



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have an exciting few weeks planned to get us into the Christmas spirit! All the Christmas dates have been shared with you via Arbor. We are looking forward to The CTK Menphys Choir performing at De Montfort Hall this evening for the Catholic Schools Carol Concert. Good luck to our incredible children in Year 6 and thank you to Mrs Darby for preparing and coaching the children.

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mr Blissett's class, based around the theme of taking time to look for peace during this busy time of year. Thank you to all the pupils in 5MB for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Alberg and 'Leisure' by W.H. Davis, along with a traditional Catholic choral piece, '*Dona nobis pacem*'. 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 the joy, beauty and peace of God's creation around us.

Advent Liturgy

Thank you to our chaplains who led both sites in a beautiful liturgy to begin our season of Advent this week. It was lovely to hear all the class Advent promises.

Faith in Action

During Advent, we will be supporting a charity called 'Toys on the Table'. Toys on the Table is a charity working in the Leicester and Leicestershire area which provides new toys and gifts for children at Christmas who might otherwise not receive anything. We are asking the children to bring in one new toy or gift for a girl or boy suitable for ages 0-16 years up to £5 in value. We have been asked not to wrap the toys because they need to be checked and sorted by the charity. Our toys will be collected on Thursday 21st December. It would be wonderful if you could support us with this project.

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 at this special time of year 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. Our upper phase choir will be visiting Dane View Care Home during the final week of term to sing Christmas carols, and so they can deliver our Christmas cards then on behalf of the school community.



Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God Roman Catholic Churches. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and confession as we enter this holy season of Advent.

<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

[St Peter's & Blessed Sacrament \(westleicesteratholic.org\)](http://westleicesteratholic.org)

Thank you to all those families who joined us on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at Blessed Sacrament Church. It was a huge success. The children were exceptionally well behaved and read beautifully. We are very proud of them all. Fr Vitalis reminded us how we can build the Kingdom of God in our homes and in our school.

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 Francis/Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Darby, Miss Hall, Mrs Pickwell and Miss Gilding' classes with 99.3%

2nd Place: Miss Rawlings and Mrs Taylor's classes with 99.0%

3rd Place: Mr Mason and Mrs Connell's/Mrs Waldron's classes with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.6%. 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.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of our families who supported the book fair. You are always extremely generous and we raised £553.75. We have chosen lots of lovely new books for our reading corners which I am sure the children will enjoy. Congratulations to our raffle prizes winners: Ikemba in RSL, Martha in 1TP, Freddie in 2EO, Finley in 3C-W, Evan in 3KR, Antoni in 5VD and Dien in 6DW who have won a free book; they are thrilled!

CHANGE OF DATE ...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 5th December @ 9:00 am 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.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

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| R-AG | Maria, Tiana, Jayden, Hanna, Gladys |
| R-HM | Anastasia, Reign, Azari, David, Olivia |
| R-SL | Jan, Amelia, Janelle, Victoria, Jeremiah |
| 1TP | Miracle |
| 1RH/SF | Alicja |
| 1ER | Dhriya |
| 2EO | Freddie |
| 2NT | Bronagh |
| 2SN | Noreense |

CTK Juniors

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| 3KR | Andrew |
| 3GH | Joshua |
| 3C/W | Cuba |
| 4LM | Victoria |
| 4HB | Noah |
| 4GO | Debbie |
| 5MB | Emily W |
| 5SJ | Michelle |
| 5VD | Nmasinachi |
| 6DW | Ethan |
| 6LS | Kingston |
| 6EG | Alex S |

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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| Livia (R-HM) | Kidston (1ER) | Mia (1 RH/SF) |
| Viktor (R-AG) | Seana (1ER) | Jameson (2NT) |
| Amelia (R-SL) | Jovana (1ER) | Adam (2SN) |

CTK Juniors

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| Oliver (4HB) | Fateh (4LM) | Lorenzo (6DW) | Ivan (6DW) |
| Emily I (4HB) | Ellissia (5MB) | Phillip (4HB) | |



THE CTK EXPERIENCE

Junior Pantomime Trip

What a lot of excitement there was on Monday! All of the children on the Junior Site went to see Peter Pan at Loughborough Town Hall and it was a huge success. Not only did the children have lots of fun, but for some of them, this was their first trip to the theatre!



