



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a lovely half term with your family and friends.

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Hall's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 3GH for all their hard work and preparation over the last week. The children confidently performed 'The Land of Counterpane' by Robert Louis Stevenson and 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also using their own childhood memories and dreams to enhance the performance.



Our Catholic Mission

The Infant Chaplains led a beautiful prayerful liturgy on the theme of Reconciliation today. They reminded us that we can always receive the grace of forgiveness.

Fr Cahill and Fr Vitalis visited CTK Junior Site on Monday and offered confession to the pupils as part of our Lenten observance. It was a beautiful and prayerful experience during the Lenten season.

Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover for CAFOD

During Lent, our school is doing a sponsored sleepover to raise money for CAFOD. The sleepover has been offered to all **Year 3 pupils and members of the Chaplaincy Teams only**, in keeping with our CTK Experience offer. Please say a prayer for all the staff who are sleeping overnight at school this evening! Well done to all the Year 3 children who have volunteered and thank you to all their friends and family who are sponsoring them. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to put their Faith into action.

Each class will be organising their own fundraising event this half term as part of our almsgiving for Lent. All of the money from these fundraising activities will go to support the work of CAFOD, the Catholic international charity that supports people living in poverty. It would be wonderful if you could support us with this.

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.westleicestercatholic.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	Serenity, Elizabeth, Nevaeh, Solana, Tymek
R-HM	Nathan, Oluwakemi, Antonio, Jayjay, Olivia
R-SL	Milo, Victoria, Mia, Rosalina
1TP	Kamali
1KB/SF	Paris
1ER	Olivia
2EO	Camden
2NT	Emmanuel
2SN	Alex

CTK Juniors

3KR	Rio
3GH	Chizurumoke
3C/V	Idris
4LM	Emmanuel
4HB	Holly
4GO	Desmond
5MB	Fynlee
5SJ	Chituru
5VD	Jayden
6DW	Lysander
6LS	Sam
6EG	Misha

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

Victoria R-SL	Jayden R-HM	Serenity R-AG	Memphys 1KB/SF	Adrian 2SN
Logan 1TP	Ksenia 1ER	Tomasz 2NT	Sebastian 2EO	Xavi 2SN

CTK Juniors

Lucas (5SJ)	Amanda (4LM)	Olivia (3SC)	Mary (4GO)
Tegha (6LS)	Zuzanna (4HB)	Elaine (3C/V)	



Head of School Awards

Infant Site

Chris (1TP), Benji (2SN) Sophie (1TP)

Congratulations to Chris, Benji and Sophie who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week from Mrs Marshall. Well done!

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you.

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.3%**. Well done everyone! Our school target is to have attendance above **97%**.

Here is the average attendance this year for each year group:

Year group	Average Attendance this year
Reception	95.3
Year 1	96.0
Year 2	96.9
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	96.8
Year 5	95.7
Year 6	96.4

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.

Some of our children who have been arriving late to class are unsettled when they enter the classroom. It is important for your child to be on time and prepared for the day ahead.

School starts at **8:25am** on the Juniors and **8:45am** on the Infants site.

Gates open at 8:15am Juniors and 8:35am Infants. Any children arriving after 8:35am (Juniors) and 8:50am (Infants) will need to come through the main office and sign in. This will be recorded as a 'late' mark.

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.

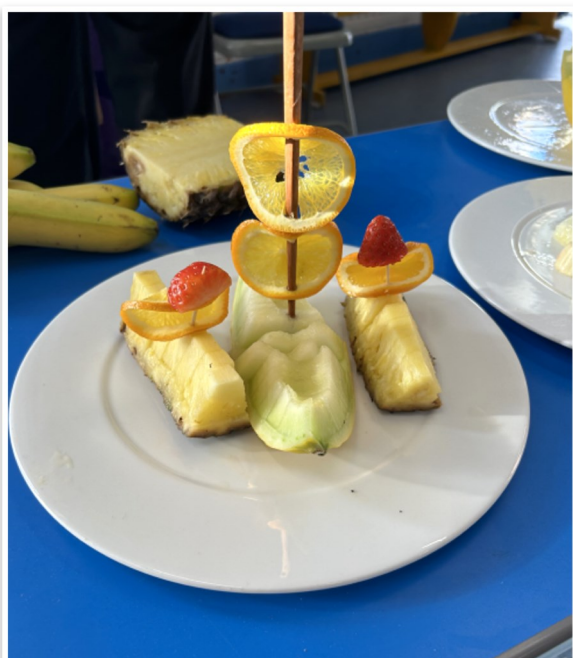
The CTK Experience

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.

Logan Pemberton visits Year 1

On Friday 16th February, Year 1 were visited by Logan Pemberton, a chef who previously served in the Royal Air Force. Logan brought in his military uniform to show the children. He taught them all about his job as a chef and how he was inspired when he was young by cooking in the kitchen with his mother. The children loved seeing his creations and tasting his delicious fruit salad.



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](#).



The Big Walk and Wheel at Christ the King

Christ the King will be taking part in The Big Walk and Wheel challenge during March 2024. We are encouraging children to cycle or scoot to school as part of a national event and competition.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. Each day children will be asked to record if they walked, wheeled, scooted or cycled to school to contribute to our whole school score.

All those children who scoot or cycle will be entered into a fun prize draw for bike related goodies such as helmets and bells.

Please encourage your children to take part on as many days as you can between 11th and 22nd March 2024. If you find it tricky to walk, scoot or ride to school due to distance, you could park a little further away from school or try it for one or two days. It all counts!




World Book Day 2023 - Thursday 7th March

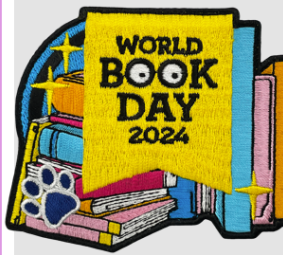

We will be marking World Book Day next week on *Thursday 7th March* with a focus on Reading for Pleasure. Reading for pleasure plays a very important part in embedding the habit of reading for our children so they become life-long readers by the time they leave our school at age 11.

On World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite word or book character or author. We look forward to seeing how they celebrate this day!

Remember to choose a brilliant book for free with your World Book Day Token.





Christ The King
World Book Day
A date for your diary...





On **Thursday 7th of March**, it is world book day!
Our theme this year is:

"Dress as your favourite word or as your favourite book character/author"

You can be as creative as you like!
We can't wait to continue to celebrate and explore our love for reading at CTK!



#everyoneareaderby7
#everyonealifelongreaderby11





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).

Online Safety Advice and Workshop for Parents - Wednesday 13th March

Please see the information poster [here](#) about a virtual online safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 13th November @ 17:00 - 18:00. This will teach you how to help your children explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. We have shared the Zoom link via Arbor and you will also find it on the poster on the link above. We hope you can join us.

Online Safety

This week's online safety guide is a help sheet for parents and carers about how to support your child to be safer online. We hope you find it useful. Please click [here](#) to access it.

Thought for the week

"God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son; so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life."

John 3:16

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Lent Term 2 2024

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 <i>*times to be confirmed—ticketed event*</i>
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.

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.

NSPCC