



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy Easter to you all. I hope you all had a blessed Easter break. Our final term of the year has so much to offer with trips, exciting visitors, sports day, end of year performances and memorable experiences for our pupils.



## **Our Catholic Mission**

On Monday, we celebrated an assembly on both sites to mark the beginning of a new term.

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford discussed behaviour and how showing kindness and respect links to our faith and the British Values. The children learned about how they are all Missionary Disciples: friends of Jesus who call others into friendship with Jesus through their actions and words.

This week, the children's mission was to follow our school rules, with a special focus on using fantastic walking around the school site and meeting and greeting politely.

## **Faith in Action**

Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to our CAFOD fundraising activities during 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.

We are still working on processing all the funds raised throughout the Lent term and will endeavour to update you with a grand total in the coming weeks.



## **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.

We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion with our Year 3 children this term. We will also be holding a school Mass for these children at the end of this term so we can celebrate this important sacrament together.

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

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



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Grace, Jayden, Dominic
R-HM	Joshua, Jayjay, Yusuf, Uche, Livia
R-SL	Leo, Frankie, Ikemba, Jan
1TP	Johaana
1SF/KB	Carlo
1ER	Leo
2EO	Alicja
2NT	Kevin
2SN	Joed

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Aston
3GH	Xavier
3C/V	Adrian
4LM	Ann Mary
4HB	Zuzanna
4GO	John
5MB	Kuba
5SJ	Dominic B
5VD	Nevin
6DW	Daiam
6LS	Elijah
6EG	Thomas

## 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

Chimenezim (R-SL)	Chinemerem (R-HM)	Daniel (R-AG)	Nayan (1ER)	Leon (1SF)
Kaiyannah (1TP)	Joeldaniel (2EO)	James (2NT)	Norense (2SN)	

### CTK Juniors

Nancy (5MB)	Essie (3GH)	Tegha (6LS)		



## Head of School Award

Junior Site

Erin (4LM)

Congratulations to the winner of the 'Head of School' Award this week from Mrs Glassford. Well done!

### **Park and Stride**

At CTK, we want to support parents and carers in making school drop offs as stress-free as possible. On Monday 8th April, our Infant School Councillors and Infant Eco-Warriors worked with Cate from Living Streets to encourage more families to take up our park and stride facility at New College. The children walked to the park and stride at New College to time how long and how many steps it takes in order to support more take up of the park and stride facility at New College.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported us in our park and stride pledge on Thursday 11th April on our infant playground. Cate will also be hosting a "Come and meet Strider" event at New College on Thursday 25th April at 8:30am. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



### **Summer Uniform**

As the weather is getting warmer, the children can now wear their summer uniform. This includes a white polo shirt and grey shorts or trousers for boys and a blue checked summer dress or white polo shirt and skirt/shorts for girls. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance and dressing to impress! We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please ensure that children are in school every day and on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised, (unless in exceptional circumstances), and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice for unauthorised absences.**

**Class attendance rates for each class up to the Lent Term:**

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
R-SL	96.4%	3GH	96.9%
R-AG	95%	3C/V	96.1%
R-HM	95%	3KR	96.5%
1TP	96.3%	4HB	96.8%
1ER	96.9%	4GO	96.4%
1KB/SF	95.1%	4LM	96.6%
2NT	97.1%	5MB	95.4%
2EO	97.2%	5SJ	95.6%
2SN	96.6%	5VD	96.5%
		6DW	96.2%
		6EG	97.1%
		6LS	96.3%

**Attendance is a key priority for our school this year and the school continues to work towards its attendance target of 97%. Our current whole school attendance is 96.5%.**

Our winning classes in the final week of the Lent term were:

1st place: Miss Nokes' class with 100%!

2nd Place: Mrs Williams' class with 99.7%.

3rd Place: Mrs Darby's, Miss Gilding's and Mrs Gibson's classes with 98.3%.

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 95.1%.

## EYFS Easter Craft Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon, we invited our Reception children's parents into school for an Easter crafting afternoon. Every child made an Easter bunny mask and a wooden egg decoration. We also enjoyed some Easter colouring and wordsearches and even squeezed in some extra DEAR reading time with our families. Thank you so much to all the parents who attended and were able to support the children with making the decorations. Here are some photos of their wonderful creations!





## **Year 6 SATs/Year 2 SATs**

Year 6 SATs will take place on the week beginning **13th May 2024**. We ask that all Y6 children attend school and please ensure that you do not arrange any medical or family appointments during SATS week. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association**

Thank you to all the parents and children who took part in the Easter Egg hunt on Thursday and to our wonderful Parents' Association for organising. It was a huge success! We will be drawing the winning entries for the hunt in assembly on Monday and the lucky winners will receive an Easter treat!

