



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and that you enjoyed the half term break.

We have had an exciting first week back in school with the new EYFS area being installed, a trip to Beaumanor Hall and Indian dancing!

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assemblies on Monday and revisited our five school rules. We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King for our pupils because we know that pupil behaviour is strongly correlated to educational outcomes. Therefore, we will continue our work on the Behaviour Curriculum this half term by reviewing some of the behaviours and routines that we taught the children at the beginning of the year.

We teach our children the importance of being focused in class. This is captured in our acronym **SLANT**. Please see the poster below.

We also teach them to speak with confidence and articulate their answers and questions in class 'Loud and Proud'. This is captured in our acronym **SHAPE**. We want children to speak in full sentences, loudly and clearly so that everyone can hear what they say. It would be wonderful if you could support us by encouraging good SHAPE answers at home too!



All Souls in November

As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November. Please pray for Fr John's mother, Alice Cahill, who died at the beginning of last week.

Parish Links

Next week, we will mark the Feast of All Saints by attending mass at Mother of God Catholic Church on Wednesday 1st November @10:00am. Year 1,2 and 5 pupils will be attending and all parents are very welcome to join us. Chris Fitzgerald, our school Chaplain, will lead an All Saints celebration for children in Years 3, 4 and 6 in school.

Early Years Foundation Stage Outdoor Area

We are delighted to share that the installation of the EYFS area is completed. Cool Canvas arrived on Monday and have transformed our outdoor learning space for Reception. The giant sand pit, texture kitchen, dry river bed with hand pump and bespoke core strength climbing area will provide lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children.

The children will be using this new area from Monday!





Stars of the Week



Infant Site:

R-AG	Gladys, Nevaeh, Anvidha, Jordan, Isla-Rose
R-HM	David, Olivia P, Matthew, Daniel
R-SL	Jan, Noah L, Keenan, Chinex, Sky
1TP	David
1SF/KB	Revaeh
1ER	Praise
2EO	David
2NT	Poppy
2SN	Adrien

Junior Site:

3KR	Joshua
3GH	Essie
3C/W	Lena
4LM	Deliz
4HB	Jasmine
4GO	Jayden
5MB	Hector
5SJ	Dominik P
5VD	Zofia
6DW	Lorenzo
6LS	Filip B
6EG	Dominic

Lunchtime Awards



I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our children this week for excellent behaviour.

Well done to all our children who have received the 'Lunchtime Award' this week. Each lunchtime teacher nominates one pupil each week for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtime.

CTK Infants

Ella (F2 AG)	Janell (F2 HM)	Mila (F2 SL)	Lily (1SF/KB)
Cillian B (1TP)	Miller (2NT)	Chelsey (2NT)	Annie (2EO)
Mia (2SN)			

CTK Juniors

Leon (4GO)	Jeremiah (5VD)	Victor (5SJ)	Olivia (3C/W)	Serah (3C/W)
Caolan (4HB)	Max P (5SJ)	Jayden (4GO)	Senithi (6LS)	Evelyn (4HB)



Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Praise (1ER) & Grace (1TP)
Junior Site	Rachel (4LM)

Congratulations to Grace, Praise and Rachel who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford.

Attendance

Attendance is a key priority for our school because we know that excellent attendance and punctuality are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. The school's target is 97%. Our whole school attendance last half term was **97.3%**

Class attendance rates for the Advent 1 Term were:

Year Group	Advent 1 Term Attendance
Reception	97.4%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	96.9%
2NT	96.4%

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 half term I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice.

CTK Experience

Year 1 Indian Dancing

On Monday, Year 1 had a special visitor called Sunita who came into school to tell the children about a festival that she celebrates called Diwali. She taught them about her Hindu beliefs and the children listened to the story of Diwali. The children had the chance to dress up in Indian style clothes and tried some traditional Indian dances. The children then wrote a recount of their time with Sunita as part of the English unit.



Table Tennis Competition

Before half term, we entered our first ever table-tennis competition and for some of our players it was the first time they had played in any kind of competition. The children selected to take part in this event were a group of children who regularly attend the fantastic Table Tennis club run by Mrs Cranston during lunchtime. In true Christ the King style, our children played with passion and the determination not to give up. We may not have won the tournament but they received the reward of having great fun!



CTK Experience

Year 6 Visit Beaumanor Hall

On Tuesday, the Year 6 children had a fantastic day at Beaumanor Hall learning all about World War II. They were able to go into a real air raid shelter and experience what it was like during The Blitz. They studied in a 1940s-style classroom and went to the shop to buy some food for a meal on rations. Finally, the children got to do some code breaking in the actual huts that were used at Beaumanor during the Second World War to break German codes.

The children had a wonderful time and it further enhanced and embed their history knowledge.



Extracurricular clubs

Over a third of our children at CTK have accessed an extracurricular club already this year. Our mission is for *all* of our children to find something to participate in that they love so they can develop their God-given talents and interests.

We will continue to run a wide range of clubs this term, including photography, dodgeball, multisports, rosary, drawing, mindfulness, Spanish and choir club. This is part of our CTK Experience.

