



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great start to the Pentecost Term with an Encounter assembly led by Fr John, Irish dancing club, Easter competition winners and the election of new House Captains in Years 2 and 6.



Our Catholic Mission

Resurrection Liturgy

Our Chaplaincy team will be preparing and leading a Resurrection Liturgy on Friday 26th April at 9:00am on the Infant Site and 2:15pm on the Junior site. We would like all the children to bring in one fresh flower on Thursday 25th April to place on our 'Christ the King Cross'. **(Please do not bring in your flowers before Thursday 25th April)**. It would be wonderful if you could join us. Thank you for your continued support.

Encounter through the Eucharist

We were delighted to invite Fr John into school on Monday to talk to the children about how they can encounter the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. Mrs Carter and Fr John set the children a mission to attend Mass during the season of Easter and to pray the Thomas prayer when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion: "My Lord and My God".

Parish Links:

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's Catholic 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. Please remember to pray for them as they prepare for this very important sacrament.

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

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

Welcome Mrs Riley!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Riley to the CTK team this half term as Office Supervisor on the Infant Site. Mrs Riley brings a wealth of admin experience and I know you will join me in welcoming her to our school family.





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 Busby's with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Morris class with 98.7%

3rd Place: Miss O'Brien's class with 98.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 95.4%. 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.

Our Best Picture Book

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

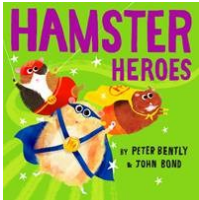
⇒ **Every child a reader by 7**

⇒ **Every child a life-long reader by 11**

To support this vision, Year 2 have taken part in an exciting reading project this year called: Our Best Picture Book.

We are pleased to announce that as voted for by Year 2 pupils, families and staff, the overall winner of Our Best Picture Book 2024 – Leicester Schools' Year 2 Book Award is:

Hamster Heroes by Peter Bently and John Bond.



An acceptance and thank you video from Peter and John can be found here: <https://youtu.be/fvl09CboU3Q>

A video from Cassie at Creative Learning Services announcing the winner can be found here: https://youtu.be/F1EYPTs_PVQ

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to our families for taking part this year. We hope you have enjoyed reading all the books together.

Park and Stride - Meet Strider!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported us in our park and stride pledge last Thursday on the infant playground. To reduce the congestion outside of school in the mornings, we want to encourage our families to take up the park and stride facility at New College. Cate will also be hosting a "Come and meet Strider" event at New College next Thursday 25th April at 8:30am. We hope you can join us.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.





Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-HM	Avayha, Jayden, Olivia, Oluwakemi, Ariella
R-SL	Noah W, Luis, Noah F, Janelle
R-AG	Divine, Henrietta, Daniel, Viktor, Gladys
1TP	Chris U
1ER	Evanna
1KB/SF	Leo
2EO	Gabriel
2NT	Damion
2SN	Yosan

CTK Juniors

3GH	Faith
3KR	Marissa
3C/V	Finley
4LM	Davis
4HB	Olee W
4GO	Lola
5VD	Ivy
5MB	Charlie K
5SJ	Santiago
6LS	Elsa
6DW	Destiny
6EG	Maja



Lunchtime Awards



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

Jeremiah F2SL	Avayha F2HM	Solana F2AG	Emmanuel 1SF/RH	Kaiyah-Rae 1ER
Reya 1TP	Otto 2EO	Kasper 2SN	Oliver 2NT	

CTK Juniors

Julia 6DW	Nathan 5VD	Rio 3KR	Essie 3GH
Charlie 5SJ	Andrew 6LS	Tegha 6LS	Noah M 3KR
Nancy 5MB	Zuzanna T 4HB		

Easter Competitions

Thank you to all the children who have taken part in our Easter competitions. We were very impressed with the artistic flair and colourful creations– from Easter Bonnets to grand egg designs to creative Easter Gardens. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes have been distributed to all our winners in each year group this week. Well done to everyone who took part and a particular congratulations to our winners below! Thank you to all our parents for your continued support too.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Reception	Jacob	Quriaqos	Hanna
Year 1	Antoni	Kendi	Oliver
Year 2	Jacob	Poppy	Krzysztof
Year 3	Charlotte	Albie	Rohan
Year 4	Harry	Caolan	Emma
Year 5	Hector	Sophia K-D	Arrabella
Year 6	Oliwier	Daiam	Sophia O



CTK Experience

We are delighted that we are able to offer a wide range of enrichment clubs to our children. Most of them are run by staff from our school and are free!

