



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week at CTK with trips, lego workshops in Year 2 and learning Marian songs and prayers for the Month of May.



Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall reviewed our lunchtime routines with the children this week and reinforced the behaviour expectations we want to see on the playground and in the dining hall. The children continue to enjoy 'Happy Lunchtimes' at CTK and the Lunchtime Teachers continue to plan a range of activities for the pupils each week to maximise their engagement and cater for different interests. Lunchtime teachers reward children with pom poms when they see them practising the virtues and setting a good example to their friends. I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our wonderful pupils throughout the week for their kind and polite behaviour at lunchtime. Well done, children!

May the Month of Mary

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and it is the occasion when Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of love for Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore our guide and inspiration for devotion to Jesus. *The children will have the opportunity to pray the Rosary on the Junior Site every Wednesday lunchtime at 12:00 with Mrs Sparkes.* The children can bring their rosary beads from home if they wish. The Junior children will be learning the 'Hail Holy Queen' and the Infant children will be learning the 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory Be' prayers.

A huge thank you to the KS1 chaplains this week who visited each class on the Infant Site to lead Christian Meditation and introduce the Month of Mary by sharing the prayers of the Rosary.

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.westleicestercatholic.org/>

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



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 Laycock's class with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Wooldridge/Mrs Valente's class with 99.3%

3rd Place: Miss Gilding class with 99.3%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was **96.8%**. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to greater well being and amazing achievements.

Parents are reminded that school can support with any issues they may have with regards to getting their children to school - just contact the office to discuss potential support.

Here is some advice on whether you should send your child to school when ill: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Attendance Matters		
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

Head of School Award

Congratulations to Dominika, Jacob, Erin and Bezalel who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate children each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

Infant Site	Dominika (2SN)
Juniors Site	Jacob (5MB), Erin (5SJ), Bezalel (5VD)



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-SL	Sky, Amarni, Karol, Chimex, Mia
R-HM	Haizel, Quriaqos, Livia, Antonio, Avayha
R-AG	Maria, Solana, Henrietta, Serenity
1TP	Henos
1KB/SF	Cece
1ER	Sienna
2EO	Kezia
2NT	Anaiah
2SN	Benji

CTK Juniors

3GH	Patrick
3KR	Isabella
3C/V	Issey
4LM	Rachel
4HB	Phillip
4GO	Jadoore
5VD	Antoni
5SJ	Emmett
5MB	Joseph
6LS	Seb S
6DM	Dien
6EG	Keyla



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

Karol (R-SL)	David (R-HM)	Dominik (1ER)	Tomasz (2EO)	Kuba (2SN)
Jordan (R-AG)	Joanna (1TP)	Milan (1SF)	Jakub (2NT)	

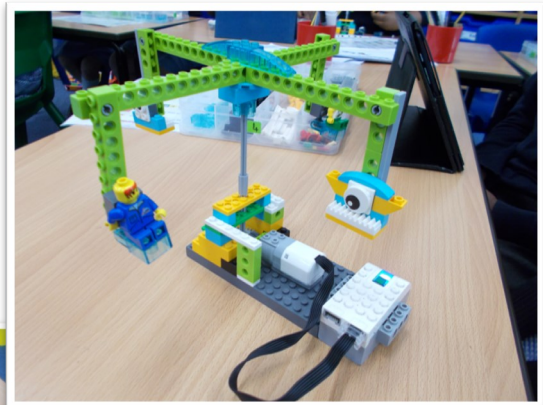
CTK Juniors

Georgette (6EG)	Senithi (6LS)	Amirah (3KR)	Andrea (3KR)
Tara (6LS)	Jessica (4HB)	Alexander (5VD)	

CTK Experience

JuniorSTEM – Lego Robotics workshop for Year 2

Year 2 have completed an exciting Lego workshop this week with a visit from Junior STEM Primary Robotics where they focused on the skills of programming, engineering and robotics. They built a fantastic Lego model of a fairground ride and then brought it to life using software linked to motors and sensors using algorithms. They developed their problem solving skills, determination, resilience and team work. It was great fun!



