

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and successful term and we have much to celebrate.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

Over the last term, our children have been learning about British Values and Protected Characteristics. Our framework for understanding these issues is based on the example of Jesus and our Catholic Faith.

## **Holy Week Liturgies**

Thank you to our chaplains who have prepared and led our Holy Week liturgies. They reminded us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and His promise of salvation through His death and resurrection. Our Infant children sang *Hosana* beautifully whilst waving their palm leaves in their air. The mission from our liturgy was to say a prayer each day during Holy Week.

## **Faith in Action**

Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to our CAFOD fundraising activities during Lent. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and talent of our pupils and families. Below are some photos of our bustling fundraising market place on the Junior Playground today.



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. We will announce the total amount raised after the Easter break.

## **Parish Links**

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's RC Church and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times, confession and Stations of the Cross as we approach Holy Week. Please do your best to take your child along to mass during the Easter break.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Kojo, Isla-Rose, Jayden, Cayden, Blaithin
R-HM	Jayden, Shekinah, David, Joseph, Daniel
R-SL	Rafael, Mia, Kartik, Noah L
1TP	Chizaram
1SF/KB	Memphys
1ER	Alona
2EO	Whole class
2NT	Isabelle M
2SN	Elohim

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Mati
3GH	Tobias
3C/V	Szymon
4LM	Olivia
4HB	Pola
4GO	Marco
5MB	Amahle
5SJ	Khyan
5VD	Gershom
6DW	Remae
6LS	Andrew
6EG	Eve

## 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

Gladys (RAG)	Ogechi (RSL)	Azari (RHM)	Adam (1SF)	Benjamin (2NT)
Nnabuihe (1ER)	Kamali (1TP)	Dominika (2SN)	Reece (2EO)	

### CTK Juniors

Antoni (4HB)	Maria (5SJ)	Eve (6EG)	Desmond (4GO)
Amirah (3KR)	Pola (4HB)	Oyiri (6EG)	



## Head of School Award

Infant Site

Elisha (2EO) and Aisha (2NT)

Congratulations to Aisha and Elisha who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week from Mrs Marshall. 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 O'Brien and Miss Hall's class with 97.2%

2nd Place: Miss Gilding's class with 97.1%

3rd Place: Mrs Taylor's class with 97.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.3%. 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.

100%	0 Days	0 Lessons Missed
99%	1 Day	5 Lessons Missed
98%	3 Days	15 Lessons Missed
97%	1 Week	25 Lessons Missed
96%	1.5 Weeks	35 Lessons Missed
94%	2 Weeks	50 Lessons Missed
93%	2.5 Weeks	65 Lessons Missed
92%	3 Weeks	75 Lessons Missed
90%	3.5 Weeks	90 Lessons Missed



## 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.

### **Mr Gowan visits Year 1**

This week, Year 1 were visited by Mr Gowan as part of their aspirations curriculum. The children learnt all about being a successful Sports Coach and how to run your own business. The children asked lots of interesting questions and then had the opportunity to invent their own game and coach their friends to improve.



## Trips, Visits and Retreats

Part of the CTK experience is the opportunity for children to regularly visit places of interest outside of school to enhance the learning of the formal academic curriculum.

On Tuesday, the Year 6 pupils enjoyed a trip to Beacon Hill to begin their new geography unit. They created field sketches and carried out directional mapping of the view from the trig point at the top of the hill and completed random sampling to see which geographical features could be found. They then also practised orienteering and using maps.

A fantastic morning was had by all and the children are looking forward to beginning their mapping unit now they have had some real-life experience.



## The CTK Experience continued...

### Performance, Culture and Creativity

As part of the CTK experience, we want to nurture and develop the individual talents of each child by giving them the opportunity to perform, think and work creatively which includes participation in performances.

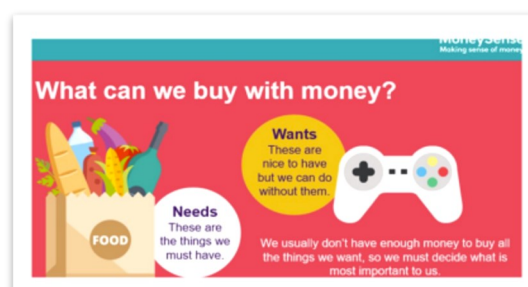
### Year 4 Stations of the Cross Performance

A huge thank you to all the families that supported our Year 4 performance of the Easter play this week. The pupils retold and reenacted the Easter story told through the eyes of a little mouse who witnessed the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was a truly exceptional performance and showcased the incredible talent of our Year 4 pupils. We are very proud of each and every one of them.



