



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas cheer and festivities are in full flow at Christ the King following our Reception Carol Concert this week! It was a joy to watch the children perform so confidently and to welcome our families into school. We were all impressed with how they sang, did the actions and danced to all of the songs. Thank you to all the parents and their families for coming to join us for the performances and for your ongoing support. We hope you enjoyed it. A big thank you to all of the EYFS staff who have worked so hard to support the children.

## **Rosary Assembly**

On Monday we welcomed Mr Fitzgerald, our school Chaplain, to lead an assembly on the Rosary. The children learned about the prayers of the rosary, the Mysteries of the Rosary and we were reminded of how we can look to Mary not only as an example, but also as a friend who prays with us. We said a Triad together and set the children a Mission to say a Triad everyday during the holy season of Advent. In place of our Advent prayer bags this year, every child has received their own set of Rosary Beads to treasure and keep to pray with during the season of Advent and beyond. Please find a rosary resource pack [here](#) if you would like to pray the rosary at home as a family.

## **Faith in Action - Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents**

Thank you to all our children for their wonderful Christmas cards for the residents of Dane View Care Home. I am sure they will bring much joy and happiness to our neighbours. Our upper phase choir will be visiting Dane View Care Home on *Thursday 21st December* to sing Christmas carols, and they will deliver our Christmas cards then on behalf of the school community.



## **Christingle Liturgy**

On the final day of term we will hold our Christingle Liturgies. This is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the coming of Christ, the light, into the world. The infant Christingle Liturgy will be led by Year 2 at 9:00 in the infant hall. The junior Christingle Liturgy will be led by the Junior Chaplains at 14:15 in the junior hall. All parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

## **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 other notices for the festive period.

<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

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



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Kojo, Daniel, Jordon, Dominik
R-HM	Matthew, Indiana, Avayha, Uche
R-SL	Chinex, Karol, Cairo, Luis, Leon
1TP	Joanna
1RH/SF	Jovanna
1ER	Nnabuihe
2EO	Sonia
2NT	Mudiwa
2SN	Amelia

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Andrea
3GH	Ivan
3C/W	Elaine
4LM	Evan
4HB	Evelyn
4GO	Luca
5MB	Ellissia
5SJ	Elana
5VD	Medric
6DW	Residential trip
6LS	Residential trip
6EG	Residential trip

## 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

Frankie (RSL)	Jan (RSL)	Blaithin (RAG)	Olivia (RHM)
Nathan (RHM)	Seana (1ER)	Nia (1TP)	Joanna (2SN)
Abby (2EO)			

### CTK Juniors

Anna 5VD	Rohan 3GH	Tamiya 3GH	Noah H 3KR	Skye Y3
Fateh 4LM	Lola 4GO	Owen 3C-W		



## Head of School Awards

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

Junior Site:	Oliver (4HB)
Infant Site:	Cyrus (2SN)

### 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 99.3%**

**2nd Place: Mr Gask's class (4HB) with 98.7%**

**3rd Place: Mr Mason, Miss Rawlings, Miss Nokes and Mrs Russell's classes with 97.3%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 95%. 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.

### House points at CTK

As part of our behaviour management system at CTK, we award house points to pupils who are polite, work hard and follow the school rules. This term, we are very pleased to announce the winning house is St John Bosco on the Junior Site *and* Infant Site. This is a huge team effort and to celebrate their success and reward their hard work, the children will enjoy a special treat next Tuesday afternoon on the Infant Site and next Thursday on the Junior Site. The children can come to school wearing their own clothes in their house colour. (St John Bosco – Green)

### Are you interested in training to Teach?

Our Teaching School - The Leicestershire and Rutland Teaching School Hub, based on the Infant Site, are offering a one-year school based programme. Visit our 'Train to Teach' page at [www.lrtshub.org.uk](http://www.lrtshub.org.uk) or call us on 0116 3033744 for more information.

