



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We wish you a happy and healthy 2024! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends.

We are very pleased to welcome back all of our children for the Lent Term. As always, we have a busy and exciting term ahead for the children.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

We started our term with an assembly on The Epiphany. The children listened to the magnificent story of when the three wise men from the East arrived in Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus. We discussed what their special gifts reveal to us about who Jesus is. In a beautiful time of prayer, we helped the children visit baby Jesus in their hearts and to think about what gifts they can offer Jesus this term.

## **Parish Links**

Our school serves three parishes: Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's RC Church and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices.

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

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

## **Religious Education (R.E) Termly Newsletter.**

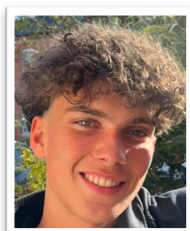
Mrs Waldron sent the termly R.E newsletter to all parents this week across Arbor. This has information on what your child will be learning in their R.E lessons this term and some ideas of how you can support their learning at home. We hope you find it useful.

## **New Staff**

As we begin a new term, we welcome three new members of staff to Christ the King. We know you will make them feel most welcome.



**Mrs Valente**  
**Year 3 Teacher**



**Mr Tonge**  
**Lunchtime Teacher &**  
**After-school Club Assistant**



**Mrs Havenhand**  
**Year 5 Teaching Assistant**



## Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.3%**. Well done, everyone! Our school target is to have attendance above 97% and we will continue to monitor it closely this term.

Here is the current attendance for each class:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
F2 SL	96.7%	3KR	97.0%
F2 HM	97.4%	3SC/SV	95.9%
F2 AG	95.4%	3GH	96.9%
1ER	97.6%	4LM	97.3%
1KB/SF	95.7%	4GO	97.0%
1TP	97.2%	4HG	96.8%
2SN	96.2%	5MB	94.6%
2EO	97.6%	5SJ	94.7%
2NT	97.3%	5VD	96.7%
		6DW	95.5%
		6LS	95.9%
		6EG	97.2%

Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead. The children's learning begins as soon as they arrive at school.

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please can you ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Every day counts!

Please DO NOT book holidays in term time as this has a detrimental effect on your child's education. Children miss out on essential work, they find it hard to catch up and it can also affect their friendships. School policy is that family holidays will not be authorised and parents could be fined by the Local Authority. School is closed for 13 weeks during the year when family holidays can be taken.



## **CTK Experience - Extra Curriculum Clubs Programme**

We try to offer our children a wide range of diverse extra-curricular activities at Christ the King. They provide our children with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents, learn new skills and develop their confidence. The extracurricular clubs are being arranged for this term. Some will run during lunchtime and others will be after school. Many clubs are free and some are £2.50 per session to cover costs.

The clubs will include: Indoor multi-sports, Boys sports club, Football (girls and boys), Tennis, Spanish, Times Table Rock Stars, Debating club, Story club, Mathletes and Remarkable Readers. Please look out on Arbor for more details.

In response to parental feedback we have continued to make some adjustments to the CTK Club Programme:

- We have increased the number of pupil places in each club to give more children the opportunity to attend a club
- It will continue to operate on a first come, first served basis. Booking and payment is on Arbor. Children may only attend **one club per term** unless there are spare places in another club. Spare places will be notified if available. This will ensure every pupil is given the opportunity to attend a club this academic year.
- Miss Laycock will be running a story club for Reception this half term.

## **Curriculum Booklets**

At Christ the King we like to keep our parents informed about what the children are learning about in school. We aim to do this by:

- Welcome Curriculum Meetings at the start of the year
- Weekly Homework
- Parent Workshops
- Parent Evenings
- Parent Curriculum Booklets

In response to parental feedback, the teachers will be sending out half termly curriculum booklets. The purpose of these booklets is to give you an overview of what your child will be learning about in all the subjects they will be taught during the half term. You will receive a copy of the booklet by the end of the first week of every half term.

This will also include the Knowledge Organisers for some subjects. The Knowledge Organisers detail the key knowledge that children need to know and remember within the subject discipline to support them to learn and make progress across the curriculum. The knowledge has been clearly defined, specified and sequenced for every subject in all year groups to ensure progression and understanding. More information can be found [here](#) on our website.

We hope you find the booklets a useful tool to support your children at home with their learning.



## **REMINDER..Primary School Applications.**

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 then do not forget to apply before the closing date which is **midnight Monday 15th January 2024.** 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. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

## **Christmas Reading Race Tracks!**

Please remember to bring in your Christmas Reading Racetracks. Every child who returns a completed racetrack next week will be awarded 10 house points or Dojo points and be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win £15 worth of books! Mrs Williams and Mrs Marshall will be holding the prize draw next week to select the winners.

## **Online Safety**

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information about The Online Safety Act which was passed in October 2023, with the aim of establishing new layers of protection for children when they are online.

## **Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!**

We need your help! As in previous years, we are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance in school... if you have never volunteered before - come and give it a try! We know how much both the adults and the children enjoy these sessions. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on a regular basis – even if it is just for one hour a week – then please talk to your child's class teacher.

## **Thought for the week**

*"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."*

Mother Teresa

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Important Dates for the Term ahead...

Monday 15th January	<b>Year 6 SATS Parent Information Session</b> 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
Tuesday 16th January	Weights and measures for Foundation Stage pupils
Wednesday 17th January	Weights and measures for Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 17th January	KS2 Basketball trip
Thursday 18th-Friday 19th January	<b>Year 4 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall</b>
Friday 19th January	<b>5SJ Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Tuesday 23rd January	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Information Session</b> 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
Thursday 25th January <b>*provisional date*</b>	<b>KS2 Parent Information Session for Accelerated Reader (reading scheme)</b> 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
Friday 26th January	<b>NON-UNIFORM DAY—suggested donations of £1 via Arbor</b> To support the direct care of patients provided by LOROS Hospice
Friday 26th January	<b>1ER Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am— Infant Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Tuesday 30th January	<b>Year 3 trip to King Richard III centre</b>
Tuesday 30th January	<b>Trust Feast Day—St Thomas Aquinas</b> Year 3 & Year 4 chaplains to represent CTK at the Trust Mass— livestreamed back to schools
Thursday 1st February	<b>Year 2 SATS Parent Information Session</b> 9:00am—9:30am—Infant Site
Friday 2nd February	<b>1KB/SF Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am—Infant Site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Week beginning Monday 5th February	National Children's Mental Health Week 'My Voice Matters' theme
Monday 5th February	<b>EYFS end of year expectations meeting @ 9:00am — Infant site</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February	Young Leaders' Programme held at St Paul's Secondary School Year 5 & 6 Chaplains representing CTK



## Important Dates for the Term ahead continued...

Friday 9th February	1TP Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am— Infant Site Parents welcome
Friday 9th February	Monitoring Reports sent to parent ahead of Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-7:00pm      Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 14th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-5:00pm      Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm
Wednesday 14th February	Ash Wednesday Liturgies - Parents Welcome Times to be confirmed
Friday 16th February	School closes for half term