



Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcomed parents onto the Junior Site today for our first poetry recital assembly. CTK poetry recitals are wonderful because year-on-year, our children have the opportunity to learn, perform and watch a range of classic, modern and funny poems. Performing them as a class brings our children together as class team and also gives each and every one of our pupils a voice and the chance to perform.

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Boyd's class based on the theme of joy. Thank you to all the pupils in 6SB for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'Invictus' by William Earnest Henley, 'Pinda Cake' by Valerie Bloom and a Gospel Medley hymn. It was lovely to see the children not only learning these poems off by heart, but perform with props, projection and prosody. It also reminded us to take a moment to appreciate the joy and beauty of God's creation around us.

## **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 They do not collect out-of-date foods, damaged foods or fresh produce.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*.

## **Rosary Club**

October is the Month of the Rosary and we would like to invite the children to bring in their Rosary beads during this month. The children will have the opportunity to pray the Rosary every Monday lunch-time on the Infant Site and every Thursday lunchtime on the Junior Site as part of our Rosary Club. We will be exploring the Glorious Mysteries. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your children to actively participate in prayer during this month.

## **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: [stpetersleicester@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersleicester@gmail.com)

## **Joint Mass**

We have our first joint Mass on Monday 7th October with Fr Cahill, led by Year 6 and Year 2 on the Junior Site @ 14:00. All parents are welcome to join us.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Jaziel, Carissa, Liam, Connell, Yosyas
R-HM	Alvaro, Adonai, Oliver, Lavayer, Imona
R-SL	Jake, Evelyn, Julia, Elizabeth-Anne, Tabitha
1RG/SF	Daniel
1KB/LW	Rithul
1ER	Azari
2SN	Declan
2NT	Grace
2RH/KK	Callum

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Mia
3GH	Miller
3HB	Muna
4TP	Nana
4HD	Adeline
4GO	Issey
5AL	Alan
5SE	Harry
5SF	Emily
6EA	Claudia
6LS	Isla-Rose
6SB	Dominik

## Lunchtime Awards



We are going to continue with our Happy Lunchtimes initiative this year.

I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our children this week for excellent behaviour.

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

Ruby (RHM)	Aadav (RAG)	Grace (RSL)	Evanna (2KK-RH)
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### CTK Juniors

Poppy (3HB)	Elana (6LS)	Zofia (6EA)	Sara (6SB)	Leo (6LS)
Christopher (4TP)	Jordan (5SE)	Harvey (6LS)	Jasmine (5AL)	Zofia (6LS)



## Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Olamide, Oluwakemi and Bezalel who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford.

Infant Site	Olamide and Oluwakemi - 1RG/SF
Junior Site	Bezalel (6EA)

### **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 Francis and Mrs Griffin's class with 100%**

**2nd Place: Miss Nokes and Miss Orrill's classes with 99.7%**

**3rd Place: Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Wooldridge's class with 99.3%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 98.1%. 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.

### **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 Library (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.



## **Primary School Applications.**

If you have a child who is due to start school in August 2025, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Wednesday 15 January 2025. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

We have two open days for prospective parents on Thursday 17th October @ 10.00 and Tuesday 29th October @ 13:30. Come and see our wonderful EYFS area and meet some of our staff and pupils.

## **Parent's Evening**

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment on Arbor. The online bookings close today. 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.

## **Online Safety**

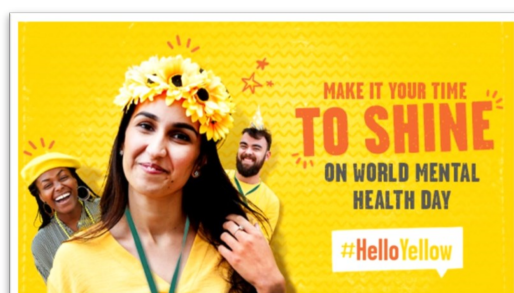
Please click the following [link](#) which provides some top tips on adopting safe and healthy habits online. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

## **World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow**

We will be marking World Mental Health Day at CTK on **Tuesday 8th October** by inviting the children to come into school **wearing something yellow**. We will also be talking to the children about how we can stay mentally healthy.

Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health and we will be encouraging children to end the half term by practising our virtue of gratitude and thanking those that have done things for them.

A handwritten note is best because it encourages the children to think about how others have helped them. We would like to encourage the children to write a thank you notes to someone that they think has helped them during this half term – this may include their friends or an adult in school. The children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher.





## The CTK Experience - Visits, Trips and Retreats

At Christ the King we plan a sequence of trips as part of the CTK Experience. These directly support the learning in the curriculum and provide a range of experiences that enhance the wider development of our pupils.

### Year 2 visit Beaumanor Hall

The Year 2 children went on a Victorian-themed trip to Beaumanor Hall this week. They had the opportunity to experience what life was like in a Victorian classroom where they did some quick Maths and English lessons using slates and ink pens. They also completed chores that Victorian maids would do when working in a big house like Beaumanor Hall. This included doing washing and ironing. One of the highlights of the day was going inside Beaumanor Hall itself and seeing the beautiful stained glass window depicting the family tree of the original owner, William Perry Herrick. The children had a wonderful day and it really brought their History learning to life!



### Year 5 visit University of Leicester Botanical Gardens

Year 5 had a great time this week at the University of Leicester Botanical Gardens. They learned about a variety of different habitats from ponds and deserts to woodlands. They also enjoyed searching for and identifying mini-beasts and pond dipping!





## **October half term at Leicester Cathedral**

Please follow this [link](#) for more information about a range of family-friendly events happening at Leicester Cathedral over the half term holiday.

## **Change of Weather**

The weather is turning colder and wetter so please make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day. Children will still go outside in light rain and therefore will need to have the appropriate clothing.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another"*

St Vincent De Paul

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Term Dates Advent 1 2024.....

<b>Week beginning 7th Oct</b>	<b>National Libraries Week</b>
<b>Monday 7th October</b>	<b>KS2 Fencing Trip (am)</b>
<b>Monday 7th October</b>	<b>Year 6 &amp; Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th October</b>	<b>World Mental Health Day - WEAR YELLOW</b>
<b>Wednesday 9th October</b>	<b>Year 2 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall @8.45am</b>
<b>Wednesday 9th October</b>	<b>Community Coffee Morning –Stay and Play Infant Library @ 8:45</b> <b>All Parents Welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 9th October</b>	<b>School Photographs Infant Site</b>
<b>Thursday 10th October</b>	<b>School Photographs Junior Site</b>
<b>Thursday 10th October</b>	<b>Chaplaincy Trip</b>
<b>Friday 11th October</b>	<b>Year 6 WW2 Trip to Beaumanor Hall</b>
<b>Friday 11th October</b>	<b>Target Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Week beginning 14th Oct</b>	<b>Our History Week - more details to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th October</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 16th October</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17th October</b>	<b>Open Morning – Reception 2025 –2026 Infant Site 10:00-11:30am</b>
<b>Thursday 17th October</b>	<b>All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please</b>
<b>Friday 18th October</b>	<b>Harvest Celebration of the Word — Parents Welcome</b> <b>Infants: 9:00am Juniors 2:15pm</b>
<b>Friday 18th October</b>	<b>School finishes for the October Half Term</b>
<b>Week beginning 21st Oct</b>	<b>School closed for half term</b>
<b>Monday 28th October</b>	<b>School reopens for Advent 2 term</b>