



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you are all well and had an enjoyable and restful summer break. A particular welcome to all of our new children who have joined the CTK community. We look forward to working with you and your families.

The children have made an enthusiastic start to the school year and seem to have grown a few inches over the summer too! We have a very exciting year ahead and we are really looking forward to us working together so that your children can continue to flourish and reach their potential.

## Catholic Mission

We have introduced the Theme of our year in our welcome assemblies this week: **'Do Everything in Love'** which comes from one of St Paul's letters to Corinthians. *"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love"* 1 Cor 16:14. We explored the true meaning of Christian love and how we can live this out in our school this year. We reviewed our learning on virtues from last year and this year we will also continue to practice them.

Ask your children if they can remember what a virtue is and give you some examples of the virtues we practise every day at CTK!



## Parish Links

I have been in touch with Father John and Fr George to discuss the liturgical support they can offer Christ the King. We will share these dates with parents in the weekly newsletter as soon as we have them confirmed.



## **New staff at CTK**

We have been blessed with some wonderful new staff who have joined the CTK Team this year. We know you will make them feel most welcome.



Miss Jones  
Year 5 Teacher



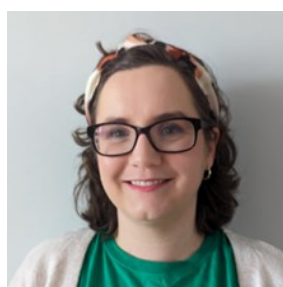
Mr Blissett  
Year 5 Teacher



Mr Mason  
Reception Teacher



Mrs Fernando  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Gilbert  
Teaching Assistant Year 5



Mrs Russell  
Year 3 Teacher

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Koenig, Mrs Griffin, Mrs Hainsworth and Miss Busby are all expecting babies! Congratulations to all of them! They will begin their maternity leave around October half term. We are very fortunate to have Mr Gask and Mrs Bayliss - both experienced CTK teachers - to cover the maternity leave responsibilities.

Please see the full teaching structure on the next page.



## Teaching structure for 2023-2024

<b>Executive Headteacher:</b> Mrs Carter					
	<b>Head of School:</b> Mrs Marshall (Mon-Wed)		<b>Head of School:</b> Mrs Glassford		
	<b>CTK Infants</b>		<b>CTK Juniors</b>		
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>TA</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>TA</b>
<b>R</b>	Mr Mason	Mrs Tonge/Mrs Bourne	<b>3</b>	Mrs Russell	Mrs Beattie
<b>R</b>	Mrs Gibson	Mrs Harris	<b>3 Assistant Headteacher</b>	Mrs Waldron-Mrs Connell/	Mrs Cranston
<b>R</b>	Miss Laycock	Miss Crofts	<b>3</b>	Miss Hall	Mrs Stratton
<b>1</b>	Mrs Francis/Mrs Hainsworth	Mrs Fitzgerald	<b>4</b>	Miss Busby	Mrs Crayfourd
<b>1</b>	Miss Rawlings	Mrs Banks	<b>4</b>	Mrs Morris	Mrs Hadfield
<b>1 Assistant Headteacher</b>	Mrs Pickwell	Mrs Thornton	<b>4</b>	Miss Orrill	Mrs Merrigan
<b>2</b>	Miss Nokes	Mrs Pearson	<b>5</b>	Miss Jones	Mrs Toon
<b>2</b>	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Wood	<b>5</b>	Mr Blissett	Mrs Dalzell
<b>2</b>	Miss O'Brien	Mrs Wheatley	<b>5</b>	Mrs Darby	Mrs Amoroso
<b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	Mrs Koenig		<b>6</b>	Miss Mason	Mrs Chomen-towska
			<b>6</b>	Mrs Stone	Mrs Hargrave
<b>PE Coach</b>	Mr Tite		<b>6</b>	Miss Gilding	Miss Sayer
<b>Family Inclusion Team</b>	SEND Lead: Mrs Wheeldon (Tues –Thurs) Learning Mentor: Mrs Hansrani, Curriculum and Pupil Premium Lead: Ms Knight				
<b>Operations Manager</b>	Mrs Dunbar				

We also have many other wonderful support staff that contribute to the teaching and learning across the school, including the office team, Mr Sargent, Mr Powley and the premises team. The full CTK team structure can be viewed on our school website.



## Arbor

Please can all parents make sure they are signed up to Arbor, as this will be the primary method for you to register, book and pay for any events in school. This will include clubs, trips, dinners, parents' evening, breakfast club and the afterschool club. Please speak to the school office if you are having any problems with setting up your Arbor account.

## Whole School Home Learning Policy

Homework will begin next week. Every pupil will have a home learning book which they will be asked to cover and personalise in the next week. Home learning will be given out every Friday and must be returned to school the following Wednesday. The main purpose of homework will be to provide the children with an opportunity to practice their learning at home. We hope it will foster good habits of organisation, independent learning and self discipline.

## Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 Bikeability starts next week. The children have received a slip detailing the days on which they are cycling and need to bring their bike and helmet if they have one. Bikes and helmets will be provided for those pupils who do not have them.

Please ensure your children come to school wearing appropriate footwear on the days they are cycling; they should also bring a waterproof coat in case of rain.

Children can walk their bikes into the Year 6 yard in the morning as usual and there will be a member of staff to show them where to put their bikes.

## Swimming

6LS and 5VD begin swimming lessons on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September for 10 weeks. Pupils will be walking to and from the swimming baths so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to wear - particularly for the walk back after they have been in the water. We suggest all pupils bring a hat to wear on the walk back to school to keep themselves warm. **5VD will be dismissed from the infant playground at 15:20 each Wednesday for the next 10 weeks.** Many thanks for your support.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We all know that good attendance at school is vital for children to make progress. Please ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new academic year, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Last year our attendance was 95.9%. The school's target is 97%. If we become concerned about your child's attendance then you will receive an email to inform you that we will be monitoring it closely as a school.



## **Emergency Contact Details**

If you have moved house, changed your mobile telephone number or email address recently, please can you ensure that you have updated these details in school. This can be done via Arbor. Please ask the school office if you need any support. ***This is very important for the safety of your children.***

## **National Read a Book Day**

Next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September is National Read a Book Day. We read books every day at Christ the King so, to mark this national day, the children are invited to bring in their favourite book and share it with the class. We look forward to seeing the range of books our children love!

## **Thought of the Week**

*'The word of God does not belong to him who hears or speak it, but to him who puts it into practice.'*

St Giles

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team