



Dear Parents/Carers,

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Darby's class based on the theme of performance and rhyme. Thank you to all the pupils in 5VD for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Night Mail' by WH Auden and 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth. As it was anti-bullying week during the previous week, the children wanted to perform a song that celebrates everyone's difference and how we can let our own light shine with the song 'Let your love shine through'. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart, but it also reminded us to take a moment to appreciate everyone around us.

This week our children have taken part in Mission Week. This started with an assembly on the theme of Virtues. The children thought about the good habits we practise at CTK and learned about the teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. The children have been taught a mnemonic to help them remember and practice the Cardinal Virtues. Ask them if they can remember them using *Praying. Just. Feels. Terrific!* The Cardinal Virtues are Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. Talk to your children and see if they can remember the Cardinal Virtues we should practice every day.

Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents

Are you good at making Christmas cards? Would you like to put your faith into action this Advent? We are looking to spread love this Advent with our neighbours: the residents of the Dane View Care Home on Glenfield Road. We would like to encourage pupils to make and write a Christmas card for the residents and staff of the care home to bring them joy at this time of year.

Children can design their own card and write a personal message inside. Please leave the name of the person receiving the card blank (for example: To _____) so that the carers in the residential homes can write in the names of their residents. When signing the card at the bottom, please only include the child's first name. You may also like to add that they are a pupil from Christ the King.

Please could any cards be brought into school by *Wednesday 13th December 2023* and given to the office for the attention of Mrs Darby.

Parish Links

We are looking forward to our family Mass on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at Blessed Sacrament Church @9:30. Our CTK chaplains will be commissioned during the Mass and they will receive their crosses which will be blessed. We would like all the children to come in their school uniform. We hope you can join us to celebrate our school feast day.



Feast of
Christ the King
Nov. 26th, 2023





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Isla-Rose, Nevaeh, Viktor, Ella, Elizabeth
R-HM	Jayjay, Ariella, Chinemerem, Quriaqos
R-SL	Noah L, Victoria, Sky, Noah F, Mila
1TP	Logan
1RH/SF	Angelee
1ER	Nayan
2EO	Franek
2NT	Owen
2SN	Dominika

CTK Juniors

3KR	Roshanna
3GH	Dhiya
3C/W	Neto
4LM	Elisse
4HB	Caolan
4GO	Lena
5MB	Kas
5SJ	Jack
5VD	Lacey-Rey
6DW	Nozipho
6LS	Holeigh
6EG	Kenisha

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

Hanna (F2AG)	Shekinah (F2HM)	Sky (F2SL)	David (1TP)
Praise (1ER)	Paris (1SF)	Kevin S (2NT)	Annabel E (2SN)

CTK Juniors

Julia E (3GH)	Deliz (4LM)	David (4GO)	Winter (3C/W)
Rio (3KR)	Nadia (6DW)	Evan (3KR)	Essie (3GH)



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 O'Brien's class with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Stone and Mrs Morris' classes with 99.2%

3rd Place: Miss Jones' class with 98.3%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.1%. 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.

Here is some [advice](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill.

Leicester Libraries-Free Homework Club

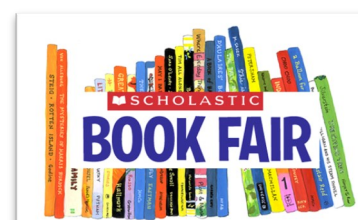
Leicester City Council libraries offer free homework clubs during term time for all school-age children. These sessions aim to support children and parents/carers with homework and children's confidence and wellbeing in education. As well as offering support with completing homework in every subject, these sessions also include: free printing, reading for fun and games/activities for learning. Please click the following link for further details: [Homework Club \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/homework-club)

Early Reading Parent Workshop for all Reception and Year One Parents

We would like to invite all our parents in Reception and Year 1 to an Early Reading session on **Tuesday 28th November @9:15am in the Infant hall**. You will find out how we teach our children to read and learn about the national phonics screening check in Year 1. We will also share some helpful advice to support your child to be a confident and fluent reader. We hope that you can join us.

Scholastics Book Fair

The CTK Book Fair has been well-attended this week. A reminder that it is here until next Monday 27th November and it will be open before and after school on both sites. Please come and buy a book as every book you buy will gain a free book for our school which we will either put in your child's class or the school library. Thank you for your continued support.



THE CTK EXPERIENCE

Pantomime Trip for Yr 3-6 – Monday 27th November

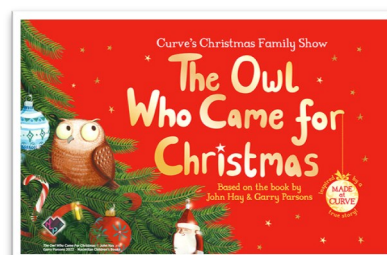
We are looking forward to watching Peter Pan at Loughborough Town Hall on Monday 27th November with our children. Please note due to the late finish of the Pantomime we are unable to serve hot dinners on Monday 27th November. We have asked all parents to send their child with a packed lunch.



Trip to the Curve Theatre for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy a trip to The Curve Theatre to see 'The Owl who Came for Christmas' with their friends and teachers in December.

Thank you to the Parents Association who have kindly offered to help towards the cost of the transport. It will be a wonderful Christmas treat for all our children.



Year 1 Healthy Lifestyle Assembly

This week, our school nurse team visited Year 1 to teach them all about healthy living and the right foods to eat. The children learned a lot about what we should have in a healthy lunchbox.



Online Safety Advice

Thank you to all those parents who attended the NSPCC virtual online safety workshop last Thursday. We hope you found it useful. You will find a fact sheet [here](#) for parents and online safety resources [here](#)



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Preparations for the Christmas Fair

Preparations are well under way for CTK's Christmas Fair on **Saturday 2nd December, from 11-2pm**. Thank you for all the donations of chocolate for the Tombola stall today. It was much appreciated.

There will be a couple of stalls and Santa's Grotto for the children to enjoy. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community.

The PTA are also 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.



Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The school office has sent a number of fliers out this week via Arbor about holiday camps, holiday activities and food programmes that will be available over the Christmas holiday for children and families.

Primary School Applications

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in August 2023, 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 at midnight on Sunday 15th January 2023. You can view our admission policy on the website: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Admissions and Appeals \(cktleicester.co.uk\)](https://www.cktleicester.co.uk)

Thought for the Week

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Mt 25:40

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead...

Sunday 26th November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament 9:30am—children to attend in school uniform
Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November	Year 3-6 Pantomime Trip
Thursday 30th November	Junior Site Advent Liturgy 2:15pm—Parents welcome
Friday 1st December	5SJ Art Gallery Trip (am)
Friday 1st December	Infant Site Advent Liturgy 9:00am—Parents welcome
Friday 1st December	5MB Class Poetry Recital 2:15pm Junior Hall—Parents welcome
Friday 1st December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
Saturday 2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am – 2:00pm - Infant Hall All Families welcome <i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i>
Monday 4th December	Morning: Year 1 & Year 2 trip—Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre
Monday 4th December	5MB Art Gallery Trip (am)
Monday 4th December	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
Monday 11th December	5VD Art Gallery Trip (am)
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



Dates for the term ahead continued....

Thursday 14th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre
Monday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 18th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos Year 3 and Year 4: 17:00-18:00 Year 5 and Year 6: 18:15-19:15
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	<u>CHANGE OF TIMINGS:</u> Infant Christingle Liturgy <u>9:00</u> Parents welcome Junior Christingle Liturgy <u>14:15</u> Parents welcome
Friday 22nd December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	School reopens for the Lent Term 2024