



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our final newsletter of the Advent Term and what a busy and successful term it has been! As the Christmas break approaches, I would like to thank the children, parents, staff and governors for all of their hard work and commitment to the school. Working with such caring and enthusiastic families is a great privilege.

We are also very proud of the excellent work and the outstanding behaviour shown by the children at CTK. The children never cease to amaze me with their talent, knowledge, and kindness towards one another.

We will continue to nurture them, academically and spiritually, in 2024 to enable them to Believe and Achieve! I look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you a happy and holy Christmas from all of your friends at CTK.

Our Catholic Mission

Toys on the Table

A huge thank you to all our families for your very generous donations for 'Toys on the Table'. The charity was overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community and was very grateful indeed. The gifts will be used to create present parcels containing up to 5 gifts for children living in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Christingle Liturgies

We always look forward to the Christingle Liturgy on the last day of the Advent term. A huge thank you to our Year 2 children, the junior chaplains and the adults who worked with them to plan and lead such a prayerful liturgy. It was a beautiful candlelit celebration and a perfect way to end the term in preparation for Christmas.

Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices for the festive period. Christmas is a time for families and I would encourage you to join your parish family during the Season of Advent to connect, or perhaps to reconnect, with fellow parishioners who make up the family of our parishes, of our diocese, and indeed who make up the family of the Church, the Body of Christ.

<https://www.westleicestercatholic.org/>

<http://motherofgoddleicester.co.uk/>



The CTK Experience

Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children with the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and to develop their individual talents.

Our Year 1 children performed their Christmas Nativity 'A Midwife Crisis' this week to all our friends and families. We were all impressed with how they sang and performed their lines and actions with confidence. A big thank you to the Year 1 team and all our families for their continued support.

The Junior children have also enjoyed learning new carols and the opportunity to perform them to their families this week. Thank you to the children for singing so beautifully and to all the families who attended. We hope you have enjoyed them. The children have certainly filled us with Christmas spirit this week and we are very proud of each and every one of them. A huge thank you to the CTK team who have worked hard to support the children.

Faith in Action

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children with the opportunity to put their Faith into Action through charity work and fundraising.

On Thursday Mrs Darby and the upper phase choir visited Dane View Care Home to sing Christmas carols to the residents. They also delivered the Christmas cards made by the pupils of CTK. The residents thoroughly enjoyed their time with the children and two of our pupils communicated a Christmas greeting in sign language for some deaf residents.



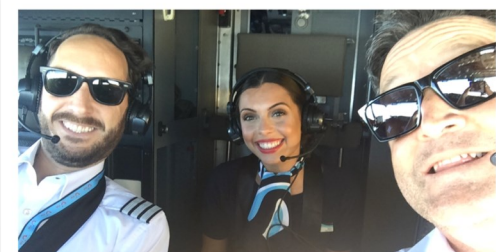
The CTK Experience continued....

Missions, Vocations and Futures

From the moment each pupil enters CTK we encourage a sense of aspiration and calling. We know that each child is called to take up a special place in the world and it is our job to ensure that every child has high personal aspirations. We achieve this through giving our children the opportunity to find out about a range of careers from different volunteers from the World of Work throughout their time at CTK.

Flight Attendant visits Year 4!

On Monday we welcomed Bethan Carter, a Flight Attendant from Tui, to tell the children all about her career. They learned all about the different roles on an aircraft and took part in some role play. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and asked lots of interesting questions.





Attendance

Overall our attendance last week was 94.1% This is due to pupil illness.

Miss Gilding's class were the winners last week with 98.7%. Well done!

2nd place: Mr Mason and Mrs Taylor's classes with 98.0%

3rd place: Miss Rawling's class with 97.3%

As part of our aim to raise standards and improve pupil outcomes we will continue to closely monitor the attendance and punctuality of all our pupils after Christmas.