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

## **Online Safety**

This week's online information is through Childnet.com. This website provides parents and carers advice on a wide range of key online safety topics. Please click [here](#) to access further advice and information.

## **Thought for the week**

*"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die."*

*John 11:25-26*

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Important Dates for the Pentecost Term 1

<b>Monday 15th April</b>	Assemblies with Fr Cahill for all pupils—Encounter through the Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	Young Leaders Programme for Year 5/6 Chaplains
<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 chaplaincy retreat sessions on the theme of Encounter through the Eucharist
<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assemblies on the Year of Prayer as set by Pope Francis</li><li>Year 6 Pupil Workshop—Sublime Science</li></ul>
<b>Friday 26th April</b>	<b>Resurrection Liturgies—parents welcome</b> Infants 9am / Juniors 2:15pm
<b>Monday 29th April</b>	Year 2 Pupil Workshop—Lego Construction
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b>	Infant Chaplains leading Christian Meditation to all classes for the Month of May devotion to Our Lady
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b>	Junior Chaplains leading Lectio Divina to all classes for the Month of May devotion to Our Lady
<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	<b>Year 6 trip to the Warning Zone—Personal Development focus</b>
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	Bank Holiday—School closed
<b>Tuesday 7th May &amp; Thursday 9th May</b>	<b>Year 2 trip to the Mandir—World Faiths study</b> 45 children attending on each day—further information to follow
<b>Thursday 9th May</b>	Feast of the Ascension
<b>Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week
<b>Wednesday 22nd May</b>	<b>FIT Coffee Morning for parents—Transitions focus for current and new parents—Infant Site 9am</b> Meet the FIT team and get your child school-ready
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b>	<b>Year 1 trip to the seaside</b>
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	<b>Provisional date: Year 6 trip to Lane 7</b>
<b>Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May</b>	Half term holiday—School closed



## Important Dates for the Pentecost Term 2

<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	School reopens
<b>Week beginning 3rd June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Timestables Check
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b>	<b>New Parents' Meeting on the Infant Site 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday 6th June</b>	<b>Junior Pentecost Liturgy 2:15pm—Parents welcome</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	<b>Infant Pentecost Liturgy 9am—Parents welcome</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	<b>Year 5 Space Centre trip and Residential experience</b>
<b>Week beginning 10th June</b>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
<b>Wednesday 12th June</b>	Transition Morning across school—opportunity for children to meet their new teacher for next year
<b>Wednesday 12th June</b>	<b>New Reception children visiting the Infant Site—Infant Site 9:30-10:30am</b> Day 1
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	<b>Reception Miss Laycock's Class Poetry Recital Assembly</b> <b>9:00—Infant Site—Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Monday 17th June</b>	<b>Year 1, Year 3 &amp; Year 4 joint mass—Junior Hall 2pm—Parents welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th June</b>	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
<b>Wednesday 19th June</b>	<b>New Reception children visiting the Infant Site—Infant Site 9:30-10:30am</b> Day 2
<b>Thursday 20th June</b>	EYFS & Year 6 chaplaincy retreat sessions on the theme of Encounter through the Saints
<b>Friday 21st June</b>	<b>Reception Mrs Gibson's Class Poetry Recital Assembly</b> <b>9:00—Infant Site—Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Monday 24th June</b>	<b>Provisional date: SPORTS DAY TBC</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th June</b>	<b>FIT Coffee Morning for parents— time and location TBC</b>
<b>Friday 28th June</b>	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul
<b>Week beginning 1st July</b>	Year 5 Bikeability Level 1
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>Celebration Mass for the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year</b> <b>9am Junior Hall—Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	EYFS trip to Stonehurst Farm
<b>Thursday 4th July &amp; Friday 5th July</b>	<b>Year 6 trip to De Monfort University—Aspirations Curriculum</b> 45 children attending on each day—further information to follow
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	<b>CTK Summer BBQ—Junior Site 5-8pm</b>





## Important Dates for the Pentecost Term 2

Wednesday 10th July	<b>Year 6 Play performances to parents *Ticketed Event*</b> <b>Afternoon and evening timings to be confirmed</b>
Thursday 11th July	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy—time TBC</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Friday 12th July	<b><u>Last day of school for this academic year</u></b> <b><u>Usual finishing time of 3pm Junior Site / 3:20pm Infant Site</u></b>
<b>Monday 15th July— Wednesday 28th August (inclusive)</b>	School summer holidays— school closed
<b>Thursday 29th August</b>	School reopens for academic year 2024-25