



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week in school has seen the first school trip of the year, an assembly about the Zones of Regulation and fire safety workshops in Year 1 and Year 5.

Catholic Life

On Monday, children and staff were joined by Fr Cahill from Blessed Sacrament Church to lead an assembly on 'Encounter' - the Bishop's theme we are focusing on this term. Fr Cahill explained to the children that Encounter is a 'special meeting' and he shared with us two different ways we can meet Christ in our everyday lives: through prayer and the sacraments. Fr John specifically looked at the prayer Jesus taught us: 'Our Father' and explained this beautiful prayer verse by verse. The children have been given a mission to say the Our Father every day.

Harvest

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare again this year. It is a local organisation who collect food donations and make food parcels for families in our local area. As part of our Harvest Festival collection, we are asking the children to bring in one or more dried or tinned food items for the Braunstone Foodshare. They do not collect out-of-date foods, damaged foods or fresh produce. Please send your food donations by *Thursday 17th October*.

Parish Links

First Holy Communion 2024

Children in Year 3 or above who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's are now eligible to apply to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: holycommunion1936@gmail

The deadline for returning application forms is Saturday 28th September at 12pm.

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, Mrs Griffin/Mrs Francis, Miss Nokes, Miss Hall and Miss Russell's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Rawlings, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Ealing and Miss Stone's class with 99.3%

3rd Place: Mrs Allard's class with 99.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 98.3%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

RSL	Grace, Isabella, Marley,
RHM	Chandni, Jakub, Ruby,
RAG	Alicia, Poppy, Amarth,
1W/B	Nathan
1RG/SF	Olivia
1ER	Barney
2SN	Jonah
2NT	Emmanuel
2KK/RH	Nia

CTK Juniors

3KR	Annie
3GH	Krystian
3HB	Poppy
4TP	Idris
4HD	Szymon
4GO	William
5AL	Elijah
5SE	Mary
5SF	Rebekah
6SB	Noah
6LS	Max
6EA	Hannah

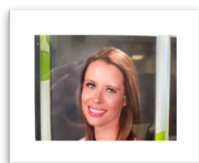
Head of School Awards

Congratulations to the pupils who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Valente nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

Infant Site	Adam Jose (2NT)
Junior Site	Romeo (4TP)

Notification of change of name:

Miss Crofts, one of our Teaching Assistants in Reception, is now known as Miss Saville.



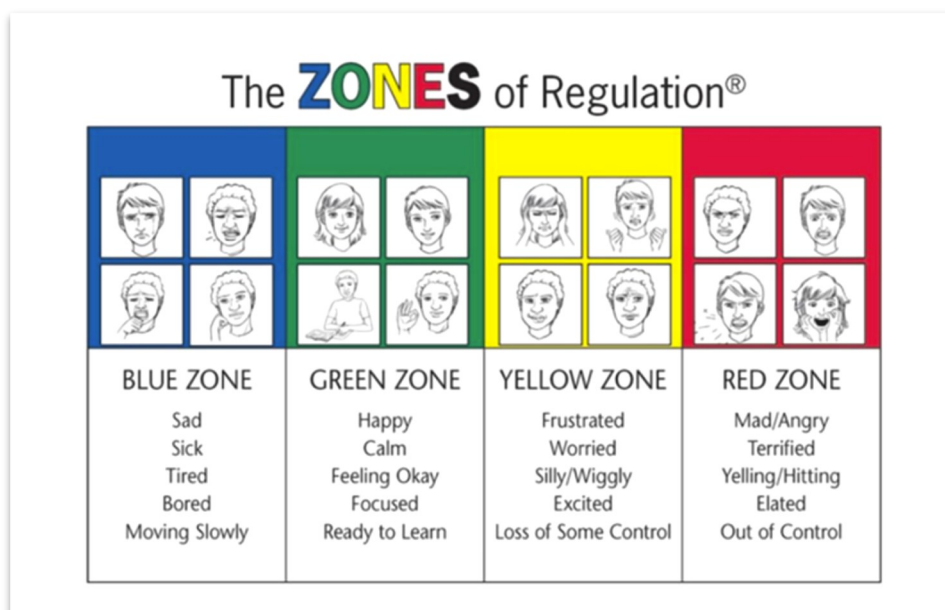
Goodbye Mr Cham

Today we say goodbye to Mr Cham who has been part of the CTK family for a number of years. We thank him for his service to the school, as a cleaner and lunchtime teacher, and wish him a happy retirement, in Sweden! Thank you, Mr Cham!

Zones of Regulation

At CTK, we recognise the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for our pupils. Today, we welcomed Mrs Pulsford who re-launched the Zones of Regulation throughout the whole school. This is a framework which teaches our pupils how to identify emotions in themselves and others and provides them with a bank of strategies to help regulate their emotions and improve their wellbeing.

Please see [here](#) for further information about The Zones of Regulation. We hope you find it useful and can use it home too!



Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2024

Online applications for secondary schools are now open. Applications can be made online at [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://startingsecondaryschool.leicester.gov.uk) and will need to be submitted no later than **Thursday 31st October 2024**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late and you may miss out on your choice of school. Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form.

