



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach February half term, we want to thank and congratulate the children for all of their hard work and also to thank you, their parents and carers, for the ongoing support you have given to the school and to your children with their learning.

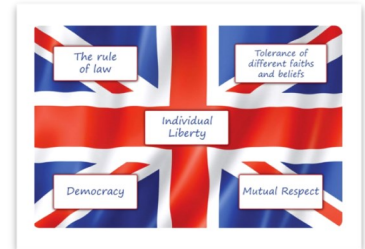


Our Catholic Mission

Individual Liberty assembly

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assembly on 'Individual Liberty' as part of our continued work on British Values. The children learned about the freedom to make the right choice and the importance of personal responsibility.

As ever, the children were set a mission. Our mission this week: Design a poster all about Individual Liberty.



Lent at CTK

This week we turn our attention to the start of Lent. Our school chaplains prepared and led our Lenten liturgies this week and reminded us of the ways we can grow closer to God during this season through prayer, fasting and giving. Ashes blessed by Fr John were distributed by the class chaplains.

Our school will be fundraising for CAFOD during Lent. On Friday this week, Will Cruddace, the Nottingham Diocese Cafod Representative, led an assembly on how we can help overseas communities who are in need, and shared with the children how much they would need to raise to fund a fishing net, a fish cutting knife or a traders' table to support a fishing community in Monrovia, Liberia. Each class will be organising their own fundraising event after half term. It would be wonderful if you could support us with this. More details will be sent after half term.

Young Leader's Meeting

Last Thursday, our six Young Leaders from Year 5 and 6 took part in their second leadership day with all of the other schools within our CMAT family. In association with CAFOD, the children were challenged to think of ways that they can live out Pope Francis' word in caring for the common home. They had a planning session where they shared ideas for what they can do to look after the school environment. We are very proud of our Y5 and Y6 pupils who are learning how to lead across the school.

Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peters' Parish and Mother of God RC Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times, confession and Stations of the Cross as we enter this holy season of Lent.

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

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

Parish Spring Fayre - On Sunday 3rd March 12:30pm-2:30pm at St Peter's Hall, there will be a parish fayre including a bake sale, raffle and chocolate tombola. **Any donations would be gratefully received.** Please can they be brought into school by Friday 1st March, or you can donate directly to the parish by Saturday 2nd March. If you are able to, please support this event by donating and attending on the day.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Ella, Serenity, Arinze, Elian, Hanna
R-HM	Chinimerem, Indianna, Tudor, Janell, Sukharan
R-SL	Chidie, Amelia, Jeremiah, Hanna, Leon
1TP	Kaden
1SF/KB	Alaina
1ER	Kairon
2EO	Blatnaid
2NT	Athena
2SN	Cyrus

CTK Juniors

3KR	Nelina
3GH	Clara
3C/V	Lionel
4LM	Rachel
4HB	Oskar & Noah
4GO	Aden S
5MB	Axl
5SJ	Selena
5VD	Arrabella
6DW	Akein
6LS	Tara
6EG	Joey

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

Yusuf (RHM)	Noah (RSL)	Efren (1SF)	Logan (1TP)
Evelyn (1ER)	Omari (2EO) Elisha (2EO)	Savanna (2SN)	Joana (2NT)

CTK Juniors

Amahle (5MB)	Deliz (4LM)	John (4GO)	Amelia (6EG)	Clara (3GH)
Lola (4GO)	Emily (4HB)	Leo (5SJ)		



Head of School Awards

Junior Site	Victor (5SJ)
Infant Site	Bronagh (2NT)

Congratulations to Victor and Bronagh who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvelous 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: Miss Hall's class with 97.3%

2nd Place: Miss O'Brien and Miss Gilding's classes with 97.2%

3rd Place: Mrs Taylor's class with 97.1%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.3%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

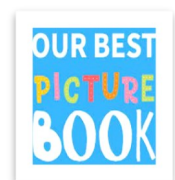
Here is some [advice](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill.

Year 2 Parent Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Thursday for the Year 2 SATs meeting in the Infant hall. We hope that you found it useful. Please see [here](#) for the presentation if you were unable to attend.

Our Best Picture Book Visit

On Monday, the Year Two children had a visit from a librarian as part of Our Best Picture Book project. You will have noticed your child/children coming home each night with a different book at the start of the week. Our Best Picture Book project shortlists 6 books in total and at the end of the project the children, parents and teachers get to vote which is their favourite. This is an excellent opportunity for the Year Two children to get an insight into the world of books and learn more about different genres. There will be more books sent home over the next couple of weeks and remember... 'The more you read, the more you know!'



The CTK Experience

Part of the CTK Experience is to provide our children the opportunity to actively participate in the Catholic Life of the school and nurture them in the Catholic faith.

On Monday, Chris our Lay Chaplain led some retreat sessions with Year 4 and Year 5 on the theme of 'Encounter'. They explored this theme through looking at the Saints and the importance of Prayer.



Missions, Vocations and Futures.

Part of the CTK Experience is to encourage the children to think about their future and how they can use their God-given gifts.

Doctor Fahmy's visit to Year 2

On Wednesday, all of the children in Year Two had the opportunity to meet Dr Fahmy and learn all about his job as part of our Aspirations curriculum. Surgeon Dr Fahmy spoke to the children all about the different organs in the body and what they do for us. He then spoke to the children about different types of doctors and how they help us. The children prepared some very well-considered and challenging questions for Dr Fahmy including asking about the path to becoming a doctor and who inspired him to pursue a career in medicine. Thank you to Dr Fahmy for answering these questions with such insight and honesty. As part of our aspirations curriculum, Year 2 will continue to find out more about jobs within the healthcare profession this year and are looking forward to meeting further visitors in the coming terms.



