



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a lovely half term with your family and friends.

This morning, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Pulsford's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 3AP for all their hard work and preparation over the last week. The children confidently performed *The Adventures of Isabel* by Ogden Nash, and *The Engine Driver* by Clive Sansom. It was joy to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also using their voice and actions to enhance their performance.

We have had a great start to the half term celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. The day got off to a great start in assembly in which the children learnt what a magic book was and heard about the teachers' magic books. We also congratulated our new Word Millionaires and (as is tradition) enjoyed watching our costume catwalk! Following this, the children enjoyed a day full of activities which promoted reading for pleasure, including hearing a story read by a different teacher; taking part in a 'book tasting' session; and watching presentations by children discussing their favourite books and authors. The children also took part in some writing workshops where they learnt how to write for a specific genre such as comedy, suspense or adventure. The day ended with a quiz and, of course, DEAR time.

The children's mission is to find their 'magic book'. This is the first book you read that, as soon as you've finished it, you want to read it again. It is a book that makes you want to read all the books written by that author and then find more books that are similar. It is *the* book that makes you want to read: it makes you a reader.

If the children already know what their magic book is, their mission is to know its full title and the name of the author. If they have not found their magic book yet, their mission is to start searching for it.



Parents, do you know what your magic book is? If so, share it with your children - perhaps it will become theirs too!



## **Our Catholic Mission**

Our school is 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 was sent home before half term with more details.



We are also holding a **community walk event as part of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk on Friday 10th March 3.30pm on Western Park next to our Infant Site** to encourage children to walk for CAFOD. This walk aims to raise awareness of the fundraising campaign. Let us know if you'll be taking part in the community walk by joining the event on your Arbor app.

## **Non-uniform event for Turkey/Syria disaster**

Thank you for all your generous donations to the CAFOD Turkey/Syria disaster appeal on last half term. We raised an incredible £805. This will help CAFOD as they respond with provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria in your prayers.

## **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://motherofgoddleicester.co.uk/>

## **Happy Lunchtimes**

All our new resources have arrived this week for Happy Lunchtimes! This includes chunky chalks, hoops, poms poms, our happy lunchtime award trophy and much more!

We will be launching this next week in our Monday assembly on the Juniors Site with the children and a variety of games and activities will be available to the children during lunchtime.

Our School Councillors worked with Steve to help set our goals for lunchtime and playtime. These are:

- Using "The Zone" to provide a new activity each lunchtime
- Using a positive behaviour system to encourage good behaviour
- Children have good manners and table manners
- Children show respect for staff, equipment and one another
- Have a quieter and pleasant dining hall
- Improving the organisation of wet play



## Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **95.5%**. Well done, everyone! Our school target is to have attendance above **97%**.

Here is the attendance for each class:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
F2 RG	95%	3GH	96.3%
F2 ER	94.8%	3AP	95.4%
F2 SF/AG	92.7%	3TP	96.3%
1RH	94.7%	4GO	96.9%
1SL	95.6%	4HB	94.6%
1SR	94.4%	4LM/LW	94.8%
2SF	97.1%	5HS	94.2%
2EO	96.2%	5SN	96%
2NT	94.8%	5VD	96.6%
		6DM	97.6%
		6LS	96.7%
		6EG	96.4%

Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead. The children's learning begins as soon as they arrive at school.

Some of our children who have been arriving late to class are coming in unsettled when they enter the classroom. It is important for your child to be on time and prepared for the day ahead.

School starts at **8:25am** on the Juniors and **8:45am** on the Infants site.

Gates open at 8:15am Juniors and 8:35am Infants. Any children arriving after 8:35am (Juniors) and 8:50am (Infants) will need to come through the main office and sign in. This will be recorded as a 'late' mark.

**Please DO NOT book holidays in term time as this has a detrimental effect on your child's education. Children miss out on essential work, they find it hard to catch up and it can also affect their friendships. School policy is that family holidays will not be authorised and parents could be fined by the Local Authority. School is closed for 13 weeks during the year when family holidays can be taken.**



## Stars of the Week

### CTK Infants

R-RG	Kaiyah-Rae, Efren, Ava, Peculiar
R-ER	Revaeh-Nyla, Emmanuel, Raluchukwu, Malachi, Evelyn
R-AG/SF	Alicja, Mikhael, Ethan, Reya
1SR	Dominika
1SL	Reece
1RH	Krystian
2EO	Serah
2NT	Joshua
2SF	Jesse

### CTK Juniors

3GH	Anashe
3TP	Jayden
3AP	Noah
4LM/LW	Sara
4GO	Tommy
4HB	Jack
5SN	Tara
5HS	Damien
5VD	Naomi
6LS	Ben
6DM	Dave
6EG	Charlotte

## Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the pupil who received the 'Head of School' Award from Mrs Marshall this week. Well done, Athena.

