



Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure- Apologies for the closure of the school today.

It has been an exciting week this week with the launch of Happy Lunchtimes on the Junior Site! This started with an assembly on Monday, where Mrs Glassford explained to the junior children how lunchtimes would change and the activities which would now be available on the yard each day.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (before the adverse weather conditions arrived), there was a new activity in *The Zone* for children to enjoy each day: we have had group skipping, skittles and a bean bag target game! The children have also had the opportunity to enjoy a range of other activities, including: basketball/football in the cage area and hula-hooping/individual skipping inside the running track.

During our assembly on Monday, Mrs Glassford also explained that the Lunchtime Teachers would be awarding pom poms when they saw children showing excellent behaviour and making good choices. And that at the end of each week in our celebration assembly, a special golden lunchbox trophy would be awarded to the class with the most pom poms.

I am pleased to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our wonderful pupils throughout the week. Well done, children! We look forward to announcing on Monday who the winning class was for last week. What a fantastic start to our new Happy Lunchtimes initiative on the Junior Site. Steve from Happy Lunchtimes will be visiting our infant children on Monday 27th March.

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 have rescheduled the **community walk event as part of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk to next Thursday 16th March @ 3.35pm 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.

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.

The junior children had the opportunity to attend confession this week as part of lenten preparations. Thank you to the parish priests for providing this opportunity.

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

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





3AP move back to the Juniors!

Mrs Pulford's class will move back to the Junior Site on *Tuesday 14th March* following the completion of the windows. A polite reminder that school starts at the early time of 8:25am and the gates open at 8:15am on the Junior Site. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during the building work. 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall our attendance last week was **95.9%** Good effort, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97%.

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

2nd place: Miss Mason's class with 99.7%

3rd place: Miss Laycock's class with 98.7%

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.

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!

Science of Learning Workshop.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Science of Learning Workshop this week. We hope that you found it useful. The purpose of this workshop was to explore the science of how children learn and the impact this has had on our curriculum design at CTK to enable our children to learn really well. Mrs Koenig and Ms Knight also looked at Knowledge Organisers, the purpose of them and how they can support your children at home to remember their learning over time.

If you were unable to make the workshop, we will be sharing a copy of the presentation which includes a voice commentary so you can watch and listen at a time that suits you.

New School Website

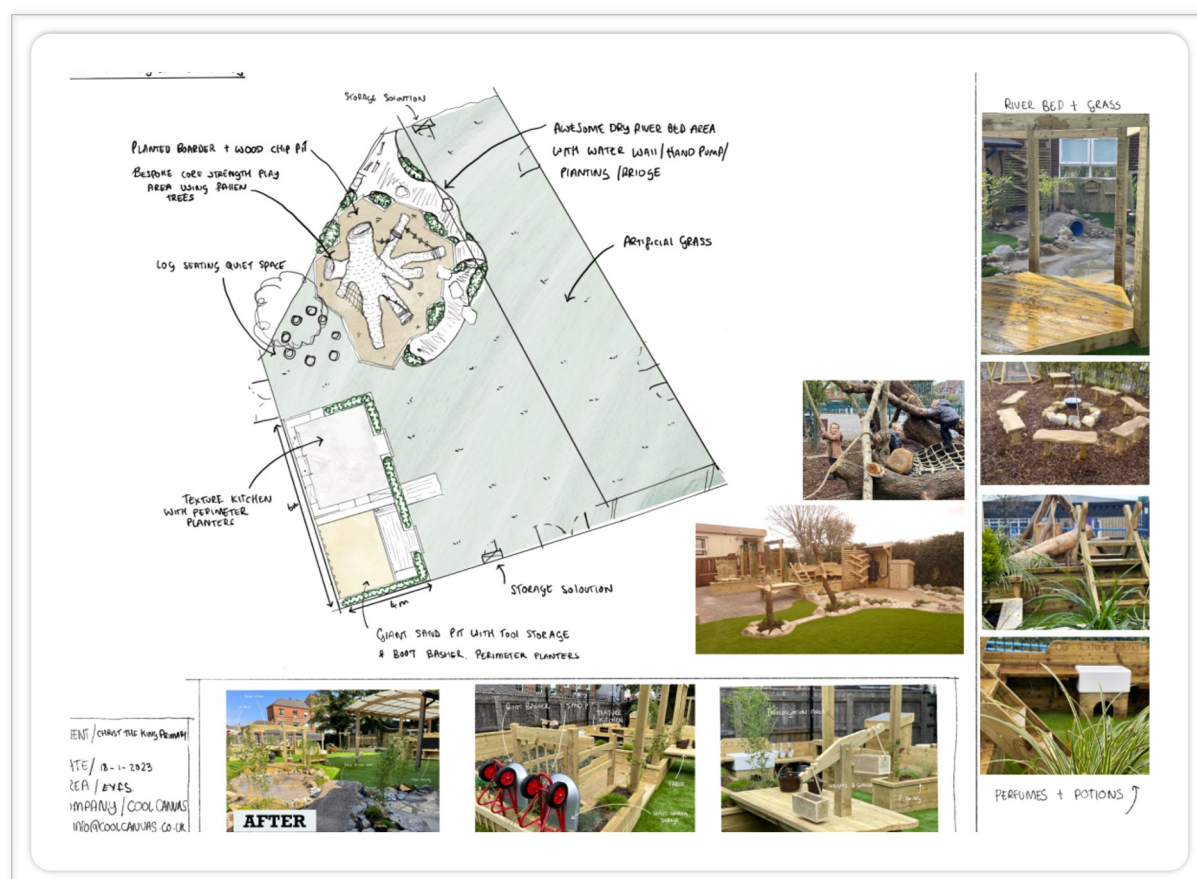
We have a new school website which has lots of new photos, videos and valuable information about our school. Please take a look! [Home - Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](https://www.cktleicester.co.uk)

