



Dear Parents/Carers,

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Jones' class. Thank you to all the pupils in 5SJ for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Leisure' by W.H. Davies and 'The Witches' Spell' by William Shakespeare. They then performed the school favourite 'My Lighthouse'. It was lovely to see the children learning these poems off by heart. It also reminded us to take a moment in the new year to slow down from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and spend more time appreciating the beauty of God's creation.

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assemblies on Monday and revisited our five school rules. We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King for our pupils because we know that pupil behaviour is strongly correlated to educational outcomes. Therefore, we will continue our work on the Behaviour Curriculum this half term by reviewing some of the behaviours and routines that we taught the children at the beginning of the year. The children were set the special mission to know and live out our school rules at all times.

Non-uniform Day for LOROS - Friday 26th January

On Friday 26th January we are holding a non-uniform day to raise money for LOROS. This is a local hospice that delivers free, compassionate care and support to terminally ill patients and their families. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per pupil. This can be paid on Arbor. Thank you for your support.

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.westleicestercatholic.org/>

<https://motherofgodeicester.co.uk/>

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 that 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. 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.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Grace, Tymek, Maria, Gladys, Ella
R-HM	Quriaqos, Antonio, Sukhkrana, Azari, Tudor
R-SL	Luis, Jerom, Rosalia, Kartik, Jan
1TP	Irine
1KB/SF	Livia
1ER	Kaiyah-Rae
2EO	Annabelle
2NT	Jameson + Benji
2SN	Mia

CTK Juniors

3KR	Agata
3GH	Rohan
3C/W	Roman
5MB	Jaycen
5SJ	Isla'Rose
5VD	Anna
6DW	Jessica
6LS	Jake
6EG	Ahana

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

Barnie (R-AG)	Maria (1SF)	Yakub (1TP)	Franek (2EO)	Fiona (2EO)
Luis (R-HM)	Ozo (1ER)	Bianka (1ER)	Jeremy (2SN)	Tymon (2SN)
Yusuf (R-HM)	Peculiar (1ER)	Joana (2NT)	Damion (2NT)	

CTK Juniors

Andrew (3KR)	Lily (3C/V)	Erin (5SJ)	Hanna (6DW)
Medric (5VD)	Tara (6LS)	Evan (4LM)	



Head of School Awards

Junior Site	Chelsea (6LS)
Infant Site	Reya (1TP)

Congratulations to Chelsea and Reya who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall.

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 Taylor, and Miss Jones' classes with 98.7%

2nd Place: Miss Gilding's class with 97.3%

3rd Place: Miss Busby/Mr Gask's class with 96.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 94.2%. 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 Captains

Over the last two weeks, we have had our House Assemblies and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.



	Year 2	Year 6
St Francis	Wayne + Bronagh	Akein + Maja
St John Bosco	Annie + Cyrus	Eve + Yvo
St Bernadette	Louie + Annabelle	Nikodem + Chelsea
St Anne	Emmanuel + Poppy	Dien + Kenisha

CTK Experience

African drumming in Year 2

Last Friday, Year 2 children were visited by Steven Kasamba who delivered a fantastic African drumming and dance workshop. The children were introduced to Djembe drums and were given the opportunity to play a variety of rhythms and songs. They also listened to some African music and learned some African style dance moves! The children found it very exciting and had great fun. (So did the teachers!) Here are some pictures:



Sports, Clubs and Activities

During the Lent term Mr T and our enthusiastic Year 6 Sports Leaders will be running a Virtual Basketball competition during lunchtime. Each day the sports leaders will invite Key Stage 2 children to take part in a number of a different basketball skills and challenges. At the end of the term, they will total up each team's score and upload the results to the Leicester City Inspire Together team to compare our results to all of the other local schools taking part. We enjoy taking part in virtual competitions at Christ The King because it allows every child to take part in a whole-school competition and showcase what they can do - whether they are joining in for fun or competing to beat the highest score set.

The CTK Experience continued.....

Year 4 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall

Our Year 4 children made some great memories this week at Beaumanor Hall. The children enjoyed climbing, building shelters, archery, hot chocolate round the camp fire, night walks, solving a murder mystery and had a lot of fun!