### Personal Development Curriculum

Part of our personal development curriculum includes teaching children about money. MoneySense is an impartial financial education programme provided by Natwest that helps educate young people about money for their future. The Year 2 children participated in a Money Sense workshop this week where they set up an imaginary 'Super Smoothie' business. The aim of the workshop was for the children to understand simple spending and budgeting, perform basic calculations with money and understand basic principles of enterprise. They learnt about money management including budgeting, spending and profit. They really enjoyed the opportunity to put their learning about the value of money into a real-life context.

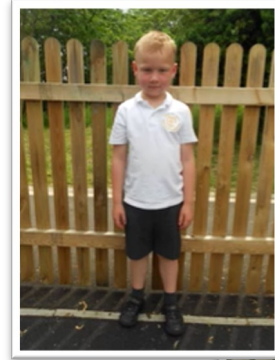


## Uniform

Please remember that we will change to the summer uniform after Easter.

### Boys

- White polo shirt
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Black/ grey socks
- Black school shoes
- School jumper



### Girls

- White polo shirt
- Navy Skirt, Pinafore or navy/grey shorts
- Blue checked summer dress
- White socks
- Black school shoes
- School jumper/ cardigan

We will continue to enforce our school rule 'Dress to Impress' so please remind your child to start the day looking smart and ready for learning!

## CTK Trophy Assembly

At Christ the King our school motto is *Believe and Achieve*, and so every term we celebrate the achievements of our pupils by nominating them for trophies in four special categories: kindness, sportsmanship, endeavour and creativity. We are very proud of all of our children at CTK, and congratulations to those pupils who received the trophies in this week's assemblies. Well done, children!

CTK Trophies	Infants	Juniors
Kindness	Kevin (2EO)	Patrick (3GH)
Sportsmanship	Ansima (2SN)	Tegha (6LS)
Endeavour	Livia (1SF/KB)	Jade (6EG)
Creativity	Kamali (1TP)	Surina (5VD)





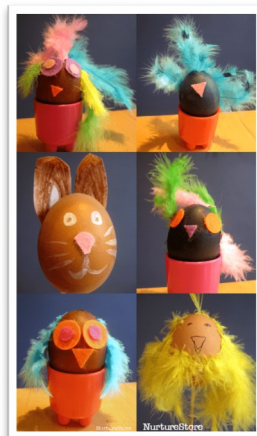
## Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents' Association meeting last week. Preparations are well underway for the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter holiday competitions. See below for details.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 29th April @ 18:00 Infant Site**. All are welcome!

## Easter Competition Time!

We are holding a series of competitions to celebrate Easter at Christ the King. The children are invited to use their creative talents to make an Easter Bonnet in Reception, decorate an egg in Years 1-4 and create an Easter Garden in Years 5 and 6. All the details have been sent across Class Dojo this week. All entries need to be brought into school by **Wednesday 10th April** and the winners will be announced the following week. This gives the children the Easter holiday to complete their entries. The main thing for the children to remember is to have fun and let their imagination and creativity run wild! We can't wait to see what you create.



## **Staffing updates.**

This half term we have welcomed back Mrs Featherstone and Mrs Wooldridge to the Junior Site. After Easter, we will also welcome back Miss Busby from maternity leave. We thank Mr Gask for covering Miss Busby's maternity leave so well and for continuing his relationship with the school. We wish him all the very best and hope to see him back at CTK in the future.

Mrs Ferne, a teaching assistant in Year 5, will be retiring at Easter. We wish Mrs Ferne a long and happy retirement and thank her for her service to Christ the King. We also said goodbye to Miss O'Brien today who will be moving on at Easter. We thank Miss O'Brien and wish her the very best at her new school.



## **Easter Holiday Money-Savers**

With the cost of living crisis still with us, the Trust have compiled a list of FREE activities over the Easter holidays, as well as places offering FREE and discounted meals. Please see [here](#) for details.

## **Online Safety**

This week's online safety guide looks at influencers and the ways that some of their content can affect young people's self-esteem, attitudes towards material wealth and their general view of the world. Please click [here](#) to access the guide.

## **Finally..**

As we come to the end of another term it is important to reflect upon the hard work and effort that has taken place this academic year. I would like to thank all our children, staff and parents for your continued support in making Christ the King the wonderful school it is! On behalf of all the Staff and Governors, we wish all our parents and children a happy and holy Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

## **Dates for the Pentecost Term**

<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
<b>Monday 8th April</b>	Children return to school
<b>Wednesday 10th April</b>	Infant Class Photos
<b>Thursday 11th April</b>	Junior Class Photos
<b>Thursday 11th April</b>	Easter Egg Hunt Infant and Junior Site All Welcome
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	CTK Summer BBQ 17:00 –20:00 All welcome