Year 3 Visit Abbey Park

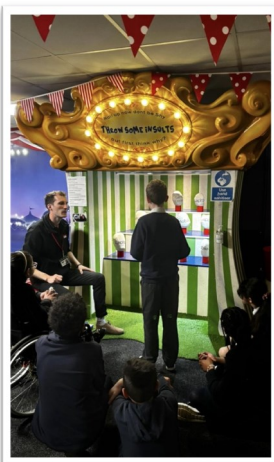
Year 3 went on a trip to Abbey Park to visit the River Soar this week. They took their geo-jotters with them to complete some geographic fieldwork. They set out to find key information about the river such as its width and depth, as well as doing some sketching whilst being mindful of the plants and wildlife around the area. They have identified the key features of a river and how this differs to a canal. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip in the sunshine and the children returned to school with a wealth of new knowledge about rivers and canals.



CTK Experience continued....

Year 6 Visit the Warning Zone

Today, Year 6 visited the Warning Zone in Leicester. This experience provides the children with an excellent opportunity to develop important life skills. The children learned about safety in a range of scenarios including road safety, railway safety, fire safety and online (E-safety). They experienced a range of safe simulations and discussed the potential risks and how to keep themselves safe.



Good bye to Mrs Connell and Mrs Morris!

We wish all the very best to Mrs Connell and Mrs Morris, who are leaving CTK this week to take up new opportunities outside of teaching. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the pupils and staff and Christ the King and wish them all the best of luck in their future roles.

Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Featherstone, who have recently returned from maternity leave, will be taking over from Mrs Connell and Mrs Morris.

REMINDER.. Parent Governor Vacancy

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 at the beginning of April. There are also paper copies available from the office.

We have extended the deadline for application to **Friday 10th May.**

Be part of moving CTK forward!



Online Safety

This week's online safety guide examines Ofcom's Media Use and Attitudes Report for 2024, highlighting the most significant findings of their survey. 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.

REMINDER.. Parent Survey 2024

On Monday 15th April, we shared a link to our parent survey. Thank you to all of our parents who have completed this already. 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>

May Half Term Food Offer

Leicester City Council is again working with Samworth Brothers to support families with food over the May half term. There will be five pop-up venues across the city that will give **parents of free school meal children, and those needing additional support**, the opportunity to collect food for the half term. **Parents need to register for a venue by Monday 6th May.** Places at the pop up pantries are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible families can register [here](#)

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

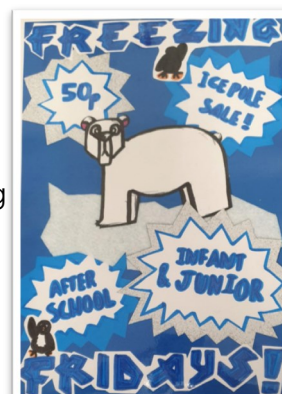
Thank you to all the parents who joined us this week to begin preparations for the Summer BBQ on **Friday 5th July 5-8pm.**

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

The children are invited to come into school in **non-uniform** on **Friday 26th May.** In exchange, we would ask parents to consider making donations for the summer BBQ prizes of chocolates, bottles and teddies.

Ice Poles on Sale Every Friday Infant and Junior site

With the help of our Year 6 pupils, the Parents Association will be selling Ice Poles every Friday after school starting *next Friday 10th May* until the end of June. They will be 50p each and the profits will be used to buy new equipment for your children.





Thought for the week

"The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team

Dates for the half term ahead

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tuesday 7th May & Thursday 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 Mass at Mother of God Parish—10:30am Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 attending—Parents welcome
Friday 10th May	Year 4 Miss Orrill's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 14:20—Junior Site—Parents Welcome
Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 17th May	Year 4 Mrs Morris/Mrs Featherstone's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 14:20—Junior Site—Parents Welcome
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
Thursday 23rd May	EYFS Big Bus Tour of Leicester Trip
Friday 24th May	Provisional date: Year 6 trip to Lane 7
Friday 24th May	Year 4 Miss Busby's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 14:20—Junior Site—Parents Welcome
Friday 24th May	Non-Uniform Day for all pupils in exchange for donations for the summer BBQ prizes of chocolate, bottles, and teddies please!
Monday 27th —Friday 31st May	Half term holiday—School closed



Important Dates for Pentecost 2

Monday 3rd June	School reopens
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—Mass at Mother of God Parish 10am Year 1 & Year 6 attending—Parents welcome
Week beginning 1st July	Year 5 Bikeability Level 1
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 2 Performance @9:15 Infant Site
Thursday 4th July	Year 2 Performance @14:00 Infant Site
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



Important Dates for Pentecost 2 continued....

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	Reception Mr Mason's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 9:00—Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Friday 5th July	<u>CTK Summer BBQ—Junior Site 5-8pm</u>
Wednesday 10th July	Year 6 Play performances to parents *Ticketed Event* Afternoon and evening timings 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