



Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcomed parents onto the Junior Site today for our first poetry recital assembly. CTK poetry recitals are wonderful because year-on-year, our children have the opportunity to learn, perform and watch a range of classic, modern and funny poems. Performing them as a class brings our children together as class team and also gives each and every one of our pupils a voice and the chance to perform.

A huge thank you to all the pupils in 6DW for a confident and impressive performance! The children have worked hard this week, not only to learn the poems off by heart, but also to perform them confidently. We are extremely proud of them. It ended with a fantastic song: 'We are the Champions'.

Catholic Life

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

We would like to congratulate and welcome the pupils who have been successfully voted into their new role of Class Chaplain as a member of our school Chaplaincy Team. This is an important role within our school and I am sure they are going to be inspiring spiritual leaders who will enhance the Catholic Life of our school.

Meet our Chaplaincy

| CTK Infants | |
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| 1SF/RH | Paris |
| 1TP | Kaden |
| 1ER | Olivia |
| 2EO | Olek |
| 2NT | Athena |
| 2SN | Yosan |

CTK Juniors

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| 3GH | Faith |
| 3KR | Noah M |
| 3C-W | Owen |
| 4LM | Blessing |
| 4GO | David H |
| 4HB | Kaira |
| 5MB | Axl |
| 5SJ | Victor |
| 5VD | Noah |
| 6LS | Kamsi |
| 6DM | Joey |
| 6EG | Praises |

Parish Links

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

The deadline for returning application forms is Saturday 30th September at 12-noon.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

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| R-AG | Hanna, Tymek, Grace, Olamide, Daniel |
| R-HM | Oluwakemi, Indiano, Tudor, Shekina, Nathan, Franciszek |
| R-SL | Kartik, Senuli, Amarni, Noah W |
| 1TP | Henry |
| 1RH/SF | Adam |
| 1ER | Serah |
| 2EO | Krzysztof |
| 2NT | Chelsey |
| 2SN | Jeremy |

CTK Juniors

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| 3KR | Isabella |
| 3GH | Albie |
| 3C/W | Gabi |
| 4LM | Rebekah |
| 4HB | Jordan |
| 4GO | Iga |
| 5MB | Arale |
| 5SJ | Sean |
| 5VD | Dominik |
| 6DW | Daisy |
| 6LS | Sunshine |
| 6EG | Nikodem |

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

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| Raign (R-HM) | Leon (R-SL) | Mikayla (1ER) | Lucie (2EO) | Camden (2EO) |
| Jayden (R-AG) | Grace (R-AG) | Samara (1ER) | Mia (2SN) | |

CTK Juniors

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| Antoni (5VD) | Dominic (5SJ) | Amelia (5KR) | Jeremiah (5VD) | Lysander (6DW) |
| Zuzanna (4GO) | Pola (4HB) | Zofia (5VD) | Tommy L (5MB) | |



Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the pupils 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!

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| Infant Site | Miller (2 NT) |
| Junior Site | Naomi-Rose (6LS) |

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.

The PowerPoint slides will be shared on Class Dojo pages if you are unable to attend.

We would love to hear your feedback on these sessions and how we can improve them further for our families. Please click on the link below to leave your feedback:

<https://shorturl.at/EKMY6>

The CTK Experience - Visits, Trips and Retreats

At Christ the King we plan a sequence of trips as part of the CTK Experience. These have two purposes:

1. To directly support learning in the curriculum. The trips have been carefully planned to support the children to know more and remember about the content they are studying in school.
2. To provide a range of experiences that support the wider development of pupils.

Over the next week, you will receive a letter about the trips in child's year group. This letter is intended to give you as much notice as possible about the trips and the overall cost for the year to allow families to budget for them. We hope it is helpful.

To find out more about the CTK Experience please click [here](#)



REMINDER...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.

Attendance

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

1st place: Mr Mason's class with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Pickwell's class with 99.7%

3rd Place: Mrs Connell/Mrs Waldron and Miss Orrill's class with 99.3%

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

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

Thank you to those parents who attended the information session delivered by Mrs Waldron and Mrs Carter on Tuesday. If you would like to view the PowerPoint slides and additional resources shared in the session, please follow this link to the blog. If you attended the session, please leave a feedback comment on the blog (scroll down to the bottom): [RSHE information session for parents/carers of pupils in Year 5 & Year 6 – Truespirit](#)

There is an online Parent Portal that allows parents to **view what their children will be studying** at different stages of the RSHE programme.

For each session, there are **questions for discussion**, you might like to facilitate with your child, and **suggestions for home learning activities**.

You will need the following login credentials for our school:

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| Username | ctk-le3 |
| Password | greatest-showman |
| Parent Portal | https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/ |



Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2023

On Wednesday Mr Calen, the Principal from English Martyrs', came to speak to the Year 6 pupils. He was very impressed with the way they presented themselves, by their fantastic contributions and thoughtful questions - well done, Year 6!

Each child has taken home a prospectus which contains the Supplementary Information Form. **This must be filled in and returned to English Martyrs'. This is in addition to completing the Common Application Form sent by the Local Authority.** Year 6 Secondary Applications are due in by **31st October 2023**. [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school/)

The Year 6 pupils are also invited to the English Martyrs' open evening on Thursday 5th October, 5.00 – 6.45pm.

Late Collection

Parents are reminded to ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of school. Up to 30 children have been collected late from school in the last week. The after-school club is an option for parents who cannot collect children at the end of school. If your child is collected late on 3 occasions, they may be charged £10 to cover the cost of extending a member of staff's hours to look after them.

Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which gives information on what parents need to know about how to combat bullying online. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

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.

Parents' Evening October 2023

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment. The online bookings close on Friday 29th September @15:00. If you do not book an appointment, one will be issued to you and it will appear on the target report that you will receive on Friday 6th October.



Cauliflower Cards

We are excited to announce that we will be participating in the 'Cauliflower Cards' Christmas design project again this year. The children will be asked to produce a simple design that can be printed onto a variety of different products that you can then purchase as cards and gifts for family and friends. Further details will follow, but please be aware that in order for the items to be printed and returned in time for Christmas, these designs will need to be completed before half term so don't worry if the children seem to be talking about Christmas a little early!



Thought for the Week

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things"

St Mother Teresa

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

Term Dates Advent 1 2023

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| Monday 25th September | 4HB New Walk Museum Trip |
| Monday 25th September | Reception Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall 2:50pm |
| Tuesday 26th September | 4GO New Walk Museum Trip |
| 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 | 4LM New Walk Museum Trip |
| Thursday 28th September | Young Leaders Trust Event |
| Friday 29th September | 5VD Botanical Gardens Trip |
| Friday 29th September | National Teaching Assistant Day—let's thank them for all that they do! (This will be marked in school on Thursday 28th September) |
| 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 |
| Monday 2nd October | 5MB + 5SJ Botanical Gardens Trip |
| Tuesday 3rd October | Year 6 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm |
| Wednesday 4th October | Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians |



Term Dates Advent 1 2023 continued....

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| 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 : More details to follow! |
| 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 3:10pm—7:00pm |
| Wednesday 11th October | Parents' Evening 3:10pm—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> |
| Monday 23rd October | School reopens for Advent 2 term |