## THE CTK EXPERIENCE

### Reception visit The Curve Theatre

What a lot of excitement there was on Thursday! All of the children in Reception 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.



### Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK experience is nurturing and developing a love of music by providing our children with a live musical experience. This introduces the children to a variety of musical instruments where they can interact with musicians and learn a little more about the magic of music.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Leicester Play Live Orchestra Family visited both the Infant and Junior Sites. The very talented musicians taught the children all about the special features of their instruments, as well as playing a selection of well-known classical pieces and festive favourites. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience live music in school: Akein (6EG) and Alona (2SN) was even selected to conduct the orchestra and did so very successfully! A wonderful time was had by all the children and many children said they would like to take up a musical instrument as a result of this experience. Please see [here](#) for more information.





## The CTK Experience continued.....

### **Year 6 Trip to Alton Castle**

Our Year 6 children spent three fun-filled days on retreat at Alton Castle this week. The children worked in small groups led by a member of The Alton team. In these groups they explored the themes of the season of Advent and the real meaning behind Christmas. The trip was a huge success and enjoyed in equal measure by both the children and staff who attended. Check out the CTK twitter feed (@CTKLeicester) for pictures of what we got up to during our time away!



### **Sports, Clubs and Activities -KS2 Boccia Competition**

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children with the opportunity to learn new sports and hobbies. Last week, Mrs Fearne, Miss Hadfield and Mr T took a group of children to a KS2 Boccia competition ran by Leicester City Inspire. It is a sport which is very similar to bowls, involving high levels of concentration, accuracy and tactical awareness. The children really enjoyed trying a new sport and were great ambassadors for Christ the King. Well done!





## The Virtue of Gratitude

With just one 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.



## 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.***

## Winter Water Safety

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters. Please find some Top Tips from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service on Winter Water Safety [here](#).

## Online Safety Advice –Snapchat

This week our update is about Snapchat. We are aware that some children have access to this app via their phones/tablets. Snapchat's age requirement is *13 years old*. CTK does not advise the use of Snapchat by children but that is a decision for parents. Please click the link [here](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers. We hope you find this advice useful.

## Thought for the Week

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* JOHN 8:12

God Bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the week ahead....

Monday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day
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> <b>Parent helpers required.</b>
Tuesday 19th December	<b>KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts:</b> <b>Year 3/4 12:45-13:45 – Junior Hall</b> <b>Year 5/6 14:00-15:00 – Junior Hall</b> <b>Parents Welcome - Ticketed Event</b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts:</b> <b>Year 3/4 – 9:00-10:00 – Junior Hall</b> <b>Year 5/6 – 10:15-11:15 – Junior Hall</b> <b>Parents Welcome - Ticketed Event</b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance 14:00 Parents welcome</b>
Thursday 21st December	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance 9:00 Parents Welcome</b>
Friday 22nd December	<u><b>CHANGE OF TIMINGS:</b></u> <b>Infant Christingle Liturgy <u>9:00</u> Parents welcome</b> <b>Junior Christingle Liturgy <u>14:15</u> Parents welcome</b>
Friday 22nd December	<b>End of day - school closes for Christmas holidays at normal time</b>
<b>Lent Term 2024</b>	
Monday 8th January 2024	<b>School reopens for the Lent Term 2024</b>
Thursday 11th January	<b>Reception and Year 1 Early Reading Workshop @9:00am Infant Site</b>
Monday 15th January 2024	<b>Y6 Parents' Information Meeting: KS2 SATs Tests 14:30 - Junior Hall - Parents welcome</b>
Friday 19th January	<b>Miss Jones' Class Poetry Recital Assembly Junior Site @9:00am</b>
Friday 26th January	<b>Miss Rawling's Class Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am</b>
Friday 2nd February	<b>Mrs Francis/Mrs Bayliss' Class Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am</b>
Friday 9th February	<b>Mrs Pickwell's Class Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am</b>