

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to Miss O'Brien's class who performed two brilliant poems this afternoon: 'Daddy fell into the Pond' by Alfred Noyes and 'The Old Man from Peru' by Edward Lear. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and worked really hard on projecting their voices. We are very proud of all of them! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us today, and for helping the children learn their lines and poems.

## Catholic Mission

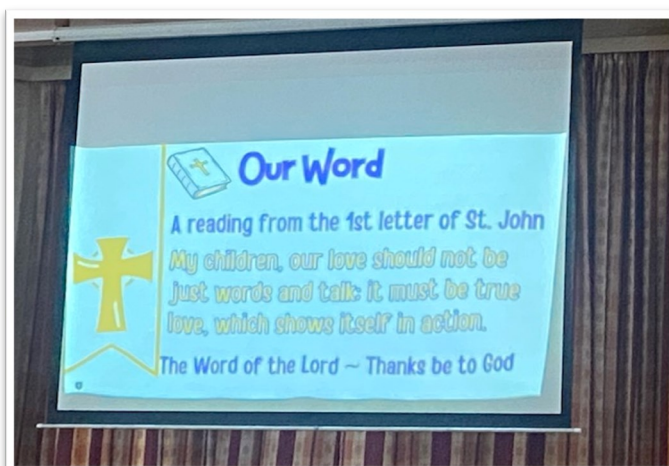
### **All Souls in November**

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.

### **Feast of All Saints**

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints at Mother of God on Wednesday. The Year 5 children led the Mass and Year 1 and Year 2 pupils joined them. Thank you to Fr George and the parishioners of Mother of God for inviting us.

On the Feast of All Saints, Chris our Lay Chaplain led a special celebration of The Word for Years 3, 4 and 6. He spoke about saints we don't know - all those in heaven who are now saints. He also spoke to the children about how they too are called to be saints! They watched an inspirational video from the "Kid President" and sang their Mission; "I'm gonna be the best that I can be". Now we are all going to do our best to follow Jesus, live our lives well and be the saints of today!



## Parish links

There will be a family Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church and will be at 9.30am. More information will be sent to you next week but please keep this date free because this will be a wonderful opportunity for our parish communities to come together to join in the joyous celebration of the mass and to pray for each other. There will be lots of ways for the children to get involved too!

## THE CTK EXPERIENCE

### Year 3 visit Bradgate Park

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed imagining life during the Stone Age at Bradgate Park. They visited an existing Stone Age settlement and learnt all about the creativity of the Stone Age people: from using animal skin and fur to keep warm, to creating jewellery and musical instruments out of flint stone. They even almost caught a deer for dinner!



### Year 1 Aspirations Visitor

Part of the Personal Development curriculum and the CTK Experience is providing our children the opportunity to consider how they can use their God-given talents in their future careers and to raise their aspirations for their own futures. This week, EYFS had a visit from the Ambulance Service. They spoke to Ben the Paramedic about his job, explored the ambulance and even had a go at 'driving' and switching on the emergency lights and siren!!





## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| R-AG   | Dominik, Cayden, Jayden, A.D, Grace   |
| R-HM   | Theo, Avayha, Yusuf, Janell, Haizel   |
| R-SL   | Jerom, Janelle, Cairo, Rafael, Ogechi |
| 1TP    | Nia                                   |
| 1RH/SF | Leon                                  |
| 1ER    | Bianka                                |
| 2EO    | Whole Class                           |
| 2NT    | Wayne                                 |
| 2SN    | Zanitha                               |

### CTK Juniors

|      |          |
|------|----------|
| 3KR  | Tilly    |
| 3GH  | Kupa     |
| 3C/W | Ola      |
| 4LM  | Shawn    |
| 4HB  | James    |
| 4GO  | Sukhmani |
| 5MB  | Tommy    |
| 5SJ  | Sapphire |
| 5VD  | Alaine   |
| 6DW  | Marcin   |
| 6LS  | Xavier   |
| 6EG  | Thiago   |

## 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

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|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Julia (1ER) | Karol (R-SF) | Kojo (R-AG)  |
| Theo (R-HM) | Martha (1TP) | Callum (1SF) |

### CTK Juniors

|                   |                 |             |                |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jayden (4GO)      | Zuzanna R (6DW) | Ivan (3C/W) | Jemima (3C/W)  | Damien (6LS)    |
| Christopher (3KR) | Elaine (3C/W)   | Aiben (3KR) | Jeremiah (5VD) | Georgette (6EG) |





## Head of School Awards

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

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| Infant Site | Lucy (2EO)   |
| Junior Site | Evelyn (4HB) |

### 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 Gibson with 100%**

**2nd Place: Miss Laycock, Miss O'Brien and Mrs Taylor's class with 99.3%**

**3rd Place: Mrs Stone and Mrs Williams's class with 98.7%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.1%. 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.