Our KS2 Irish dancing club started with a bang this week with Mrs Valente. Mrs Valente will be teaching the children the basic Irish dance steps that are taught in classes all over the world. The children will be using these steps to put together a wonderful Irish dance routine and performance. (Mrs Valente was once top five in the World Irish Dancing Championships and Great British Number One a number of years ago!)



We also have the following clubs that are led by our children for our children this half term:

Minecraft Club (organised by Oskar 4HB)

Harry Potter Club (organised by Hanna and Iga 4GO)

Fidget Toy Club (organised by Zofia and Jessica 4HB)

Thank you to Miss Orrill for facilitating and organising these experiences for our children.





Bank Holiday

A reminder that *Monday 6th May* is a bank holiday and therefore the school is closed. School reopens as normal on *Tuesday 7th May*.

Parent Governor Nominations

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you have a keen interest in CTK and are willing to provide a commitment to further develop our school then we encourage you to apply.

All of the details, including the eligibility criteria for being governor, were shared on Arbor on *Tuesday 9th April*. There are also paper copies available from the office.

The deadline for application is *Friday 19th April*. Be part of moving CTK forward!

Parent Survey 2024

On *Monday 15th April*, we shared a link to our parent survey. We want as many responses back as possible so that we can see what we are doing well and in which areas we need to improve. You can access the survey through this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/mhrrA3ER3S>

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to the PTA for organising a fantastic Easter Egg hunt on the Infant and Junior site last Friday. They raised just over £200 and it was wonderful opportunity to bring the community together, Thank you to all our families who joined us.

The Parents' Association are preparing for our most important fundraising event of the year: The Summer BBQ on **Friday 5th July 5-8pm**.

In previous years we have had food stalls showcasing the different nationalities united under Christ the King, including: Filipino, Keralan, Polish and African cuisine, to name but a few. If you would be willing to provide a food stall for our summer BBQ, or can help in any way, please could you contact Sinead Glassford via email. Her email address is: sineadglassford@hotmail.com

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

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Online Safety

This week's online safety guide provides 10 top tips on supporting parents and carers with Encouraging Open Conversations at home. 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 electronic devices in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen.



House Captains

Last Friday, we had our House Assemblies and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.

	Year 2	Year 6
St Francis	Solomon and Sonia	Tara and Damien
St John Bosco	Adela and Filip	Nadia and Kamsi
St Bernadette	Freddie and Kezia	Senithi and Adrian
St Anne	Muna and Freya	Addison and Darren



Thought for the week

*"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!"*

John 20:29

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the half term ahead

Tuesday 23rd April	Year 4 Music Trip to De Montfort Hall (pm) - Y4 children arriving back in school at 3:20pm
Wednesday 24th April	Year 1 and Year 2 chaplaincy retreat sessions on the theme of Encounter through the Eucharist
Thursday 25th April	Assemblies on the Year of Prayer as set by Pope Francis Year 6 Pupil Workshop—Sublime Science Year 1, 2 and 5 Artist Visit
Friday 26th April	Resurrection Liturgies—parents welcome Infants 9am Juniors 2:15pm
Monday 29th April	Year 2 Pupil Workshop—Lego Construction
Wednesday 1st May	Infant Chaplains leading Christian Meditation to all classes for the Month of May devotion to Our Lady
Thursday 2nd May	Junior Chaplains leading Lectio Divina to all classes for the Month of May devotion to Our Lady
Friday 3rd May	Year 6 trip to the Warning Zone—Personal Development focus
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tues 7th May & Thurs 9th May	Year 2 trip to the Mandir—World Faiths study 45 children attending on each day—further information to follow
Thursday 9th May	Feast of the Ascension
Mon13th May-Thurs 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 22nd May	FIT Coffee Morning for parents—Transitions focus for current and new parents—Infant Site 9am Meet the FIT team and get your child school-ready
Thursday 23rd May	Year 1 trip to the seaside
Friday 24th May	Provisional date: Year 6 trip to Lane 7
Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May	Half term holiday - School closed



Important Dates for Pentecost 2

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



Important Dates for Pentecost 2 continued....

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