay safe* and *Childline*.

At Christ the King, we invite **all pupils to Dress Up for Digits**, making a £1 donation (via Arbor) to **wear an item of clothing ideally with a number on it**. House points will be awarded for the most creative outfits! Please don't worry if you don't have any number-based clothing options, as all children are welcome make a donation to wear any non-school uniform they wish.



During the day, all children will take part in lots of number based activities and it will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of maths at CTK.

There will also be **biscuits for sale at breaktime for 20p** with all funds going to the NSPCC.

Thank you in advance for your support in raising money for this very worthwhile cause.





## Stars of the Week

### Infant Site:

R-ER	Revaeh-Nyla, Abel, Sophie S, Ludwik, Declan
R-RG	Arthur, Oliver, Paris, Evanna, Nnabuihe
R-AG/SF	Mariel, Jacob, Aliicja, Alaina, Vrishank
1SR	Jacob
1SL	Jeremy
1RH	Matteo
2EO	Julia
2NT	David
2SF	Neilina

### Junior Site:

3GH	Jessica
3AP	Ola
3TP	Marco
4HB	Lucas
4LM/LW	Harvey
4GO	Ivy
5SN	Daisy
5VD	Ahana
5HS	Filip G
6EG	Faustina
6DM	Ava
6LS	Raina



## Head of School Award

Infant Site	Kuba (1SR)
Junior Site	Alexa (6EG)

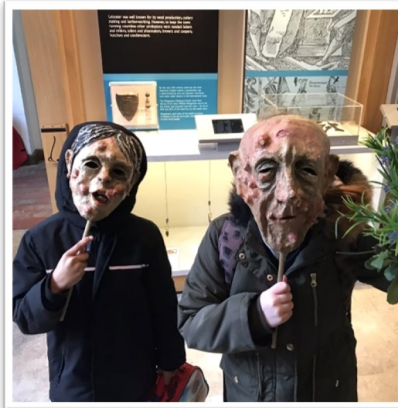
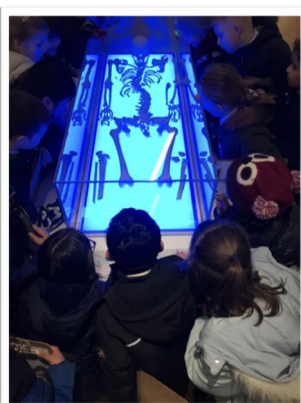
Congratulations to Alexia and Kuba who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!



## The CTK Experience

### **Year 3 Visit King Richard III Centre**

This week, Year 3 visited the Richard III Visitors Centre and the Leicester Guildhall to complete their history topic on Richard III. They visited the place where King Richard was discovered and learnt about his life as well as his discovery. Our favourite parts were finding out about the archaeological dig!



### **Year 6 Trip to Beaumanor Hall**

On Tuesday, the Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Beaumanor Hall for a World War 2 day. Dressed for the part, the children experienced what it was like to be an evacuee, working in a 1940s classroom, filling out identity cards and writing postcards to send home. They also took their ration cards to the grocery shop to buy some food for meals like Woolton pie, kidney stew and Spam and egg sandwiches - yum!

As well as this, they got to sit down in a bomb shelter and experience what it was like during the Blitz! Don't worry, we 'kept calm and carried on' by singing a few traditional '40s songs.

Finally, and most interestingly, the children tried out some code breaking in the actual cottage from which WW2 code breakers supported the effort to end the war. What an amazing experience!

This was a fantastic start to our WW2 unit: the children gained lots of practical experiences to link to their learning; we hope they will remember this trip for a long time.



## Community Coffee Morning!

We would like to invite you to a 'Coffee and Cake' morning on Wednesday 15th February at 09:00 on the Infant Site. The focus will be on Health and Wellbeing and this is for infant and junior parents. It will provide an opportunity for you to meet the team and other parents/carers. All are very welcome.



## Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. Online bookings close on Friday 3rd February at 9:00am. If you did not book an appointment, a time will automatically be issued to you and it will appear on your child's target report which you will receive on Friday 10th February.

If you would like to meet with the SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) Lead, Mrs Wheeldon, please contact the school office to book an appointment.

## Parent Workshops for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Over the next couple of weeks we will be hosting information sessions for our Year Two and Year Six parents about the SAT tests the children will complete in May. The sessions will be held *in person* and will explain the tests in detail, show examples of the types of question the children will face and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The Year 6 meeting will take place in the Junior Hall on *Tuesday 7th February at 14:20*. The Year 2 meeting will be on *Thursday 9th February at 9:00* in the Infant Hall. All Year 2 and Year 6 parents are welcome.

In June, the children in Year 4 will need to take a short online test to assess whether their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. We will be holding a parent meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 14:45 in the Junior Hall to explain more about the check and answer any questions you may have. All Year 4 parents are welcome.



## **REMINDER .....Request for Grandparents to support in Reception**

We would like to invite our children's grandparents into school every Tuesday afternoon as a way of connecting with our community

We are looking for grandparents who are able to commit to all or most Tuesday afternoons for the next couple of months to support our children in Reception.

We will provide some 'play partner' training for our grandparent volunteers so they can engage with the children in the reception class.

All volunteers will be supervised and under go the necessary safeguarding checks.

Please complete the online form below if you are interested. We thank you in advance for your continued support. <https://forms.office.com/e/7ry8958FBu>

## **Window upgrade Junior Site**

You may have noticed the scaffolding up on the Junior Site this week. The long awaited window replacement upgrade will start on **Monday 30th January** and is scheduled to last 6-8 weeks. This will mean that pedestrian access to the Junior Site office will be temporarily redirected through the car park gates. These will remain closed throughout the day to limit access to vehicles and to mitigate risk to pupils, parents, staff and visitors using this entry point.

The contractors will be based in the Junior car park near the school entrance and I sincerely hope that, despite these upgrades to our building, there will be minimal disruption to you and your children.

## **Thought for the week**

*"Love one another as I have loved you"*

Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## The half term ahead.....

### Lent Term 1 2023

#### Theme for Lent term: Discipleship

Friday 3rd February

**1RH (Mrs Hainsworth Class)** Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am  
Infant Site. **Parents Welcome**

Tuesday 31st January

Feast of St Thomas Aquinas (Patron Saint of our Trust)

Theme: Ordinary people called to be Saints

#### Live-stream Trust celebration event for all pupils.

Friday 3rd February

Number Day 2023 - Number-themed non-uniform -  
£1 donations for NSPCC

Friday 3rd February

Year 5 Sleepover at the National Space Centre in Leicester

W/B Monday 6th February

E-Safety Week

Tuesday 7th February

Year 6 SATs meeting for parents @14:20 in Junior Hall

Wednesday 8th February

Multiplication Times Table Check meeting for Year 4 Parents  
@14:45 in Junior Hall

Thursday 9th February

Year 2 SATS meeting for parents @ 9:00 in Infant Hall

Friday 10th February

Target Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening

W/B Monday 13th February

Fair Trade Week

Tuesday 14th February

Parents' Evening

Infants: 3.30pm –7.00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm

Wednesday 15th February

Parents' Evening

Infants: 3.30pm-5.00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm

Wednesday 15th February

Community Coffee Morning @9:00am Infant Site.

#### All parents welcome.

Friday 17th February

Ash Wednesday Liturgies: Parents Welcome

Infant Site 9am

Year 3 and Year 4: 13:35

Year 5 and Year 6 : 14:25

Friday 17th February

School closes for half term

Monday 27th February

Children return to school