



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at CTK with watching the ducklings hatch and grow, World Book Day celebrations, cricket coaching sessions and an aspiration visitor in Year 5!

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Russell's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 3KR for all their hard work and preparation over the last week. The children confidently performed 'The Sound Collector' by Rodger McGough and 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart but also performing them confidently and clearly announcing every word.

Our Catholic Mission

Protected Characteristics Assembly

This week, Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall revisited learning on Protected Characteristics. The children have focused on race and disability. We work to ensure that all children learn to treat our brothers and sisters with love, respect and dignity, no matter who they are.

Faith in Action

Our Year 3 children and chaplaincy team thoroughly enjoyed the sleepover last Friday as part of the CTK Experience. This was *the* first sleepover for many of our children and supports them to develop their independence and confidence away from home. A huge thank you to all our friends and families for your very generous sponsor donations during Lent. So far we have raised £481.16!



Last week, Miss Orrill's class completed their '10,000 steps in One Day Challenge for CAFOD and raised an incredible £549.48! This is an incredible amount of money and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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. Thank you for all your support and donations so far.





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Arinze, Charlie, Barney, Olamide. Oliver
R-HM	Quriaqos, Reign, Avayha, Ariella, Anastasia
R-SL	Jacob, Keenan, Frankie, Senuli, Karol
1TP	Martha
1SF/KB	Maisey
1ER	Jovanna
2EO	Olek
2NT	Joanna
2SN	Xavi

CTK Juniors

3KR	Amirah
3GH	Skye
3C/V	Denzel
4LM	Yadayah
4HB	Caolan
4GO	Whole class
5MB	Luke
5SJ	Aken
5VD	Chloe
6DW	Lev
6LS	Adrian
6EG	Jade

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

Serenity (FAG)	Jayjay (FHM)	Jerom (FSL)	Alicja (1SF)	Cillian (1TP)
Evanna (1ER)	Victoria (2NT)	James (2NT)	Olivia (2EO)	

CTK Juniors

Oli (6EG)	Kaya (5MB)	Nancy (5MB)	Gabi (3C-V)	Agnes (3KR)
Isabella (3KR)	Xavier (3GH)			



Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Sonia (2EO)
Junior site	Praises (6EG)

Congratulations to Sonia and Praises who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford. Well done!

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and we want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Miss Laycock and Mrs Gibson's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss O'Brien, Mrs Connell/Mrs Valente's and Mrs Morris' class with 99.0%

3rd Place: Mrs Darby's class with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.7%. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Special visitors at CTK Infant Site!

The Infant site children have been given an exciting opportunity to personally experience watching ducklings hatch in an incubator. Watching three of the ducklings hatch and observing the ducklings grow and change has been the highlight this half term for pupils and staff alike. The children have been learning about the lifecycle of a duckling and they have had the chance to observe the ducklings in their classroom exploring water and hopefully learning to swim! Thank you to Mrs Francis for organising this lovely experience for the children this term.





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 during the holy season of Lent.

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

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

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.

Vicky Schofield visits Year 5

On Friday 1st March, as part of our aspirations curriculum, Year 5 were visited by Vicky Schofield, a talented musician who has made her career in music. The children heard about how Vicky had decided to pursue a university degree in Music and now has three



main roles in music; teaching children to play musical instruments, producing concerts and being part of an orchestra that travels the country. It has inspired the children to think about how music can be pursued as a very rewarding and fulfilling career choice.

We were also treated to her playing music from Jurassic Park on the French Horn!

Sports, Clubs and Activities - Cricket Coaching Sessions

Part of the CTK Experience is encouraging the children to live a healthy life through learning new sports and hobbies.

This week, Year 4, 5 and 6 have received a free cricket coaching session from two Leicestershire County Cricket coaches during their P.E. lesson. Dave and Harry deliver afterschool cricket sessions at New College on Wednesdays which are **free of charge!** The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have received a letter detailing how they can sign up. Thank you, Dave and Harry, for a great experience.





REMINDER ...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.

Each day, children will be asked to record if they walked, wheeled, scooted or cycled to school to contribute to our whole school score.

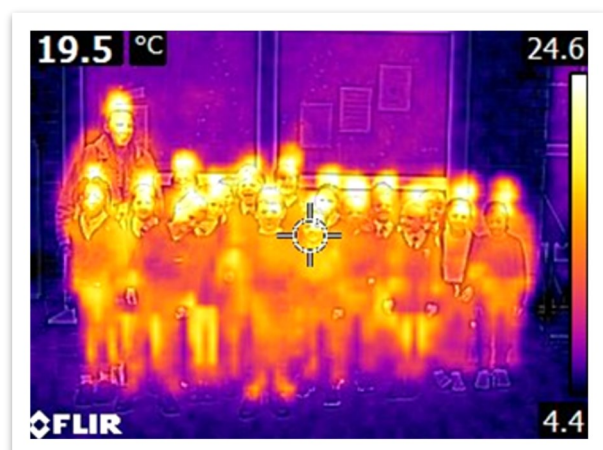
All those children who scoot or cycle will be entered into a fun prize draw for bike related goodies such as helmets and bells.

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!



Energy Sparks and CTK's Eco Mission

On Tuesday, James from Energy Sparks came to visit us to support us with our eco mission to reduce the amount of gas and electricity we use in school. He taught us about the issues that climate change is causing and reminded us that many of our wonderful resources actually cost a lot of money to run. The Eco Warriors were then given the opportunity to analyse our school data, before using a thermal imaging camera to check the school building for any areas that were leaking heat!



World Book Day 2023 - Thursday 7th March

The children had a fantastic time on Thursday celebrating World Book Day! The children and staff dressed up in their favourite book characters, took part in a poster competition, made their own story spoons to retell their favourite stories to each other and even took part in a CTK dance challenge! The children also enjoyed listening to new stories shared by their teachers. We have distributed the £1 book vouchers to all children which entitles each child to get either a free £1.00 book from participating shops or it can be used as a voucher to get £1.00 off a book. Thank you to Mrs Laycock and Mrs Williams for organising the day for us.



Dance Challenge.
Are you up for the
CTK WBD Dance
challenge?!

In small groups
can you practise
our WBD dance –
then we will
perform them to
the rest of the
class!



The winning group will
receive 10 DOJO House
points!





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 March @ 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 the risks with Group Chats. We hope you find it useful. Please click [here](#) to access it. We strongly advise all parents to supervise their child's online activity by keeping the devices they use in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen. **Primary children should not access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.**

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Update

At CTK we regard the safety of our pupils as our top priority. It is everyone's responsibility to be vigilant and to ensure that pupils stay safe. We have a number of policies and procedures in place to support our commitment to safeguarding. We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. This can be found on our school website [here](#).

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

The Friends of CTK Parents' Association are meeting on **Monday 11th March at 18:00** on the Infant Site to make preparations for Easter and the Pentecost Term. All are welcome.

Over the next few months the PTA will be preparing for the annual summer BBQ. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and usually raises between £3,000- £4000. This money helps to improve our school for your children. If we are going to continue to put on this celebration, we will need your help. Please come along to our next meeting to see if you can help the school community to celebrate the annual BBQ.

Thought for the week

"Prayer reconnects us to God, charity to our neighbour, fasting to ourselves".

Pope Francis

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Lent Term 2 2024

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 Tuesday 19th March @ 14:00 and Wednesday 20th March @ 9:15
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