Infant Site	Athena (1RH)
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### Science of Learning Parent Workshop - Tuesday 7th March

This workshop will explore the science of how your children learn so that you can better understand how our curriculum has been designed and how best to support your children with their learning at home. The session will begin with exploring research into cognitive science on how information is stored in our brains. We will then look at what retrieval practice is and why this is crucial to remembering knowledge. Finally, we will examine some examples of Knowledge Organisers, their purpose and how to best use this resource at home.

We will hold this workshop on the Infant site (8:45-9:00) and the Junior Site (2:15-3:00) so that parents from both sites can attend the workshop. We hope you can join us.



## **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://ctkleicester.co.uk)

## **Healthy snacks and lunchboxes.**

Please make sure that your child only brings in healthy lunches and snacks to school. Preferable snacks include fruit or vegetable sticks. Please do not send in any nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy/sugary drinks.

A healthy packed lunch contains:

- A starchy food, such as whole grain bread, rolls, pitta, naan, potatoes, rice or noodles. (These foods are good source of energy)
- A good source of protein, iron and zinc such as meat, fish, beans or eggs.
- A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- And one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable/salad to provide all the other vitamins and minerals.



## **Friends of Christ the King Parents Association**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents' Association meeting this week. We are planning some exciting events for our children and families this term. Preparations are underway for our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter holiday competitions. We will also be holding an Infant film Night on Friday 17th March. More details to follow shortly.

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: [Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Support - Your School Lottery](#) Thank you to everyone who already takes part!

## **Window upgrade on the Juniors**

The windows project at CTK is almost complete and I am sure you will agree that it has hugely improved the quality of our building and is a great investment for Christ the King.

Mrs Pulsford's class will remain at the Infant Site for one more week and they will move back to the Junior Site on **Monday 13th March**.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during the building work. The scaffolding will be removed early next week and the pedestrian access to the Junior Site will be reopened.





## Staffing Update

Before half term we said farewell to Mrs Pugh in the Infant Office. Mrs Pugh has secured a promotion in another Trust and we will miss her. We thank her for her service to CTK over the last five years and wish her all the best in their new role.



We welcome Mrs Kendall to the Admin team on the Infant Site. Please introduce yourself and make her feel part of the CTK family.

## Thought for the Week

*"Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love Him."* James 1:12

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

## Dates for the Lent Term ahead:

Week beginning 6th March	Children's mental health awareness week
Monday 6th March	Reconciliation focus across the school <b>Infant Forgiveness Liturgy 9:00</b> —led by the chaplaincy team Sacrament of Reconciliation offered to Junior pupils—with Fr Cahill 1-3pm
Tuesday 7th March	The Science of Learning Parent Workshop 8:45-9:30am Infant Site
Wednesday 8th March	Year 4 Romans Trip to Bosworth
Wednesday 8th March	Year 2 Money Managers Visitor Sessions
Friday 10th March	3GH Miss Hall's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ <b>2:25pm</b> - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Friday 10th March	School Community Event: CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 3.30pm on Western Park next to the Infant Site Event to raise awareness of our Lenten Fundraising Efforts Families welcome
Wednesday 15th March	Junior Chaplaincy team liturgy: Almsgiving—2:25pm Junior Hall Parents welcome



## Dates for the Lent Term ahead continued....

<b>Friday 17th March</b>	3TP Mrs Pickwell's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ <b>2:25pm - Junior Site</b> <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd March</b>	Leicestershire Wombles Assemblies across school
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b>	Year 4 Money Managers Visitor Sessions
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b>	Reception End of Year Expectations Meeting 2:30-3:00pm Infant Site
<b>Monday 27th March</b>	Year 4 Easter Play Dress Rehearsal to school
<b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Play Performance to Parents 1:30pm Junior Hall</b> <b>Ticketed parent/carers event—doors open 1.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th March</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Play Performance to Parents 6:00pm Junior Hall</b> <b>Ticketed parent/carers event—doors open 5:40pm</b>
<b>Thursday 30th March</b>	CTK Trophy Assemblies Juniors 9:00am Infants 2:30pm Parents of winning children will be invited
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	<b>Holy Week Liturgies</b> —led by our chaplaincy teams Infants: 9:00am Juniors: Middle Phase: 1:35pm Upper Phase: 2:25pm <b>Parents welcome at any service</b>
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April.</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	<b>School reopens for Pentecost Term</b>
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	Bank Holiday for The King's Coronation—School closed
<b>Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May</b>	KS2 SATs Week for all Year 6 pupils
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	Class Photo Day for Infant pupils
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	Class Photo Day for Junior pupils
<b>Monday 5th June—Friday 16th June</b>	Assessment Window for Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check
<b>Week beg 12th June</b>	Phonics Screening for Year 1 begins