



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to the year but we have been very impressed with how quickly the children have settled - they all look very smart and are very eager to learn. It was especially lovely to welcome our new Reception children full time this week. I have had some lovely welcomes by the school gate!

## **Parish Links**

On Monday, children and staff were joined by Fr Cahill, from Blessed Sacrament Church, to lead an assembly on 'Encounter' which is the Bishop's theme we are focusing on this term. Fr Cahill explained to the children that Encounter is a 'special meeting' and he shared with us three different ways we can meet Christ in our everyday lives: through prayer, the sacraments and how we live each day.

## **First Holy Communion 2024**

Children in Year 3 or above, who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's, are now eligible to apply to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: [stpetersleicester@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersleicester@gmail.com)

*The deadline for returning application forms is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12-noon.*

## **Relationship Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Parent session for Year 5 and 6 Parents**

Please join Mrs Waldron and Mrs Carter in the **Junior Library on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm** to learn more about the content of the statutory RSHE curriculum your children will be receiving this year if they are now in Year 5 or Year 6. The programme we use to deliver the RSHE curriculum is called 'Life to the Full' by TenTen. This company are verified by the Catholic Education Service (CES) and are recommended to schools by the Diocese of Nottingham. The session is designed to give further information regarding the lesson content your children will receive this year. All elements of the RSHE programme are taught in-line with the teaching of the Catholic Church and are handled sensitively.

## **Attendance**

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Morris, Miss Rawlings, and Mrs Francis/Mrs Hainsworth classes with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Gilding's Class with 99.0%

3rd Place: Miss Orril, Miss O'Brien and Mrs Taylor with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.5%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Maria, Barney
R-HM	Arilla, Elvira
R-SL	Whole Class
1TP	Reya
1RH/SF	Sia
1ER	Masimba
2EO	Filip
2NT	Aifha
2SN	Fiona

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Anna
3GH	Maya
3C/W	Romeo
4LM	Aeibel
4HB	Destiney
4GO	Aden S
5MB	Jacob M
5SJ	Beri
5VD	Sophia E
6DW	Mateusz
6LS	Naomi-Rose
6EG	Praises

## Lunchtime Awards

We are going to continue with our Happy Lunchtimes initiative this year.

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

Rosalina (R-SL)	Praise (R-ER)	Elora (2SN)
Maria (R-AG)	Poppy (2NT)	Sonia (2EO)

### CTK Juniors

Tara (6LS)	Denzel (3C/W)	Max (5SJ)	Jeremiah (5VD)
Niamh (6DW)	Adeline (3KR)	Miguel (3C/W)	



## **Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!**

We need your help! We are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance and training in school, so if you have never volunteered before - come and give it a try! We know how much both the adults and the children enjoy these sessions. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on a regular basis – even if it is just for one hour a week – please talk to your child's class teacher.

## **Naming School Uniform**

Please can you ensure that all school uniform, P.E kit, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's full name. We know how expensive school uniform can be and every year the lost property box is full of nearly new uniform items that have no names on them. Thank you for your support with this.

## **REMINDER: Welcome 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.***

## **Extracurricular activities**

We are very excited to announce that this year we are planning a whole host of new extra-curricular clubs. 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.

Here are some pictures from our Year 1 Art Club this week. The children were creating faces out of natural Materials.



This is part of our CTK Experience.