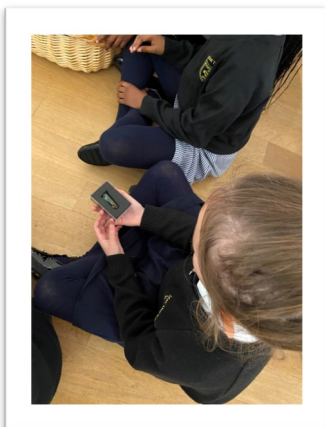
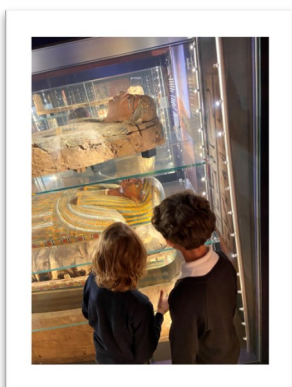
Parent's Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment on Arbor. The online bookings close on *Friday 4th October @15:00*. If you do not book, an appointment will be issued to you and it will appear on the target report that you will receive on Friday 11th October.

The CTK Experience

Year 4 visit New Walk Museum and Art Gallery

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to New Walk museum where they took part in an Egyptian workshop. They learned what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians, dressed up in Ancient Egyptian costume and had the chance to examine some artefacts from 3000 years ago. They also had the opportunity to explore the museum. The children really enjoyed their visit.



Personal Development

Fire Safety Workshops

Our Year One children enjoyed a fire safety talk this week with our Fire Service. It was a very informative session where children learned a simple safety technique called: Stop, Drop and Roll! This was demonstrated brilliantly by Charlie. All Year One children were asked to learn their home address off by heart in case of an emergency.

Year 5 learned about electrical overload and how easily fires can spread. They were also learned about the importance of smoke detectors in our homes and how to test them.



Extracurricular Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extracurricular clubs. Our mission is for *all* of our children to find something to participate in that they love so they can develop their God-given talents and interests.

This half term has seen the start of the Year 3 /4 Comic Club with Miss Orrill. The children have explored some of the different styles of comics, discussed their preferences and had a lively debate about which comic company is better; Marvel or DC? This week, the children created their front covers for their very own comic books!



Rainbow Reader

We are very excited to relaunch our famous Rainbow Reader again!

The aim of our Rainbow Reader incentive is to motivate, encourage and foster a love of reading in all our children.

If our children read 4 or more times a week, they will be provided with a "Book Buck" at the end of the week. The home reading sessions need to be recorded in your child's reading diary each time they read.

Every half term, the children who have read 4 times or more every week, will then receive a certificate from their Head of school in assembly and the children will be invited to spend their "Book Bucks" in our Rainbow Reader Arcade, which will be managed by Miss Laycock on the Infant Site and Mrs Ealing on the Junior site.



Here are a few examples of some of the prizes that will be available at the Rainbow Reader Arcade:





REMINDER....CTK Community Coffee Morning

Our whole school community is welcome to join us for our first CTK Community Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 9th October** hosted by our Family Inclusion and Transition (FIT) team.

This is a great opportunity for all of the community to come together, socialise and chat. There will also be a 'Stay and Play' element so please do bring along your younger children. Parents, grandparents, carers, brothers and sisters - all are welcome and drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Where: Infant hall (please enter and sign in at the office)

Date: Wednesday 9th October

Time: 8:45 - 10am


Due to suitable available space, the coffee mornings will be held on the infant site but we would still like to welcome as many junior parents as possible. If you have time, please join us after dropping off your junior children.

Asda Cashpot for our Parents' Association

As a school we are taking part in the cash for schools initiative at Asda. This is a great fundraising opportunity for us.

To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Even if you download the app and only shop at Asda once, spending a minimum of £2 on groceries, Asda will put £1 into the school cashpot. Thank you for your support with this.



you scan, WE DONATE ££s TO SCHOOLS.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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- 1**
Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**
Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**
Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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Cauliflower Cards

We are excited to announce that we will be participating in the 'Cauliflower Cards' Christmas design project again this year. The children will be asked to produce a simple design that can be printed onto a variety of different products that you can then purchase as cards and gifts for family and friends. Further details will follow, but please be aware that in order for the items to be printed and returned in time for Christmas, these designs will need to be completed before half term so don't worry if the children seem to be talking about Christmas a little early!

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy in line with statutory guidance. You can find a copy of the policy [here](#)

Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which gives information on what parents need to know about WhatsApp. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

CTK Open Days for children starting school in August 2025

We will be holding two Open Days for parents with children due to start school in August 2025. Please share this information with friends and family to whom this applies.



Thought for the Week

“Do not be discouraged by your failures, for they are stepping stones to success ”

St Monica

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 1 2024

Monday 30th September	Year 4 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm
Monday 30th September	5SE and 5AL Botanical Gardens Trip
Tuesday 1st October	Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians
Tuesday 1st October	5SF Botanical Gardens Trip
Tuesday 1st October	Year 6 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall 2:30pm
Friday 4th October	6SB Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm
Friday 4th October	National Teacher Day
Week beginning 7th Oct	National Libraries Week
Monday 7th October	Year 6 & Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall 2:15pm Parents Welcome
Wednesday 9th October	Year 2 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall @8.45am
Wednesday 9th October	Community Coffee Morning –Stay and Play Infant Site Hall @ 8:45 All Parents Welcome
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 10th October	Chaplaincy Tam Rosmini Retreat Day
Friday 11th October	Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
Week beginning 14th Oct	Our History Week - more details to follow
Tuesday 15th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm
Wednesday 16th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm
Thursday 17th October	Open Morning – Reception 2025 –2026 Infant Site 10:00-11:30am
Thursday 17th October	All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please
Friday 18th October	Harvest Celebration of the Word — Parents Welcome Infants: 9:00am Juniors 2:15pm
Friday 18th October	School finishes for the October Half Term
Week beginning 21st Oct	School closed for half term
Monday 28th October	School reopens for Advent 2 term