Christmas Dinner Day

Our kitchen managers, Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Geary, and our assistants, Mrs Chinn, Mrs Izzard, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Merrick, Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Fisher cooked up a festive feast for us on Monday! Thank you, ladies!

The children thoroughly enjoyed Christmas dinner with their friends whilst listening to some Christmas music. There were smiles everywhere!

Thank you also to the staff and lunchtime teachers who helped during the mammoth two hour lunchtime.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

I would like to thank our fantastic Parents' Association for hosting the Christmas discos this week. They were a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! I would also like to thank them for arranging a special visit from Father Christmas this week, where chocolate treats were delivered to each and every child at Christ the King! We are very lucky to have some very dedicated parents who are willing to sacrifice their time to create these special memories for our children.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help organise and support future events for our children and families. If you would like to get involved and help, if only for a short time or at one event, then please contact the school office.





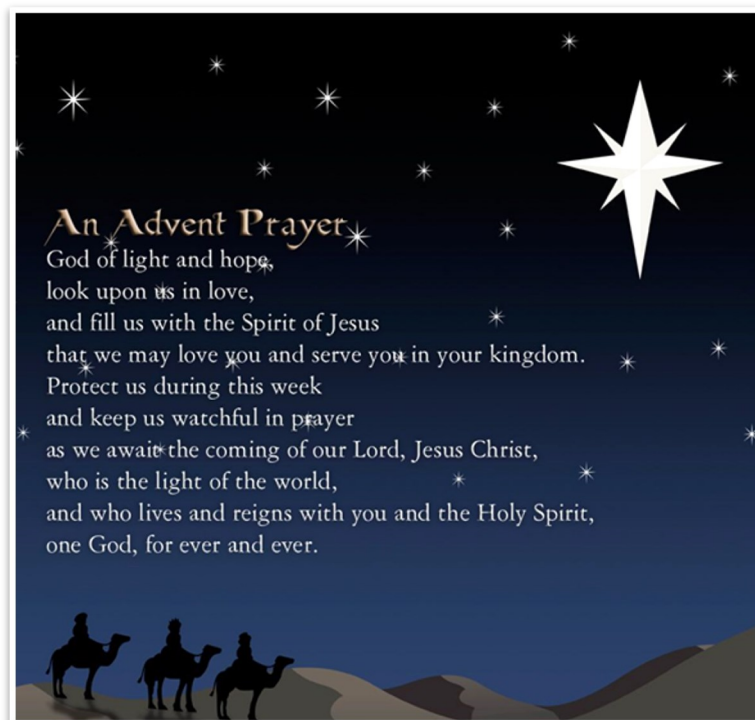
Supporting Our Families

The Cost of Living Crisis is hitting everyone hard. We have found some information and resources which we hope will help our families during the Christmas break.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Christmas Reading Race track

To inspire our children to continue reading over the festive period, we are holding a reading racetrack competition just for the Christmas holidays. The children have been given a Christmas race track which they should aim to try to complete by Sunday January 7th. Every child who returns a completed racetrack by this date will be awarded 10 house points or dojo points and entered into a prize draw for the chance to win £15 worth of books!



On behalf of all the staff and Governors at CTK, we wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas with your families.

God bless,

Mrs Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the Lent Term 2024

Monday 8th January	Children back to school!
Thursday 11th January	Reception and Year 1 Early Reading Workshop @9:00am Infant Site
Monday 15th January 2024	Y6 Parents' Information Meeting: KS2 SATs Tests @2:30pm - Junior Hall - Parents welcome
Friday 19th January	Miss Jones' Poetry Recital Assembly Junior Site @9:00am
Tuesday 23rd January	Y4 Parents' Information Meeting: Y4 Multiplication Times Table Check @2:30pm - Junior Hall - Parents welcome
Friday 26th January	Miss Rawling's Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am
Friday 2nd February	Mrs Francis/Mrs Bayliss Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th February	Mrs Pickwell's Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am
Tues13th and Wed 14th Feb	Parents' Evening
Friday 16th February	School closes for February Half Term