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association – planned events this half term.

The Parents' Association are holding an **Infant Cinema Night on Friday 17th March** for all the children on the Infant Site. It will cost £2 per pupil which will include sweets, a drink and some popcorn. This will be straight after school at 15:20 - 16:45. You can book and pay for your child's place on Arbor from 15:30 this afternoon.

The Parents' Association will also be selling **Green Slushy on St. Patrick's day - Friday 17th March on the Junior Site**. This will cost £1. If your child does not like Green Slushy, there will also be ice pops for sale too.

The Parents Association are hoping to raise some funds to support the development of the outside area in Reception on the Infant Site...see the plans below. Whilst coming together as a community for many occasions (Easter Egg Hunt, discos, cinema nights, BBQ) our PA raises about £5000 every year. This money helps to improve our school for your children. Thank you for your continued support... and a big welcome and thank you to our new volunteers.



We are always looking for more volunteers for the Parents' Association. Please contact the school office if you can help support the school and your children.



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	Essie (2SF) and Neto (2NT)
Junior Site	Jack (4HB)

Due to school closures, Stars of the Week have not been nominated this week. Look out for them next week!

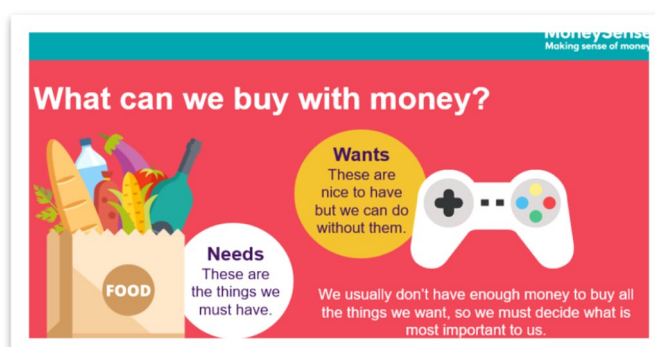
The CTK Experience

Learning about other Religions

At Christ the King, we recognise the importance of learning about other religions as a way to enhance and deepen our understanding of our own Catholic Faith. Next week, Year 6 are visiting the Mosque as part of the history curriculum on Ancient Islamic Civilisations. The children will be able to link the décor and architecture of the Mosque back to their most recent art unit: Islamic Decorative Art.

Workshop in Year 2

MoneySense is an impartial financial education programme provided by Natwest that helps educate young people about money for their future. This week, our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a session called 'Super Smoothie Shop' where they learned about simple spending and budgeting including how to spend within your means. They also practiced performing basic calculations with money as well as beginning to understand the basic principles of enterprise.



The CTK Experience.....

Dance competition

Last week, our amazing CTK dance team took part in the West Leicester Primary Dance Competition at St Paul's. They performed their routine to *Zero to Hero* from Hercules superbly and they were definitely the most enthusiastic group there! The way in which they worked together and supported one another to develop their confidence and performance skills throughout their time rehearsing was excellent.

We are very proud of our CTK dancers - well done to you all!

Year 4 visit Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre this week as part of their learning about the Romans. They were trained in how to become fierce Roman soldiers, as well as learning about how Queen Boudica led her people to fight back against the Roman invasion. We also had the opportunity to handle real Roman artefacts and made a Roman coin during a session about how to be an archaeologist. We enjoyed every minute of our day and can't wait to carry on learning about the Romans in class.





Thought for the Week

"Blessed is the man who trust in the Lord"

Jeremiah 17:7-8

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

Dates for the term ahead....

Thursday 16th March	CAFOD's Big Lent Walk @ 3:35pm on Western Park, starting next to the Infant Site. All welcome
Friday 17th March	3TP Mrs Pickwell's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome
Tuesday 21st March	KS2 Reading Workshop for Parents on Junior Site @ 2:30pm Junior Hall
Wednesday 22nd March	Leicestershire Wombles Assemblies across school—ECO School
Thursday 23rd March	Year 4 Money Managers Visitor Sessions
Thursday 23rd March	Reception End of Year Expectations Meeting 2:30-3:00pm Infant Site
Friday 24th March	3GH Miss Hall's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:25pm - Junior Site Parents Welcome
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 9:00am Infants 2:30pm 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 3rd April - Friday 14th April.	Easter Holidays



Advanced notice for the Pentecost Term

Monday 17th April	School reopens for 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