



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we received a letter from Damien Hinds, Minister for schools, to congratulate the school on our outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Check. We want every child to be a reader by age 7. We achieve this by ensuring every child has a firm grasp of phonics as the basis for early reading. 96% of pupils in Year 1 at Christ the King met the expected standard in the check which puts our school in the top 4% of all primary schools in the country. Congratulations to the children, thank you to the parents and carers and well done to the CTK Infants team.

This morning we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly all about the seasons performed by Miss Rawling's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 1ER for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Bed in Summer' by Robert Stevenson and 'Winter Spring Summer Fall' by Helen Moore, as well as the song 'Let it Go' from the film Frozen. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also to hear what they had learned about the poets and how it linked with the learning so far this year.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas**

On Tuesday 30th January, we will celebrate our Trust's Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas. This year, the focus will be "Ordinary People called to be Saints" and we will be reviewing our work on virtues. Next Tuesday, Year 4 and Year 5 Chaplains will join others from across the Trust at English Martyrs Secondary School in Leicester to celebrate Mass. Letters have been sent home to the parents of those children.

### **NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe online Programme**

This week our children took part in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme. This was kick-started with an online assembly supervised by Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford which taught the children about abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse in a child-friendly way. This was followed up with a number of supporting classroom-based activities. As ever, the children were given a mission: *Speak Out, Reach Out* to a trusted adult if they are worried or concerned about something.

## **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/>

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



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Ellie, Viktor, Charlie, Tiana, Oliver
R-HM	Reign, Daniel, Chinemerem, Elvira, Theo
R-SL	Hanna, Jeremiah, Karti K, Noah L, Chimex
1TP	Henos
1SF/KB	Kabilan
1ER	Whole Class!
2EO	Freya
2NT	Amelia
2SN	Jacob

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Evan
3GH	Reuben
3C/W	Michelle
4LM	Elijah
4HB	Julia
4GO	David
5MB	Hannah K
5SJ	Samuel
5VD	Nathan
6DW	Addison
6LS	Sebastian K
6EG	Patrick

## 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

Elizabeth (F2AG)	Abel (1ER)	Mudiwa (2NT)	Olek (2EO)
Siraj (1SF)	Haizel (F2HM)	Ryan (2SN)	Malachi (1TP)

### CTK Juniors

Nachi (5VD)	Ola (4GO)	Nevin (5VD)	Senthi (6LS)
Victor (5SJ)	Zofia (5MB)	Addison (6DW)	



## Head of School Awards

Junior Site	Medric (5VD)
Infant Site	Benji (2NT)

Congratulations to Medric and Benji who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

### 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 Pickwell class with 99.0%**

**2nd Place: Mrs Gibson and Miss Hall's classes with 98.3%**

**3rd Place: Miss O'Brien, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Connell/Mrs Valente, Miss Orrill and Miss Busby's classes with 98.0%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.5%. 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

### Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Workshop for Parents

In June, the children in Year 4 will need to take a short online test to assess whether their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Workshop on Tuesday. We will be running this workshop *again* for any parents who were unable to attend. The purpose of this session will be to explain more about the check and answer any questions you may have.

**All Year 4 parents are welcome.** This will take place on **Wednesday 7th February @14:30 on the Junior Site**. Please see [here](#) for more information about the statutory check.

### Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop for Parents

On Monday 29th January @14:30 on Junior Site, our reading leads will be hosting a KS2 reading workshop. All KS2 parents are welcome.

This will include:

- How reading is taught at Christ The King.
- Information about Accelerated Reader - how it works and how, for Upper Phase children, it can be accessed at home.
- Information about the Star Reader initiative.
- Ideas, information and sharing good practice of home reading and ways to support your child to read at home.

## **CTK Experience**

### **Sports, Clubs and Activities**

We know the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being active. Enabling pupils to find a sport or activity they enjoy makes it more likely they will continue to be active in their adult life. We want to encourage healthy competition for children of all sporting abilities

### **Basketball Trip**

On Wednesday last week, Mrs Seajo and Mr T took a group of 20 children to compete in the West Leicester: Inspire Together Basketball competition at English Martyrs. The children had a great time, competing in a tournament-style competition. Our school motto is 'Believe and Achieve' and they really did do that, as they managed to win the competition by some distance! Teamwork, sportsmanship and belief were in abundance! CTK pupils will now go on to represent West Leicester in the Leicestershire and Rutland Basketball finals. Well done, Team CTK!



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](#)



## **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We will continue to use the online booking system on Arbor which went live on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9pm and will close on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9:00am. If you have children on both sites, please allow 30 minutes between appointments to enable you to attend both bookings.

## **Online Safety**

This week's online safety guide focusses on **YouTube**. It highlights a number of risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility. Please click [here](#) to access it.

## **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.

## **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**

*"Love one another as I have loved you"*

Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for the term ahead .....

Week Beginning 29th January	National Story Telling Week
Monday 29th January	KS2 Parent Information Session for Accelerated Reader (reading scheme) All Key Stage 2 parents welcome 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
Tuesday 30th January	Year 3 trip to King Richard III Visitor 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
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
Wednesday 7th February REPEAT SESSION	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Information Session 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
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
Thursday 15th February CHANGE OF DATE	Year 2 SATS Parent Information Session 9:00am—9:30am—Infant Site
Friday 16th February	School closes for half term