



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a very successful first half term, we thank all members of our school community who have supported Christ the King to be a vibrant and Catholic place of learning for our incredible children.

We hope you enjoy a fantastic half term with your family and friends and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 23rd October**.



Catholic Mission

Our new chaplaincy teams led their first liturgies today to celebrate Harvest. They were wonderful, joyous occasions and gave us an opportunity to thank God for all that we have. Thank you to all those who joined us and to Mrs Darby and Mrs Pickwell for supporting and training our incredible children.

Thank you also for all your donations for Braunstone Foodshare. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and it is wonderful that we can share the harvest with our brothers and sisters in the local community.

Chaplaincy Retreat Day

Last Thursday, the Junior Chaplaincy team had a fantastic day with the Lead Lay Chaplain, Tom Shannon at the Rosmini Centre, House of Prayer. They spent the day getting to know one another better and building their teamwork skills. They also had the chance to make new friends with some children from Sacred Heart Primary School in Loughborough.



THE CTK EXPERIENCE

Sporting Opportunities and Clubs

Last Friday, Mrs Crayford, Mrs Ambler and Mr Tite took a group of 30 children to attend the 'Welcome Back to School Games' event, ran by the Leicester City School Sport: Inspire Together team. The children were split into 3 different groups and paired up with a number of different schools throughout the morning. The feedback from the children was very positive indeed! They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try a range of new sports and games, such as Dodgeball, Tennis and Cricket to name a few, whilst making new friends from other schools.



Here are some pictures from Mr T's multisport clubs this half term...





FIT Team Coffee Morning/Afternoon: Stay and Read

The family Inclusion and Transition Team will be holding a 'Stay and Read' coffee event after half term on Thursday 26th October. We would love to see as many families there as possible. See below for more details:



Join us for coffee, tea and cakes, and to find out more about reading opportunities.

- Play and reading opportunities for your pre-school children
- Recommended reads for your children
- Book swap for grown ups
- Chance to speak to the school reading leads.

... and, as always, you can chat to the Family Inclusion and SEND team.

Join the FIT team for a coffee

Stay and Read

Thursday 26th October
Infant hall: 8:45am – 10am
Junior dining hall: 2pm – 3pm





Dates for your diary

Stay and Play Maths Games
Wednesday 6th December

Stay and Talk (language and wellbeing activities)
Lent term

Stay and Craft (transition activities)
Pentecost term

Times and locations remain unchanged



Mrs Wheeldon
SEND CO



Miss Gilding
Deputy SEND CO



Mrs Hansrabi
Learning Mentor



Ms Knight
Pupil Premium lead

Governor Election

A letter was sent to parents this week regarding the Governor Election. Please find the link below to cast your vote. You may vote for 1 of the candidates. Each parent can submit one vote, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot, you should vote by clicking in the circle alongside the name of the parent you wish to support.

<https://forms.office.com/e/T7Z1HBC74Z>

Your opportunity to vote will close on Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 15:00



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Ella, Arinze, Elizabeth, Oliver, Tiana
R-HM	Janell, Rithul, Joseph, Jayjay, Yusuf
R-SL	Leon, Amelia, Jacob, Noah F, Chimes
1TP	Cillian
1RH/SF	Efren
1ER	Perculiar
2EO	Sebastian
2NT	Miller
2SN	Kacper

CTK Juniors

3KR	Zane
3GH	Hugo
3C/W	Miguel
4LM	Emma
4HB	Jakub
4GO	Ignacy
5MB	Finley W
5SJ	Claudia
5VD	Surina
6DW	Yvo
6LS	Abel
6EG	Tommy

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.

Leon (4GO)	Neto (3C/W)	Anashe (4LM)	Bezalel (5VD)	Andrew (6LS)
Olivia (4LM)	Noah (4HB)	Romeo (3C/W)	Jack (5SJ)	



Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Christopher and Isabelle who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford.

Infant Site	Isabelle O (2NT)
Junior Site	Christopher (3KR)

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 Russell and Miss Hall's classes with 100%

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

3rd Place: Miss Mason's class with 99.3%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.4%. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Pupil Premium funding at CTK

This week 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](#) or scanning the QR code below.

Pupil Premium query form





Exciting EYFS Plans

We are incredibly excited for the redevelopment of our Reception Outdoor Area which will start on *Monday 23rd October*. Two teams from 'Cool Canvas' will be completely transforming the area to incorporate a natural, purposeful space which will support the children's development in many ways and will be suitable for all weather use.



Arrival and dismissal procedures for Reception will be different after half term. Mrs Koenig has sent these details across Class Dojo and a letter has also been sent to all families today.

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information about how to look after your wellbeing online.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who joined us this week for parents' evening. We hope you found it informative and you could see the great progress of the CTK students. Our next parents' evening will be held in February. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, you do not need to wait for the next Parents' Evening, simply see your child's teacher at the end of the day and they will be happy to arrange a meeting with you. Alternatively, you can call the main office on 0116 2857261 to arrange a meeting.

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 and apply to your local authority.

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

Winter uniform

Please remember that the children should be wearing their winter uniform after half term. This includes a white shirt and tie not a polo shirt and tie. The children have been taking great pride in the appearance and dressing to impress! School book bags, ties and We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.



Respect for our Neighbours

We received a complaint this week from a very distressed neighbour regarding dangerous parking. As a Catholic community, we are called to demonstrate love and respect for our neighbours. I therefore ask that ALL parents respect our neighbours and avoid parking on driveways, double yellow lines or on the zig-zag lines outside of the school. Inconsiderate parking is a danger to our children. I believe that our neighbours have informed the police and the county council and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally.

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.

Dates for your Diary

A reminder that CTK will be closed on **Friday 17th November** for staff training.

Thought for the Week

'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.'

Cardinal St John Henry Newman

Have a wonderful half term.

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for first week back

Monday 23rd October	Children return to school
Monday 23rd October	Year 1 Indian Dance Workshop
Tuesday 24th October	Year 6 Trip to Beaumanor Hall
Tuesday 24th October	Open Day for prospective Parents (For children starting school in August 2024) @ 10:00am Infant Site
Wednesday 25th October	School Photo Day <i>Infant Site</i> <i>Siblings on different sites will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken after school @3:30pm on the Infant Site</i>
Thursday 26th October	School Photo Day <i>Junior Site</i>
Thursday 26th October	Stay and Read with the Family Inclusion Team and Transition Team. All parents/families welcome. See poster above. Infant Site: 8:45 –10:00 Junior Site: 14:00-15:00
Monday 30th October	Cauliflower card order forms returned to school by this date.