This is part of our CTK Experience. The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum. You can read more about this [here](#)



Bedtime Backpacks

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

⇒ **Every child a reader by 7**

⇒ **Every child a life-long reader by 11**

This week Mrs Marshall and Miss Laycock have launched our new Bedtime Backpacks on the Infant site. Each class will have the opportunity to have the bedtime backpack which has a selection of different exciting stories, a teddy to cuddle up with and some yummy hot chocolate to enjoy! A letter will be sent home when your child's class has the Bedtime Backpack. If you would like to enjoy the Bedtime Backpack for one evening, please complete the letter and return it to your child's class teacher. Happy Bedtime reading!



Christmas Reading Race Tracks!

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Christmas Reading Race Tracks. Please remember to bring in your Reading Racetracks. Every child who returns a completed racetrack will be awarded 10 house points or Dojo points. Congratulations and well done to our prize draw winners: Jayjay(F2HM), Paris (1SF/KB), Kacper (2SN) and Oliver (4HB)

Year 2 Reading Project: "Our Best Picture Book"

Year 2 are taking part in an exciting project called, 'Our Best Picture Book'

At CTK we want to introduce our children to a variety of quality books that are fun, inspiring and encourage a love of reading from an early age. We also want to expose our children to wide range of new and exciting authors. We will be asking parents, children and staff to vote for their favourite picture book from a selection of 6 over the next term. Ask your children how they are enjoying the books and look out for the books coming home.

We will also be sharing author information on Class Dojo in the coming weeks so look out for that too. Many thanks for your support.



Handwriting competition

Next Tuesday 23rd January is National Handwriting Day. Excellent handwriting and presentation are important as they show how much we value our learning and take pride in our work. To mark the day, we will be conducting our annual handwriting competition and the children who win 1st Place, 2nd Place and Most Improved in each class will win a prize.



Year 6 SATs Workshop for Parents

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Year 6 SATs Workshop on Monday. We hope you found it informative and useful.

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

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about **Snapchat**. We are aware that many 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.

February Half Term - Food Support Offer

Leicester City Council is working in partnership with Samworth Brothers to give eligible families the opportunity to shop for free food and groceries for use over the February half term holiday. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Lourdes Charity Fundraising Event

On Friday 2nd February, Christ the King will be hosting a charity Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-Up Shop from 6:30pm—10:00pm.

The event is being organised by HCPT. HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes in the south of France, for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. The letters "HCPT" stand for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

The event on Friday 2nd February will include a fashion catwalk show of clothing/accessories from many popular high street brands, with discounts of 50% off the normal retail price. There will be an opportunity to try clothing on before purchasing. Card and cash will be accepted for any purchases made.

HCPT will also be offering refreshments and a raffle with some FABULOUS prizes. The raffle will be cash only.

All members of the CTK community are very welcome and tickets are £6 each or 3 for £15. For tickets and more information please email: group215@hcpt.org.uk. We hope you can join us to support this fantastic cause and pick up some great bargains too!





Shoe Aid UK Event

On Saturday, 20th January, from 10:30am to 12:00pm, Shoe Aid UK is bringing a selection of shoes for women, men, and children to Fosse Neighborhood Centre.

From slippers to wellies, trainers to school shoes, walking boots to baby pram shoes, and even football boots (still with lots of life left), Shoe Aid have shoes for every occasion in a variety of sizes.



Shoe Aid UK supports families and individuals by providing quality shoes at no cost.

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

“Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love Him.”

James 1:12

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

Tuesday 23rd January	National Handwriting Day!
Tuesday 23rd January	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Information Session 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site Parents Welcome
Friday 26th January	NON-UNIFORM DAY—suggested donations of £1 via Arbor To support the direct care of patients provided by LOROS Hospice
Friday 26th January	1ER Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am— Infant Site Parents welcome
Monday 29th January	KS2 Parent Information Session for Accelerated Reader (reading scheme) 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
Tuesday 30th January	Year 3 trip to King Richard III centre
Tuesday 30th January	Trust Feast Day—St Thomas Aquinas Year 3 & Year 4 chaplains to represent CTK at the Trust Mass— livestreamed back to schools
Thursday 1st February	Year 2 SATS Parent Information Session 9:00am—9:30am—Infant Site
Friday 2nd February	1SF/KB Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am—Infant Site Parents welcome
Week beginning Monday 5th February	National Children's Mental Health Week 'My Voice Matters' theme
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
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