The CTK Experience

The Police visit Reception!

EYFS had a visit from our local police officers, PC Sam and PC Georgia, who told them all about working in the police force and all of the different things they do to keep the streets and communities safe. The children had the opportunity to look at their radios, handcuffs and other equipment they use. They particularly enjoyed looking inside the police car and listening to the sirens they use to drive to an emergency!



Sports, Clubs and Activities

On Wednesday, Mrs Havenhand and Mr T took a group of children to compete in the Inspire Together: West Leicester Basketball finals held at Orchard Mead Academy. Our team of basketballers had a fantastic time and lived out our school motto: 'Believe and Achieve' following their win at West Leicester finals. They will now go on to represent West Leicester in the Leicestershire and Rutland Basketball county finals held at The Morningside Arena - the home stadium of the Leicester Riders! Well done, team CTK. We are very proud of you all.





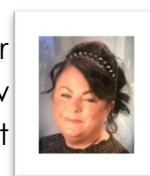
REMINDER....Calling Catholic Teachers

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham along, with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, is leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on **Monday 4 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.**

For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Staffing Update

This week we said farewell to Mrs Bradley in the Infant office. We thank her for her service to CTK over the last two years and wish her all the best in her new ventures. We are currently advertising for a new Office Manager on the Infant Site. More details can be found [here](#)



Online Safety

This week's online safety guide focuses on **persuasive online design** - highlighting its potential effect on behaviour and providing some tips to minimise its impact. Please click [here](#) to access it.

February Half term –Family Information Sheet

A family information sheet for the February half term has been collated and can be found [here](#). This details free or very low-cost activities in and around Leicestershire and places to eat where food is free/discounted for children. We hope you find it useful.

Thought for the week

“Your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you”

Matthew 6:18

Have a wonderful half term break.

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Lent Term 2 2024

Monday 26th February	School reopens for Lent term 2
Monday 26th February	Sacrament of Reconciliation for Junior children with Fr John & Fr Vitalis
Tuesday 27th February	Year of Prayer assemblies with Tom Shannon (CMAT Lay Chaplain)
Friday 1st March	Infant Chaplaincy Reconciliation Service—9:00am Infant Site Parents Welcome
Friday 1st March	3GH Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site Parents welcome
Friday 1st March	Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover for CAFOD— <i>*separate correspondence has been sent out to all Year 3 parents*</i> Arrival no earlier than 8:30pm Pick up time: by 7:30am on Saturday 2nd March
Monday 4th March	Year 1 & Year 2 Year of Prayer Retreat sessions with Tom Shannon on the theme of encounter through the saints
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	3KR Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site Parents welcome
Monday 11th March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr John—Junior Site 2:15pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 12th March	Year 3 Aspirations Visitor
Wednesday 13th March	Family Inclusion Team Coffee Morning @ 9:00 Infant Site –All Parents Welcome. See the poster on the next page.
Wednesday 13th March	NSPCC Parent Session—Online Safety measures for your children Via Zoom 5-6pm. See the poster on the next page.
Friday 15th March	3C-V (Mrs Connell & Mrs Valente) Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm—Junior Site. Parents welcome.
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 trip to Beacon Hill
Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March	Year 4 Easter Story Performances to parents/carers *times to be confirmed—ticketed event*
Thursday 21st March	Year 6 Lego Computing Workshop
Friday 22nd March	Holy Week Liturgies—Parents Welcome Infant site 9:00 Junior site 14:20
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)



Community Coffee Morning at Christ the King

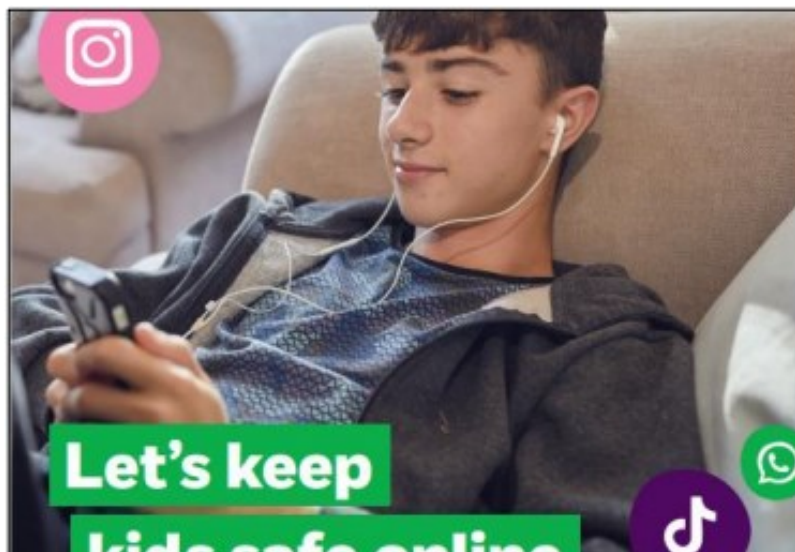
Wednesday
13th March
9:00am



Infant Site
Library
All Welcome

Would you like to meet other parents and families for a friendly meet and greet over coffee and cake. You will also have opportunity to meet the Family Inclusion Team (FIT) to find out more about our role in school and learn how we can support you and your child with their educational, social and emotional wellbeing.

Focus: Healthy Eating



**Let's keep
kids safe online**

The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.



NSPCC

Wednesday 13th March 2024 5-6pm online

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82878677363>

And enter the Meeting ID: 828 7867 7363

A representative from Christ The King will also be present in the meeting.