

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) this week alongside all other Year 6 pupils in the country. Their attitudes and application were exemplary. They demonstrated resilience and confidence. I am sure that our traditional SATs Breakfasts helped to ease any nerves and fuel their inspiration. Thank you to Mrs Dunbar for organising the breakfasts, the parents for helping and supporting their children, the staff for their encouragement and care and, most of all, to the children for their hard work and dedication.

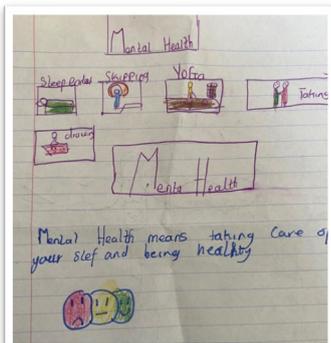
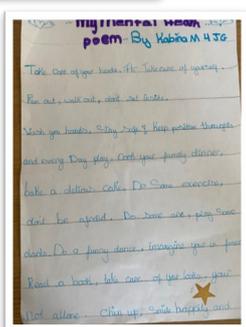
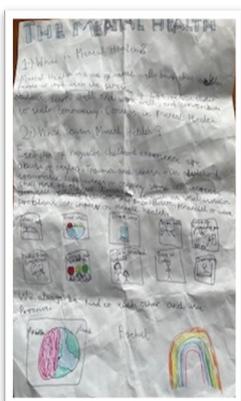
Poetry Recital 4SF

Thank you to Mrs Featherstone's class who performed two brilliant poems this afternoon, "The Adventures of Isabel" by Ogden Nash and "A Tiger's Tale" by Alfred Noyes. They finished the recital with a fantastic rendition of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by The Tokens. All of 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 Waldron and Mrs Marshall led an assembly on Monday to mark 'Mental Health Awareness' week. The children learned what mental health is and the different ways they can keep ourselves mentally healthy.

The children were given a mission to design a poster to show how we can keep ourselves mentally healthy. Thank you to Rachel, Paris, Blessing, Kabina and Amanda for their excellent informative posters and poems!





REMINDER...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 may 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 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/>

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Wooldridge/Mrs Valente's class and Miss Orrill's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Gilding's with 99.6%

3rd Place: Mrs Featherstone's and Miss Jones' class with 98.3%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was **94.1%**. 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](#).

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



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-HM	Nathan, Joseph, Daniel, Indiana, Tudor
R-SL	Cairo, Jacob, Kartik, Leon, Ikemba
R-AG	Gladys, Ella, Nevaeh, Jordon
1KB/SF	Jonah
1TP	Kaden + Anna
1ER	Eva
2EO	Olek
2NT	Yakub
2SN	Ollie

CTK Juniors

3GH	Oholiab
3KR	Henry
3W/V	Serah Mary
4SF	Ola
4HB	Zofia
4GO	Aiden M
5VD	Ziorachi
5MB	Aidan
5SJ	Keyshauna
6LS	The whole of Year 6!
6DM	
6EG	



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.

David (2EO)	Rosalina (R-SL)	Olivia (R-HM)	Divine (R-AG)	Athena (2NT)
Paris (1KB/SF)	Adeline (1TP)	Dhriya (1ER)	Ryan (2SN)	
Reuben (3GH)	Joshua (3GH)	Sukhmani (4GO)	Xavier (6LS)	

Head of School Award

Congratulations to Olamide and Charlie 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. Well done!

Infant Site	Olamide (F2 AG)
Juniors Site	Charlie (5SJ)

New Parents Meeting: Coffee Morning - Wednesday 22nd May.

We are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 22nd May on the Infant Site between 9:00 –10:30am for any parents who have children starting in Reception at Christ the King in September 2024.

Mrs Marshall, our Head of School, will be sharing information to help you prepare your child for school and you will have the chance to have a tour of the Infant Site and ask questions.

Please spread the word. We look forward to meeting you and we hope this will be the start of a wonderful partnership.

Notes of Appreciation

This week we have revisited the virtue of gratitude with our children. Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health. We will be encouraging the children to end the half term by showing gratitude to somebody. A handwritten note is best because it encourages the children to *think* about how others have helped them. Please talk to your children about who they would like to thank next week. The children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher.





Online Safety

Please read the letter from Mr Lockyer sent to all parents across Arbor on Monday 13th May about online safety. You can read it [here](#).

CTK is committed to supporting our families and educating our children on the safe and responsible use of technology. We are organising further online safety workshops for all the children and there will also be a workshop for parents after half term. Further details will be emailed via Arbor.

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 be 50p each and the profits will be used to buy new equipment for your children.



Netball Holiday Camp for Girls in Year 5 or Year 6

Please see the flier [here](#). It has been sent to all parents across Arbor this week.

Thought for the week

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord" Psalm 124:8

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the week ahead...

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

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
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



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
Thursday 20th June	EYFS & Year 6 chaplaincy retreat sessions on the theme of Encounter
Friday 21st June	Reception Mrs Gibson's Class Poetry Recital Assembly
Monday 24th June	SPORTS DAY AM
Tuesday 25th June	SPORTS DAY AM
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