



Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Taylor's class based around the theme: funny poems and limericks. Thank you to all the pupils in 2NT for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and a selection of short limericks by Edward Lear. They also sang the song 'Oat and Beans and Barley Grow'. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems and limericks off by heart but also to hear what they had learned about the poet Edward Lear and how limericks are both written and performed.

## **Learning about other faiths:**

At Christ the King, we recognise the importance of learning about other religions as a way to enhance and deepen our own Catholic Faith.

We have had a fantastic week learning all about Judaism. We welcomed Ginny and Ian from the Leicester Hebrew Congregation who brought in a range of artefacts to show the children. This provoked a number of fascinating questions from our children and deepened and enhanced their knowledge learned in the classroom.

## **Catholic Mission**

### **Remembrance Liturgy**

Today we marked Remembrance Day as a school. A huge thank you to our Junior school Chaplains who planned and delivered their liturgy with confidence and reverence.

All pupils observed two minutes silence and we said a quiet prayer for all the soldiers who have lost their lives and their families.



### **All Souls in November**

Please keep all those in our school community who have experienced recent bereavement in your prayers, especially as we are now in November: the month of Holy Souls. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November and we will pray for them. Please remember the faithful departed in your prayers this November.

## **Parish Links**

### **CTK Family Mass**

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 has been sent to you via Arbor this week. The Mass will be led by our children and we hope to get as many of our children involved as possible. Please complete the online form if you are able to join us.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Dominic, Blaithin, Ella, Serenity
R-HM	Tudor, Shekinah, Oluwakemi, Nathan
R-SL	Franciszek, Amarni, Chimex, Rosalina, Hanna
1TP	Ava
1RH/SF	Ludwik
1ER	Kidston
2EO	Ruby
2NT	The Whole Class
2SN	Ansima

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Noah H
3GH	Tamiya
3C/W	William
4LM	Rukewe
4HB	Emily Ikeh
4GO	Jessica
5MB	Nancy S
5SJ	Hannah V
5VD	Sophia K
6DW	Ivan
6LS	Filip G
6EG	Agnes

## 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

Divine (R-AG)	Oliver (R-AG)	Antonio (R-HM)	Noah (R-SL)
Dhriya (1ER)	Henry (1TP)	Aisha (2NT)	Blathnaid (2EO)

### CTK Juniors

Sophia (6EG)	Ohemaa (6EG)	Charlotte S (3GH)
Lydia (4GO)	Kaira (4HB)	Jessica (6LS)



## Head of School Awards

Junior Site

Jacob (5MB)

Congratulations to Jacob who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Glassford.

### Attendance

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

**1st place: Miss Laycock, Miss Rawlings, Miss Orrill and Miss Jones classes with 100%**

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

**3rd Place: Mrs Pickwell and Mrs Darby's class with 99.0%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.9%. 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.

### Anti-Bullying Week - 'Reach Out, Speak Out, Tell a Trusted Adult!'

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Making a Noise about Bullying'. To mark the week, we are inviting the **children to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November**, to celebrate their differences and to recognise the individuality of each child.

The week will begin with an Anti-Bullying assembly on both sites led by our Anti Bullying Ambassadors to raise awareness of bullying and the positive and kind things we can do to stop hurtful behaviour. This will be followed up with daily activities in the classrooms.

During the week, we will be exploring what makes a good friend and talking to the children about what to do if they are being bullied or know someone who is being bullied. Each class will also be making a Class Pledge against Bullying.

We will also be talking to the children about 'trusted adults' - the people they can turn to in times of worry, stress or crisis. We are looking forward to participating in this national project.





## THE CTK EXPERIENCE

### Extracurricular Clubs

We have a wide range of extracurricular clubs running for our children this year. 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.

#### **Photography club**

The Y2 children enjoyed their first Photography club session this week. They learned all about how photography began and how cameras have changed throughout history. The children were given the opportunity to see Mrs Taylor's Grandad's very old camera which was very different from the cameras we see today.

Over the coming weeks they will be looking at taking close up photos, perspective, composition, portraits and editing photographs. It is only a 6 week club so before they know it, the club will be done in a flash!



#### **Spanish Club**

We welcomed Mrs Longano from our school community who is running a Spanish Club for the pupils this term. The children learned some Spanish greetings and pronunciations of names. Gracias, Mrs Longano!

#### **Comic Club**

Miss Orill, our Extracurricular Clubs Lead, organised a comic club taster session this week. This was led by a group of Year 5 pupils: Delaney, Leo and Victor and it was extremely popular. This will continue to run this half term.