### Rainbow Readers

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

⇒ **Every child a reader by 7**

⇒ **Every child a life-long reader by 11**

Last half term, a whopping 130 children on the Junior Site were awarded a Rainbow Reader certificate for reading at home at least four times every week.

This is an incredible number for our first half term and we are very proud of all of those children.

Don't worry if you did not become a Rainbow Reader last half term; you still have five more chances this year! Please make sure you sign the reading record book every time your child reads at home and bring it in to school every day.

Thank you for your support.

***The more you read, the more you know.***

***The more you learn, the more places you'll go.***



## Personal Development

At Christ the King, we aim to develop the whole child. This includes providing numerous opportunities for pupils to lead and to undertake roles of responsibility.

We would like to introduce our *Wellbeing Warriors*. This is an important role within our school and they will be working with Mrs Hansrani to promote and support children's mental health and wellbeing.

## Meet our Wellbeing Warriors



Last week, they put together a wonderful presentation for our celebration assembly and let the children know who they can turn to if they need help in school.

At break and lunch times, they ensure they are present and visible to all pupils on the yard, this enables children to actively seek them out if they need to talk to them or simply want some quiet time.

The Wellbeing Warriors have also been putting together calm boxes for every classroom and making sure all children know about the Worry Monsters and Worry Notes in their classrooms, so they can share any concerns they have with a Trusted Adult.

## Extra Curricular clubs

Mr T will be running a virtual athletics competition at lunchtime for all junior children with the help of the Year 6 Sports Leaders. More details to follow shortly. We are hoping this will be another opportunity for all the children to take part in a whole school competition against other local schools. The children will not require their P.E Kit but can simply turn up and have a go!



## **REMINDER ...Primary School Applications.**

Applications are now open for children due to start school in September 2024. 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](#)

## **Family Inclusion and Transition Team**

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Family Inclusion and Transition Team 'Stay and Read' event last week. It was great to share with you the exciting things we have planned for reading in school and some ideas on how you can support your child at home. The book swap was a great success and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event on **Wednesday 6th December - Stay and Play Maths Games**



### Join the FIT team for a coffee

## Stay and Read

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
Infant hall: 8:45am – 10am  
Junior dining hall: 2pm – 3pm



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.



Mrs Wheeldon  
SENDCO



Miss Gilding  
Deputy SENDCO



Mrs Hansrani  
Learning Mentor



Ms Knight  
Pupil Premium lead

### Dates for your diary

Stay and Play Maths Games  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Stay and Talk (language and wellbeing activities)  
Lent term

Stay and Craft (transition activities)  
Pentecost term

Times and locations remain unchanged

## **Online Safety Advice and Workshop for Parents - Thursday 16th November**

Please see the information poster [here](#) about a virtual online safety workshop for parents on Thursday 16th November @ 19:00 - 20:00. This will teach you how to help your children explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. We will share the Zoom link via Arbor next week. You can also find it in the dates section of our newsletter. We hope you can join us.



## **Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association**

We had our first meeting of the school year this week. Unfortunately only 2 parents—already part of the team—were able to attend. The Association is a very valuable part of the school community and raises money that directly supports the education of your child by subsidising trips for families or buying equipment for the school which is not funded by the government. You do not need any special skills to join the association—just a friendly attitude, a willingness to help and a desire to support our school community.

Please consider volunteering some of your time to help with this year's Christmas Fair on **Saturday 2nd December 11-2pm** and the Christmas Discos and Parties this term. Please contact the school office if you are able to offer your support.

## **School Lottery at CTK**

In 2020, the CTK PTA set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school wins a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000. It's only a £1 a week and the more people who take part, the higher the prizes will be. Please click the link if you are interested in taking part: <http://bit.ly/ctk-pta>

## **Term Dates**

Please find the term dates for the next three academic years on our website.

[Term Dates - Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester \(ctkleicester.co.uk\)](http://ctkleicester.co.uk)

## **Dates for your Diary**

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

## **Thought for the Week**

*"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you"*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for next week .....