The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum. You can read more about this [here](#)



Pupil Premium funding at CTK

Before half term, you should have received a leaflet all about how we support our families at Christ the King. This includes information on Free School Meals, the Pupil Premium grant and the Family Inclusion and Transition (FIT) Team. If you have any queries regarding anything in this booklet, you can contact us using the following form - see QR code below.

Pupil Premium query form



Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Monday 15 January 2024. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

We have our second open day for prospective parents on Tuesday 24th October @ 10.00am. Please share this information with any friends or families who have children due to start school next academic year.

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information about what you need to know about Age Ratings.

Cauliflower Cards

All orders forms and artwork need to be returned to school by Monday 30th October. The money we raise from the sale of the cards and gifts will be used to help fund some more resources for Happy Lunchtimes and for some more reading books. Thank you for your support.



REMINDER...Year 6 children moving to secondary school August 2024

The closing date for applications is midnight on Tuesday **31st October 2023**. All applications received after this date are treated as late and will be dealt with after those received on time and you are less likely to be offered a place at your preferred schools. Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form. You must complete a Supplementary Information form and apply to your local authority.

More information can be found here: [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://leicester.gov.uk)

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association are looking for volunteers! Our first meeting will take place on **Wednesday 1st November at 6.00pm** on the Infant Site. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Reception. Whilst coming together as a community for many occasions (the discos, cinema nights, BBQ) our PTA raises around £6,500 every year. This money helps to improve our school for your children. Please come along to see if you can help the school.

Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies and associated items will be available from **Monday 30th October** from the school office.

Junior children can purchase items during break time from the school office.

Mrs Bradley has asked the infant parents to send their money in **a named, sealed envelope with a note of the item they would like to purchase written on the envelope and hand it to the class teacher**. These will be collected from the classes during the day and items issued accordingly.

Parents can also call by the office to purchase items.

Please note that NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN, so please bring only the money you intend to donate.



Thought for the Week

"...The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"

Romans 6 v 23

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

Monday 30th October	All orders for Christmas Cards (Cauliflower Cards) due today
Tuesday 31st October	Morning: 3CW Trip to Bradgate Park— History focus
Wednesday 1st November	Feast of All Saints Mass at Mother of God Parish Years 1, 2, & 5 attending—parents welcome
Wednesday 1st November	Morning: 3GH Trip to Bradgate Park— History focus Afternoon: 3KR Trip to Bradgate Park— History focus
Wednesday 1st November	Flu Vaccinations for all year groups
Friday 3rd November	Fire Safety talks from Leicestershire Fire Service—Y1 & Y5
Friday 3rd November	2EO Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9am—Parents welcome
Week beginning 6th November	Judaism Week—representatives from Leicester's Hebrew Society Assembly
Monday 6th November	Librarian visiting EYFS
Thursday 9th November	Year 3 trip to the Synagogue
Friday 10th November	2NT Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9am—Parents welcome
Friday 10th November	Junior Chaplaincy team Remembrance Liturgy—Parents Welcome—2:15pm
Week beginning 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th November	Year 5 visiting New Parks Library
Tuesday 14th November	Infant Chaplaincy team Remembrance Liturgy—Parents Welcome—10am
Thursday 16th November	2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9am—Parents welcome
Thursday 16th November	NSPCC Virtual Parent Workshop: Keeping your child safe online Zoom 7pm https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82699496839?pwd=aVpEZE8zaFhkNzNsaTV6OGFEMIRRUT09 Meeting ID: 826 9949 6839 Passcode: 506746
Friday 17th November	TRUST-WIDE INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED



Dates for the term ahead continued.....

Monday 20th November	CTK Mission Day
21st—28th November	Scholastic Book Fair at school
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 1 Assembly with the School Nurse—Healthy Lifestyles
Friday 24th November	5VD Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome
Sunday 26th November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament 9am—children to attend in school uniform
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November	Pantomime trips—see separate correspondence for year group specific timings
Thursday 30th November	Junior Site Advent Liturgy 2:15pm—Parents welcome
Friday 1st December	5MB Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome
Friday 1st December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
Monday 4th December	Morning: Year 1 & Year 2 trip—Christmas Performance at the Curve
Monday 4th December	Afternoon: Joint Mass for Year 1 & Year 5—Junior Hall 1:45pm—Parents welcome
Tuesday 5th December	Infant Site Advent Liturgy 2:30pm—Parents welcome
Wednesday 6th December	FIT Team Coffee Workshops —‘Stay and Play’ Infant Site 8:45-10:00— Parents welcome Junior Site 2:15-3:00pm—Parents welcome
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December	5SJ Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome
13th—15th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Thursday 14th December	EYFS trip—Christmas Performance at the Curve
Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts— Tuesday (am), Wednesday (pm) - Timings TBC
Wednesday 20th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9am—parents welcome
Friday 22nd December	Junior Christingle Liturgy 9:30am—parents welcome Infant Christingle Liturgy 1:15pm—parents welcome
Friday 22nd December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	School reopens for the Lent Term