



Dear Parents/Carers,

It may have been a short week due to the Bank Holiday, but we have certainly crammed a lot of exciting learning into four days!

Poetry Recital 4GO

Thank you to Miss Orrill's class who performed two brilliant poems this afternoon, "The Witches Spell" from Macbeth and "Daddy Fell Into the Pond" by Alfred Noyes. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and we are very proud of them! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us today and for your continued support.



Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led an assembly this week on the virtue of fortitude. The children learnt about this important virtue and how they should always stand up for what is right.. Even when it is hard. In the playground, in the classroom and on-line, the children should always treat each other with respect and dignity.

Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, we came together to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension at Mother of God church. It was a wonderful, joyous occasion. Thank you to Fr Kevin and our Year 5 readers. Fr Kevin asked the children why Jesus ascended into heaven and we thought about how we can spread the Good News of God's love to everyone around us.



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 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.

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: 2EO with 100% attendance

2nd Place: 2NT with 99.7% attendance

3rd Place: 1TP with 99.3% attendance

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was **96.9%**. 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.

Penalty notice fines for school absence are changing from August 2024. Please see the quick guide [here](#).

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 Ruby and Isabella 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	Ruby (2EO)
Juniors Site	Isabella (3KR)



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-HM	Joshua, Chinemerem, Anastasia, Elvira
R-SL	Jerom, Rosalia, Mila, Noah L
R-AG	Hanna, Blaithin, Daniel, Olamide
1ER	Dominik
1TP	Logan
1KB/SF	Maria
2EO	Reece
2NT	Jasmine
2SN	Ryan

CTK Juniors

3GH	Theo
3KR	Harida
3W/V	Har-Roop
4SF	Erin
4HB	Kabina
4GO	Gabby
5VD	John-Xavier
5SJ	Charlie
5MB	Olivia
6LS	Caitlyn
6DM	Julia
6EG	Amelia



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

Hanna (F2 SL)	Ella (F2 AG)	Elvira (F2 HM)	Dhiya (1ER)	Tymon (2SN)
Lily (1SF/KB)	Kaden (1TP)	Otto (2EO)	Wayne (2NT)	

CTK Juniors

Julia (4HB)	Isla'Rose (5SJ)	Dominik (5VD)	Hanna (4GO)
Jack (5SJ)	Filip G (6LS)	Iga (4GO)	Jake (6LS)



CTK Experience

Year 5 History Tour of Leicester

During May, Year 5 will be walking around the city to find out how we commemorate the past and celebrate influential people. As part of a History unit investigating how people from Leicester have caused change, they will examine statues, buildings and historical sites around the city including the site of Leicester Castle and the Cathedral area. We've been really impressed with the children's curiosity and enthusiasm for finding out about the legacy of those from Leicester city. They have been learning about important figures including Alice Hawkins and Sir Alec Jeffreys, and have been thinking about who they would choose to commemorate for their impact on our lives.

Year 2 Visit the Mandir Temple

At Christ the King, we teach our children to be understanding, respectful and tolerant of other people and their religions, beliefs, practices and customs. Part of the Religious Education curriculum is teaching children about other religions.

This week, Year 2 visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple in Leicester. They learnt about what Hindus do when they visit their place of worship. The children enjoyed learning about different parts of the religion such as: what they do when they first enter the Mandir, some of the rooms people use to pray, their many gods and some of the early stories of the religion. Throughout the trip, the children were asking lots of questions to find out more about the place of worship and the religion.

Personal Development

At CTK we recognise the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for our pupils. Next week we will be marking *Mental Health Awareness Week*.

The theme is '*Moving More for Mental Health*'. We will be holding an assembly on both sites to discuss what mental health is and the different ways we can keep ourselves mentally healthy. The children will have plenty of movement breaks and will find out why movement matters!

We are also inviting the children to 'Wear Green' on Friday 17th May.





The CTK Experience

Sports, Clubs and activities

Balanceability

We want all our children to have the opportunity to learn to ride a bike as part of the CTK Experience. During this half term, our Reception children have been taking part in *Balanceability*. This is an approved *Learn to Cycle* programme for children in EYFS and KS1. It is designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently. It also assists their ability to participate in *Bikeability* later in Key Stage 2. The children are making great progress whilst having great fun! Our teaching staff are particularly impressed by the number of children who come to school with experience of riding a balance bike and have brought in their own helmets from home.



Cycling Event

Last week, Mrs Havenhand and Mr T took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to another *Leicester City: Inspire Together* event: 'Self Belief with Cycling' held at New College. Our children had a brilliant time alongside four other local schools. They took part in a carousel of activities, such as BMX trails, mounting biking and team racing. Some of our children simply had the chance and time to develop their confidence and skills of riding a different bike.

At the end of the morning, we returned back to school very energised and inspired to cycle more often!

Thank you to Mr T for organising this event for our children.





Online Safety

Please read the letter sent to all parents across Arbor on Wednesday 8th May about pupil use of social media outside school. If your child has access to YouTube, TikTok, Snap Chat or social media of any kind, they are being exposed to risks. The letter outlines some possible ways for you to manage these risks. Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

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/mhrrA3ER35>

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

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

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 today - Friday 10th May until the end of June. They will cost 50p each and the profits will be used to buy new equipment for your children.



Thought for the week

"Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ is our helper, the leader of our battles, and the one who fights with us"

St John of Avila

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the half term ahead

Mon 13th May—Thursday 16th Ma	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 16th May	Year 1 Seaside Trip Parent Session @9:00am Infant Site
Friday 17th May	Year 4 Mrs Featherstone's (Mrs Morris) Class Poetry Recital Assembly 14:20—Junior Site—Parents Welcome
Friday 17th May	WEAR something GREEN DAY for Mental Health 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
Thursday 23rd May	EYFS Big Bus Tour of Leicester Trip
Thursday 23rd May	5VD History 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
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



Important Dates for Pentecost 2 continued....

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
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