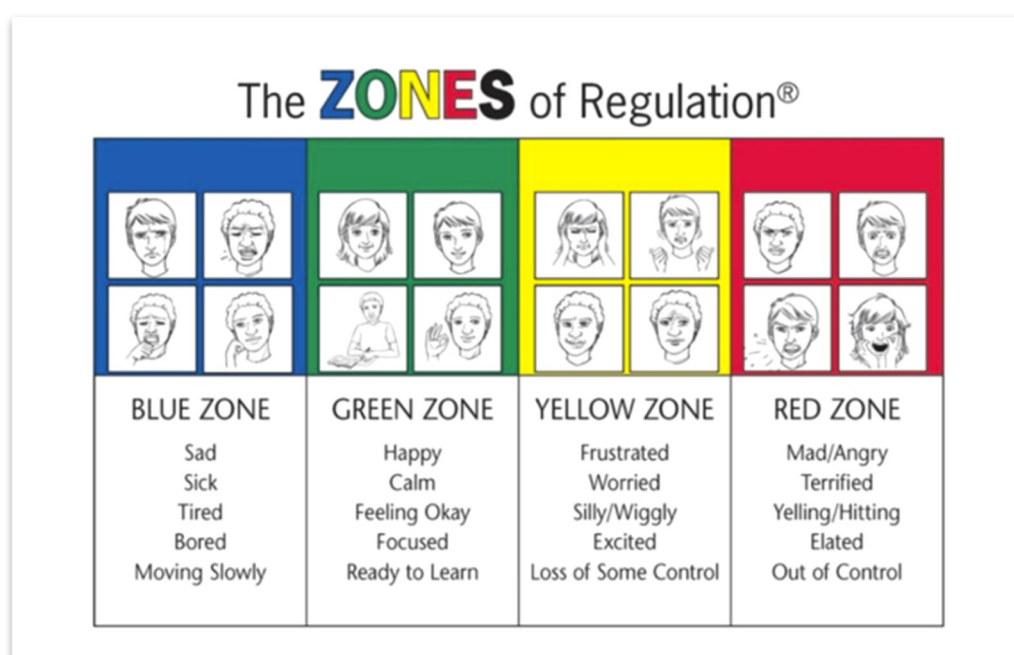
The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum.

You can read more about this [here](#)

## Zones of Regulation

At CTK, we recognise the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to our pupils and their families. This is why we have recently launched the Zones of Regulation throughout the whole school. This is a framework which teaches our pupils to identify emotions in themselves and others and provides them with a bank of strategies to help regulate their emotions and improve their wellbeing.

Please see [here](#) for further information about The Zones of Regulation. We hope you find it useful and can use it home too!



## Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which gives information on what parents need to know about how social media can impact upon children's mental health. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

## Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2023

Online applications for secondary schools are now open. Applications can be made online at [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://startingsecondaryschool.leicester.gov.uk) and will need to be submitted by no later than Tuesday **31 October 2023**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late and you may miss out on your choice of school. Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form.



## **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. We hope you can join us.

## **October half term food support offer**

Leicester City Council is working in partnership with Samworth Brothers to give eligible families the opportunity to shop for free food and groceries for use over the October half term holiday. Please see [here](#) for more information.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness"*

Saint John Chrysostom

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Term Dates Advent 1 2023

<b>Monday 18th September</b>	<b>Year 5 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 19th September</b>	<b>Year 5 / 6 RSHE Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Site 2:15—2:45pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 20th September</b>	<b>Year 3 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 21st September</b>	<b>Year 6 Alton Castle Residential Parents' Meeting - Junior Hall 2:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 22nd September</b>	<b>6DW Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm</b>
<b>Monday 25th September</b>	<b>4GO New Walk Museum Trip</b>
<b>Monday 25th September</b>	<b>Reception Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th September</b>	<b>4LM New Walk Museum Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th September</b>	<b>Year 1 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th September</b>	<b>Year 2 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm</b>
<b>Thursday 28th September</b>	<b>4HB New Walk Museum Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 28th September</b>	<b>Young Leaders Trust Event</b>
<b>Friday 29th September</b>	<b>National Teaching Assistant Day—let's thank them for all that they do!</b>
<b>Friday 29th September</b>	<b>6EG Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm</b>
<b>Monday 2nd October</b>	<b>Year 6 &amp; Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall 2:15pm Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd October</b>	<b>Year 6 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th October</b>	<b>Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians</b>
<b>Thursday 5th October</b>	<b>Year 4 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 6th October</b>	<b>6LS Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm</b>
<b>Friday 6th October</b>	<b>Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Week beginning 9th October</b>	<b>Our History Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th October</b> <b>Tuesday 24th October</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective Parents (For children starting school in August 2024) @ Infant Site</b> <b>Tuesday 10th October @13:30</b> <b>Tuesday 24th October @10:00</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th October</b>	<b>Harvest Liturgies— Parents Welcome</b> <b>Juniors 9:30am Infants 11:30am</b>



## Term Dates Advent 1 2023 continued...

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