



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is always a busy time of year and this week has been no exception! Lots is happening with performances, trips to the theatre and practise for our Christmas Carol Concerts!

Catholic Schools Carol Concert

Last Friday, a group of 15 of our Year 6 pupils performed at De Montfort Hall! They joined in with other local Catholic Schools to sing carols with all of the proceeds supporting the Menphys charity.

Niamh, opened the carol concert with a prayer which was a particularly special moment and Christ the King choir performed a song jointly with pupils from St Patrick's in Leicester.

We are incredibly proud of how well they all performed and send our thanks to Mrs Darby for preparing the children so well and for supporting them on the night.

Well done, everyone!



Faith in Action

During Advent, we will be supporting a charity called 'Toys on the Table'. 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 - £10 in value. We have been asked not to wrap the toys because they will be used to create a present parcel containing up to 5 gifts for the children. *Please bring in any donations by Friday 15th December as this is when the charity are collecting the gifts and toys.*

REMINDER ...Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents

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. Please bring cards into school by *Wednesday 13th December 2023* and give them to the office for the attention of Mrs Darby. Our upper phase choir will be visiting Dane View Care Home on *Thursday 21st December* 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. 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)



Attendance

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

1st place: Mr Gask's class 100%

2nd Place: Mr Mason, Miss O'Brien, Miss Orrill, Miss Gilding and Miss Rawlings classes with 99.3%

3rd Place: Mr Blissett's class with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.5%. 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.

CTK Trophy Assemblies

At Christ the King our school motto is *Believe and Achieve*. Every term we celebrate the achievements of our pupils by nominating them for trophies in four special categories: kindness, sportsmanship, endeavour and creativity. We are very proud of all of our children at CTK, and congratulations to those pupils who received the trophies in this week's assemblies. Well done, children.

CTK Trophies	Infants	Juniors
Kindness	Poppy (2NT)	Praises (6EG)
Sportsmanship	Arthur (1ER)	Mateusz (6DM)
Endeavour	Henry (1TP)	Jan(3C-W)
Creativity	Neso (F2 HM)	Sukhmani (4GO)





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Charlie, Divine, Anvidha, Oliver, Cayden
R-HM	Joseph, Elvira, Yusuf, Sukhkaran
R-SL	Jerom, Chidie, Ikemba, Mia, Keenan
1TP	Malachi
1RH/SF	Raluchukwu
1ER	Samara
2EO	Olivia
2NT	Krystian
2SN	Adam

CTK Juniors

3KR	Noah M
3GH	Charlotte S
3C/W	Olivia
4LM	Chistina
4HB	Mark
4GO	Maya
5MB	Abram
5SJ	Georgina
5VD	Lena
6DW	Niamh
6LS	Tamara
6EG	Lena

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

Charlie R-AG	Rafael R-SL	Anastasia R-HM	Ludwik 1SF
Sophie 1TP	Muna 2NT	Zanitha 2SN	

CTK Juniors

Michelle 3CW	Agnes 6EG	Surina 5VD	Noah 4HB	Patrick 3GH



Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Arabella, Andrew and Omari who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Glassford.

Junior Site:	Arabella (5VD) Andrew (3KR)
Infant Site:	Omari (2EO)

Early Reading Parent Workshop for all Reception and Year One Parents

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Early Reading Workshop on Tuesday. We hope you found it informative and useful.

If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint slides have been shared on Class Dojo and can be found [here](#).

Miss Laycock will be running the session again for any parents who were unable to attend on *Thursday 11th January at 9:00am*. We hope that you can join us.

REMINDER.. 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. Thank you for your support with this.

Respect for our Neighbours

We received a complaint this week from a very distressed parent and colleague 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](#)

THE CTK EXPERIENCE

KS1 visit The Curve Theatre

What a lot of excitement there was on Monday! All of the children in Key Stage 1 went to see 'The Owl who came for Christmas' at The Curve 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!.

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. Mrs Russell's class put on a performance for us this week to showcase everything they have learned this term with Mr Vincze. It was wonderful and inspired us all to learn a musical instrument.

We look forward to seeing Mr Vince and the Leicestershire orchestral team perform to the children next Tuesday. They will introduce the pupils to instruments from the string, woodwind, brass and percussion families. I am sure the pupils will be delighted to hear recognisable melodies from Abba, Harry Potter, Disney's Encanto in addition to well-known classical themes.





The Virtue of Gratitude

With just two week to go, we would like to encourage our children to practise the virtue of gratitude by writing a thank you note to someone they think has helped them this half term - this may include their friends or the adults working with them. We will be reminding the children about this during assemblies and the children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher. It would be a very positive end to the half term if there was lots of sharing of thank you notes! Please encourage your child to take part.



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

I would like to thank our wonderful Parents' Association who hosted our Christmas Fair last Saturday. We are very grateful for their hard work and the sacrifices they make for the school. Children and families from CTK came together for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun and we raised over £1500. The money raised will be put back into the school for the benefit of our children. Thank you to all those families who attended and supported through providing donations.

Christmas Discos and Parties

The Parents' Association have also organised Christmas parties and discos for our children but we will need some parent volunteers for the Junior Discos in order to run the event. **Please can you let the school office know if you are able to lend a helping hand.**

The Junior Christmas discos are on *Monday 18th December*. It will cost £3.50 to attend and this includes the DJ, a snack and a drink. All payments should be made by Arbor. **All pupils will need to bring their completed permission slip on the night.**

Online Safety Advice

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers for setting up new devices for children this Christmas. We hope you find this advice useful.

Thought for the Week

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope."

Pope Benedict XVI

God Bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead continued....

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
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 Parent helpers required.
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 at normal time
Monday 8th January 2024	School reopens for the Lent Term 2024
Monday 15th January 2024	Y6 Parents' Information Meeting: KS2 SATs Tests 14:30 - Junior Hall - Parents welcome