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| <b>Week beginning 6th November</b>             | Judaism Week—representatives from Leicester's Hebrew Society Assembly   |
| <b>Monday 6th November</b>                     | Librarian visiting EYFS   |
| <b>Thursday 9th November</b>                   | <b>Year 3 trip to the Synagogue</b>   |
| <b>Friday 10th November</b>                    | <b>2NT Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9am—Parents welcome</b>   |
| <b>Friday 10th November</b>                    | <b>Junior Chaplaincy team Remembrance Liturgy—Parents Welcome—2:15pm</b>  |
| <b>Week beginning 13th November</b>            | Anti-Bullying Week  |
| <b>Monday 13th November</b>                    | Year 5 visiting New Parks Library   |
| <b>Thursday 16th November</b>                  | <b>2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9am—Parents welcome</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 16th November</b>                  | <b>NSPCC Virtual Parent Workshop: Keeping your child safe online</b><br><b>Zoom 19:00</b><br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82699496839?pwd=aVpEZE8zaFhkNzNsaTV6OGFEMIRRUT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82699496839?pwd=aVpEZE8zaFhkNzNsaTV6OGFEMIRRUT09</a><br>Meeting ID: 826 9949 6839<br>Passcode: 506746 |
| <b>Friday 17th November</b>                    | <b>TRUST-WIDE INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Monday 20th November</b>                    | CTK Mission Day   |
| <b>21st—28th November</b>                      | Scholastic Book Fair at school  |
| <b>Wed 22nd November</b>                       | Year 1 Assembly with the School Nurse—Healthy Lifestyles  |
| <b>Friday 24th November</b>                    | <b>5VD Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 26th November</b>                    | <b>Feast of Christ the King Family Mass</b><br><b>Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am—children to attend in school uniform</b>  |
| <b>Monday 27th &amp; Tuesday 28th November</b> | <b>Pantomime trips—see separate correspondence for year group specific timings</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 30th November</b>                  | <b>Junior Site Advent Liturgy 2:15pm—Parents welcome</b>  |
| <b>Friday 1st December</b>                     | <b>5MB Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome</b>  |
| <b>Friday 1st December</b>                     | Menphys Carol Concert (evening)   |





## Dates for next week .....

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| <b>Saturday 2nd December</b>   | <b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00 –14:00 All Families welcome</b><br><i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i>                       |
| <b>Monday 4th December</b>     | <b>Morning: Year 1 &amp; Year 2 trip—Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre</b>   |
| <b>Monday 4th December</b>     | <b>Afternoon: Joint Mass for Year 1 &amp; Year 5—Junior Hall 1:45pm—Parents welcome</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 5th December</b>    | <b>Infant Site Advent Liturgy 2:30pm—Parents welcome</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 6th December</b>  | <b>FIT Team Coffee Workshops —‘Stay and Play’</b><br><b>Infant Site 8:45-10:00— Parents welcome</b><br><b>Junior Site 2:15-3:00pm—Parents welcome</b> |
| <b>Friday 8th December</b>     | <b>Christmas Jumper Day and Infant Christmas Parties</b>  |
| <b>Friday 8th December</b>     | <b>5SJ Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 12th December</b>   | <b>Reception Christmas Carols @9:00am Parents welcome</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 13th December</b> | <b>Reception Christmas Carols @ 14:00pm Parents welcome</b>   |
| <b>13th—15th December</b>      | <b>Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 14th December</b>  | <b>EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre</b>   |
| <b>Monday 18th December</b>    | <b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>   |
| <b>Monday 18th December</b>    | <b>PTA Junior Christmas Discos</b><br><b>Year 3 and Year 4: 17:00-18:00    Year 5 and Year 6: 18:15-19:15</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 19th December</b>   | <b>KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts: Tuesday (am), Wednesday (pm)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 20th December</b> | <b>Timings TBC</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 20th December</b> | <b>Year 1 Christmas Performance 9:15 Parents welcome</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 21st December</b>  | <b>Year 1 Christmas Performance 14:20 Parents Welcome</b>   |
| <b>Friday 22nd December</b>    | <b>Junior Christingle Liturgy 9:30am—parents welcome</b><br><b>Infant Christingle Liturgy 1:15pm—parents welcome</b>                                  |
| <b>Friday 22nd December</b>    | <b>End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays</b>  |
| <b>Monday 8th January 2024</b> | <b>School reopens for the Lent Term 2024</b>  |