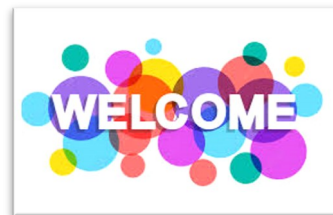




Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome our Reception children and families to Christ the King this week. We hope you already feel part of the CTK community and we look forward to meeting you at school events. I know that our new children will 'Believe and Achieve' and we look forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best possible Catholic education.



It is important that our families -new or long-standing - would like to get further involved with school life. The Friends of CTK (Parent / Teachers Association) are always looking for more members. Please contact : school.office@ctk.leicester.sch.uk for more details.

The CTK Way

Since the start of term, our staff have spent time teaching our children the routines and behaviours for them to be *safe*, to be *happy* and to *learn* well at CTK. We will continue to practise these routines and behaviours over the coming weeks so they become positive habits. This is intended to assist the children's development into virtuous, resilient and successful young people.

Please ask your children to share with you what they have learned. You will find a copy of our Behaviour Policy and more information about 'The CTK Way' on our school website [here](#).

Our Catholic Mission

Bishop Patrick's theme for the term: Encounter

At the start of each school year, Bishop Patrick McKinney invites us to find opportunities to encounter Christ in all that we do and to grow closer to Him through these connections. Fr Cahill will be joining us in school on Monday 11th September to talk to the children about what it means to encounter Jesus and how we can nurture this in our lives.

RE Parent Curriculum Meeting - Wednesday 13th September 2:15pm Junior Hall

Parents and Carers of children in all year groups are invited to attend Mrs Waldron's parent meeting on the Come and See programme which is used to deliver our Religious Education lessons. This meeting will give specific information on what each year group will study including which sacraments will be explored. We will also discuss any religious trips or visits as part of the CTK Experience to enhance the RE curriculum. Each term, you will also receive an RE newsletter which has some suggested activities to be completed at home to support your child's learning. We hope that you will find them useful.

Faith in Action

Eve, Oyiri, Sophia O and Tara are passionate about rainforest conservation and would like to raise money to donate to the Rainforest Trust. They will be holding a juice and biscuits sale next Friday (15.9.23) on the **Junior Playground** at morning breaktime. Juice and a biscuit will cost 50p and it will cost 20p to purchase a biscuit. They hope to give out a small envelope of seeds with every purchase! Thank you to these children and to their families for all their hard work, raising money for this wonderful cause.



Pupil Leadership at CTK

At CTK we give the children various opportunities to lead and take responsibility.



The CTK School Council provides a meaningful way for pupils to voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them.

The Council is made up of two pupils from each class who are formally elected by their peers to represent them and their views. **Congratulation to our newly appointed School Council below!**

CTK Juniors

CTK Infants

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| 1TP | Grace + Jakub |
| 1RH/SF | Alicja + Ludwik |
| 1ER | Dominic + Dhriya |
| 2EO | Abby + Franek |
| 2NT | James + Isabelle |
| 2SN | Marley + Amelia |

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| 3GH | Tamiya |
| 3KR | Amelia |
| 3C/W | Winter |
| 4LM | Evan |
| 4HB | Noah |
| 4GO | Zuzanna |
| 5MB | Chloe |
| 5SJ | Amelia |
| 5VD | Ivy |
| 6DW | Erin |
| 6LS | Naomi-Rose |
| 6EG | Oliver C |

Throughout the year they will work with Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford to gather pupil voice and enhance and improve the CTK experience for all learners. We look forward to seeing the fantastic work they will do.

House Captains

This week we had our House Assemblies and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.



| | Year 2 | Year 6 |
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| St Francis | Jameson + Ruby | Sophia W + Adam |
| St John Bosco | Adam + Joanna | Toni + Patrick |
| St Bernadette | Oliver + Annabel E | Elijah + Shannon |
| St Anne | Mia + Miller | Natasha + Thomas |



Parent Curriculum Meetings

Over the next month, parents will be invited into school for a parent introduction meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Find out what your child will be learning this year
- Find out about the statutory tests they may be taking
- Learn about trips, visits, and extra-curricular learning as part of the CTK Experience
- Find out how you can support your child at home with their learning
- Find out key information about school life at CTK

You will also have the chance to visit your child's classroom. We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.

Uniform

In line with our behaviour policy, we are asking all children to 'Dress to Impress!' Children should aim to look smart at all times. All children will be expected to wear full school uniform and to wear it well: shirts should be tucked in; school shoes must be worn (no boots or trainers); nails should not be painted and hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back. On PE days, children should attend school wearing a white polo t-shirt, navy shorts, a plain navy tracksuit and trainers.

We want the children to feel proud to wear the uniform of Christ the King and to have high expectations of their own appearance, making them excellent ambassadors for the school. I would ask you to support us with this and to encourage your child to look smart every day. Please see the website detailing the school uniform requirements at CTK

Please note - parents are not required to buy any branded uniform items unless they wish to. To make school uniform as affordable as possible for our families, we now sell iron-on school badges for £2.50. These can be purchased via the Arbor Shop and can be attached to any item of clothing.

