



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been lots going on around school this week with the NSPCC workshops, Number Day and St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day celebrations. Our Year 5 children are looking forward to their sleepover at The National Space Centre. Please keep the staff in your prayers who will be joining over 80 children for a sleepover tonight!

Thank you to all the pupils in 1RH for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Bed in Summer' by Robert Louis Stevenson and 'Friends' by Abbie Farwell Brown. It was lovely to see the children learning these poems and also using their voice and actions to enhance their performance.

Our Catholic Mission

The Rule of Law assembly

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assembly on the 'Rule of Law.' as part of our continued work on British Values this half term. The children learned about the laws in Britain and why we have them. We linked this to our CTK rules which we try to follow so that the children feel safe, happy and can learn really well.

As ever, the children were set a mission. Our mission this week: Remember the five CTK rules and create a poster all about the Rule of Law.

The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

We celebrated the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas on Tuesday by joining together virtually with the 8000 children across the other 22 schools in the Trust.

The chaplaincy team joined our family of schools at English Martyrs' to celebrate the feast day of St Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of our trust. The mass was celebrated by Fr David Cain and other members of the clergy. Our chaplains contributed to the Mass offering by stamping their thumb prints onto a school poster to represent each unique person at Christ the King. All the schools in the trust completed their own posters and it was lovely to see so many thumb prints representing the thousands of children and young people our trust serves.





Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was **94.8%** Good effort, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97%.

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

2nd place: Miss Orrill with 98.7%.

3rd place: Miss Laycock and Mrs Stone's classes with 98.0%

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.

Safer Internet Week

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. The theme is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. We want our children at CTK to be happy and healthy online and to regularly talk to their families about their experiences online. When they read, watch or see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable, we want them to know that they should **reach out, speak out and tell a trusted adult**. Children will be taking part in lessons which teach them how, at an age-appropriate level, to keep themselves safe online. With pupils using the internet more and more - and at a younger age - these lessons are vitally important.

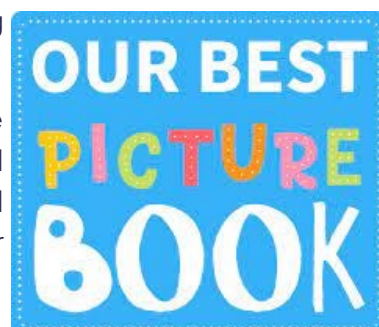
If you'd like some more advice about online safety, there is a free online workshop taking place on Tuesday 7th February 7pm-8pm. Please confirm your attendance by completing this form <https://forms.office.com/e/R2BAW0DbWF> then click [here](#) to sign up for the parent workshop.

Our website also contains lots of links to support you with keeping your child safe online [here](#)

Best Picture Book Assembly Year 2

This term Year Two are taking part in an exciting reading project called 'Our Best Picture Book'. At CTK we want to introduce our children to a variety of quality books that are fun, inspiring and encourage a love of reading from an early age. We also want to expose our children to new and exciting authors.

The Library services will be coming in to do an assembly where we will talk more about the project and the children will be gifted with their library cards. We would love it if Year Two parents could join us for this assembly on Wednesday 8th February @9:00 in our infant school hall.





Stars of the Week

Infant Site:

R-ER	Declan, Raluchukwu, Siraj
R-RG	Kaiyah-Rae, Callum, Efren, Dhriya, Carlo
R-AG/SF	Cillian, Adam, Reya, Jonah, Siamthanda
1SR	David
1SL	Amelia
1RH	Adam
2EO	Faith
2NT	Maya
2SF	Reuben

Junior Site:

3GH	Shawn
3AP	Davis
3TP	Zofia
4HB	Santi
4LM/LW	Ziorachi
4GO	Sapphire
5SN	Andrew
5VD	Holeigh
5HS	Darren
6EG	Toby
6DM	Kevin
6LS	Evin



Head of School Award

Infant Site	Maria (R ER)
Junior Site	Zofia (3TP)

Congratulations to Maria and Zofia 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!

REMINDER....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.



REMINDERParent Workshops for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 next week

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.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place next Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February.

Online bookings are now closed. 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.

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.

Thought for the week

“ God does not love some things more than others, because He loves all things by an act of the will that is one, simple, and always the same”

St Thomas Aquinas

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



The half term ahead.....

Lent Term 1 2023

Theme for Lent term: Discipleship

W/B Monday 6th February	E-Safety Week
Tuesday 7th February	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents @14:20 in Junior Hall
Tuesday 7th February	Free online Parent Workshop @7-8pm about Online Safety Advice for Parents. Please book here
Wednesday 8th February	Multiplication Times Table Check meeting for Year 4 Parents @14:40 in Junior Hall
Wednesday 8th February	Year 2 Best Book Assembly @9:00am Infant hall All parents welcome
Thursday 9th February	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents @ 9:00am Infant Site Hall
Friday 10th February	Target Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
W/B Monday 13th February	Fair Trade Week
Wednesday 15th February	Community Coffee Morning @9:00am Infant Site. All parents welcome.
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
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