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

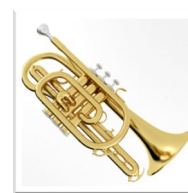
Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy a trip to The Curve Theatre to see 'The Owl who Came for Christmas' with their friends and teachers next week and later in December.



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.

Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK experience is providing all the children an opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Children in Year 3 have the opportunity to learn the cornet. Each class has 10 weeks of music tuition and then performs for their family and friends.



Mrs Russell's class have really enjoyed learning the cornet over the last term and will be holding a cornet performance for their family and friends on **Tuesday 5th December at 9:00am** to showcase everything they have learned. We hope you can join us.

Live Music Performance for all pupils

We have also arranged a school-wide opportunity for our children to listen to a live music performance on Tuesday 12th December. The children will enjoy an engaging and interactive performance from Leicestershire Live Music orchestral team, where they will introduce the pupils to instruments from the string, woodwind, brass and percussion families. Pupils will be delighted to hear recognisable melodies from Abba, Harry Potter, Disney's *Encanto* in addition to well-known classical themes.



The CTK Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Monday to discuss the final preparations for the Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see so many parents offering their time and support. Thank you.

The Christmas Fair will take place tomorrow from 11am in the Infant hall. We hope you can join us for a lovely festive afternoon! Any help setting up or tidying away would be much appreciated. We will start setting up at 9:00am. There will be delicious food for sale, fun games and the chance to win some great prizes.. Please take this opportunity to gather together as a school community and have some fun!



Online Safety Advice

Here is a [link](#) to a summary of the latest OFCOM report into parents' and children's media usage. We hope you find it useful.

Christmas Post

It's that time of year when children want to send Christmas cards. We have our own post box on both sites. Please can you make sure your child writes the recipient's name and class on the front. The class and name is important as we have children with the same name in different classes and we want to deliver to the right recipient.

FIT Team Coffee Morning - Stay and Play Maths

The family Inclusion Team will be holding a 'Stay and Play Maths' coffee event next Wednesday 6th December. We would love to see as many families there as possible. See below for more details:



Join the FIT team for a coffee

Stay and Play Maths

Wednesday 6th December
Infant hall: 8:45 – 10am
Junior dining hall: 2pm – 3pm



Dates for your diary
Stay and talk (language and wellbeing activities)
Lent term
Stay and Craft (transition activities)
Pentecost term
Times and locations remain unchanged

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

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

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



Mrs Wheeldon
SENDCO



Miss Gilding
Deputy SENDCO



Mrs Habsrani
Learning Mentor



Ms Knight
Pupil Premium lead



Thought for the Week

“Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ’s return.”

Pope Francis

God Bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

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| Friday 1st December | Menphys Carol Concert @19:15 –21:15 @ De Montfort Hall |
| Saturday 2nd December | PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am – 2:00pm - Infant Hall All Families welcome If you are able to help please contact the school office. |
| Monday 4th December | Morning: Year 1 & Year 2 trip—Christmas Performance at The Curve Theatre |
| Monday 4th December | Afternoon: Mass for Year 5 only - Junior Hall 1:45pm—Parents welcome |
| Tuesday 5th December | Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year 1 Parents @9:00 in the Infant Hall. |
| Tuesday 5th December | 3KR Cornet Performance @9:00am Junior Site. All Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 6th December | FIT Team Coffee Workshops —'Maths Stay and Play' Infant Site 8:45-10:00— Parents welcome Junior Site 2:00-3:00pm—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 |



Dates for the term ahead continued....

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| Tuesday 12th December | Reception Christmas Carols @9:15 Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 13th December | Reception Christmas Carols @ 14:15 Parents welcome |
| Tuesday 12th December | Leicestershire Music Performance for all pupils |
| 13th—15th December | Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle - arriving back in school on Friday at approximately 15:30 on Friday 15th December |
| 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 | 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 |