Reading for Pleasure

This Wednesday, it was National Read a Book Day. Thank you to all the children that brought books in to share. It was great to see your favourite books!

Next Wednesday is Roald Dahl Day. Do you have a favourite Roald Dahl book? If you have it at home, please bring it in on Wednesday. If not, there are plenty of his books in our library. Why don't you borrow one during your next library session?





REMINDER - Arbor

Please can all parents make sure they have set up their account on Arbor and have downloaded the App. This is the primary method of communication and payment this academic year. You can register, book and pay for any event in school. Examples include: clubs, trips, dinners, parents' evening, breakfast club and afterschool club. Please speak to the school office if you have any problems or questions and they will be happy to help.

Safeguarding

We are always looking for ways to improve the children's safety. In order to ensure that children are collected safely at the end of the school day, a letter was sent home to all parents this week regarding collection. Please can you return these to school as soon as possible. We will **only** dismiss children to the named persons on the collection sheet. The parent or carer must notify the school office if there are any changes to these arrangements **before 2.30pm** to avoid any delays at the end of the school day.

If you are happy for your child to walk to meet you or to walk home independently, you will need to give written permission. Thank you for your support.

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy in line with statutory guidance. You can find a copy of the policy [here](#).

Year 6 Parent Meeting - Alton Castle

We will be holding a Year 6 Parents' Meeting regarding the upcoming trip to Alton Castle (Wednesday 13th December - Friday 15th December). This meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st September at 14:30 in the Junior Hall**.

The purpose of the meeting will be to provide further information for those parents who have already paid the deposit for the trip; however, it is also an opportunity for parents who haven't yet booked to find out more. We will leave booking on Arbor open until after the parents' meeting.

During the meeting, we will go into detail about what activities the children will take part in during their stay, explain what items they will need to bring with them and be able to answer any questions you may have.

Year 6 have visited Alton Castle for the past two years and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We would like as many children as possible to attend. Please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries and we will be happy to help.





Online Safety Update

We are going to make this a weekly update for parents to support you in ensuring your child's safety online. This week our update is about TikTok. We are aware that many children have access to this app via their phones/tablets. They have raised the age of live streaming to be 18. Please see below for some more information about keeping your children safe on this app: [TikTok](#). CTK does not advise the use of TikTok by children but that is a decision for parents.

Thought for the Week

"Don't be anxious about what you have ,but about what you are!"

Pope St Gregory the Great

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Advent Term 1

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| Tuesday 12th September | Reception children start school |
| Week beginning 11th September | Bikeability continues for Year 6 |
| Monday 11th September | Fr John delivering assembly on the theme for this term: Encounter with Christ |
| Monday 11th September | Music tuition begins for 3KR (10 week lessons of Cornets) |
| Wednesday 13th September | RE Parent Curriculum Meeting (all year groups) - Junior Site 2:15-2:45pm |
| Friday 15th September | Braunstone Foodshare Assembly— donations for Harvest collection now welcome (dried goods only, please) |
| Friday 15th September | Y6 Rainforest Trust Fundraising - Juice and Biscuits Sale (Junior Site) 50p for juice and a biscuit/20p for a biscuit |
| Monday 18th September | Year 5 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm |
| Tuesday 19th September | Year 5 / 6 RSHE Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Site 2:15—2:45pm |
| Wednesday 20th September | Year 3 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm |
| Thursday 21st September | Year 6 Alton Castle Residential Parents' Meeting - Junior Hall 2:30pm |
| Friday 22nd September | 6DW Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm |
| Monday 25th September | 4GO New Walk Museum Trip |
| Monday 25th September | Reception Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm |
| Tuesday 26th September | 4LM New Walk Museum Trip |
| Tuesday 26th September | Governors' meeting |
| Tuesday 26th September | Year 1 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm |
| Wednesday 27th September | Year 2 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm |
| Thursday 28th September | 4HB New Walk Museum Trip |
| Thursday 28th September | Young Leaders Trust Event |
| Friday 29th September | National Teaching Assistant Day—let's thank them for all that they do! |
| Friday 29th September | 6EG Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm |
| Monday 2nd October | Year 6 & Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall 2:15pm Parents Welcome |
| Tuesday 3rd October | Year 6 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm |



Dates for Advent Term 1 continued...

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| Wednesday 4th October | Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians |
| Thursday 5th October | Year 4 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm |
| Friday 6th October | 6LS Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm |
| Friday 6th October | Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening |
| Week beginning 9th October | Our History Week |
| Tuesday 10th October Tuesday 24th October | Open Day for prospective Parents (For children starting school in August 2024) @ Infant Site Tuesday 10th October @13:30 Tuesday 24th October @10:00 |
| Tuesday 10th October | Harvest Liturgies— Parents Welcome Juniors 9:30am Infants 11:30am |
| Tuesday 10th October | Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm |
| Wednesday 11th October | Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm |
| Friday 13th October | All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please |
| Friday 13th October | School finishes for the October Half Term <i>Normal school closure times</i> |
| Week beginning 16th October | School closed for half term |
| Week beginning 23rd October | School reopens for Advent 2 term |