## THE CTK EXPERIENCE continued

### Year 3 Visit the Synagogue

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the Synagogue on Thursday. They learned about the Jewish faith and how they worship. They also found out some interesting facts about Shabbat and the Jewish Scrolls.



### Fosse Library visit EYFS

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

- ⇒ **Every child a reader by 7**
- ⇒ **Every child a life-long reader by 11**

Mary from Fosse Library visited our EYFS children to share some amazing stories and even gifted our children with two brand new books each to keep! Some of our children also signed up to the library and were given their library cards to continue their love for reading outside of school.





## The new EYFS Outdoor Classroom

The children in EYFS are enjoying their new outdoor classroom. They are exploring, creating, thinking critically and developing their core and gross motor skills.





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

The PTA are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December between 11am-2pm and they are organising Christmas discos for all our children. If you can support or help with the preparations of either event then come along to the next meeting on Monday 27th November at 6.00pm on the Infant Site.

We are also requesting donations of chocolate for the Tombola stall. If you are able to donate, please send your contributions to the school office before Thursday 30th November. Thank you for 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>

## **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 have shared the Zoom link via Arbor this week. You can also find it in the dates section of our newsletter. We hope you can join us.

## **Dates for your Diary**

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

## **Thought for the Week**

*"I am a soldier of Christ"*

St Martin of Tours

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for the term ahead...

Week beginning 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day—wear odd socks to school
Monday 13th November	Year 5 visiting New Parks Library
Thursday 16th November	<b>2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9am—Parents welcome</b>
Thursday 16th November	<b>NSPCC Virtual Parent Workshop: Keeping your child safe online</b> <b>Zoom 19:00</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82699496839?pwd=aVpEZE8zaFhkNzNsaTV6OGFEMIRRUT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82699496839?pwd=aVpEZE8zaFhkNzNsaTV6OGFEMIRRUT09</a>  Meeting ID: 826 9949 6839 Passcode: 506746
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>TRUST-WIDE INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 20th November	CTK Mission Day
21st—28th November	Scholastic Book Fair at school
Wed 22nd November	Year 1 Assembly with the School Nurse—Healthy Lifestyles
Friday 24th November	<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> <b>Blessed Sacrament 9:30am—children to attend in school uniform</b>
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November	<b>Pantomime trips—see separate correspondence for year group specific timings</b>
Thursday 30th November	<b>Junior Site Advent Liturgy 2:15pm—Parents welcome</b>
Friday 1st December	<b>Infant Site Advent Liturgy 9:00am—Parents welcome</b>
Friday 1st December	<b>5MB Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome</b>
Friday 1st December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
<b>Saturday 2nd December</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am – 2:00pm - Infant Hall</b> <b>All Families welcome</b> <b>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</b>
Monday 4th December	<b>Morning: Year 1 &amp; Year 2 trip—Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre</b>





Dates for the term ahead continued....

Monday 4th December	Afternoon: Joint Mass for Year 1 & Year 5—Junior Hall 1:45pm— Parents welcome
Wednesday 6th December	FIT Team Coffee Workshops —'Maths Stay and Play' Infant Site 8:45-10:00— Parents welcome Junior Site 2:15-3:00pm—Parents welcome
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Infant Christmas Parties
Friday 8th December	5SJ Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome
Tuesday 12th December	Reception Christmas Carols @9:15 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Carols @ 14:15 Parents welcome
13th—15th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Thursday 14th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre
Monday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day (whole school)
Monday 18th December	<b>PTA Junior Christmas Discos</b> <b>Year 3 and Year 4: 17:00-18:00    Year 5 and Year 6: 18:15-19:15</b>
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3/4 12:45-13:45 – Junior Hall Year 5/6 14:00-15:00 – Junior Hall Parents Welcome - Ticketed Event
Wednesday 20th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3/4 – 9:00-10:00 – Junior Hall Year 5/6 – 10:15-11:15 – Junior Hall Parents Welcome - Ticketed Event
Wednesday 20th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 14:00 Parents welcome
Thursday 21st December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9:00 Parents Welcome
Friday 22nd December	<b><u>CHANGE OF TIMINGS:</u></b> Infant Christingle Liturgy <b><u>9:00</u></b> Parents welcome Junior Christingle Liturgy <b><u>14:15</u></b> Parents welcome
Friday 22nd December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	School reopens for the Lent Term 2024