



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to Mrs Taylor's class who presented their poetry recital this morning. They performed: 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and a selection of short limericks by Edward Lear. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and worked really hard on projecting their voices. We are very proud of all of them! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us today, and for helping the children learn their lines and poems.

Catholic Mission

All Souls in November

As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

Protected Characteristics Assembly

This week, Mrs Glassford and Mrs Valente revisited learning on Protected Characteristics. The children have focused on race, religion, biological sex, age and disability. We work to ensure that all children learn to treat our brothers and sisters with love, respect and dignity, no matter who they are. The children were set a mission to name some of the protected characteristics and extra bonus points are awarded for posters showcasing their learning.

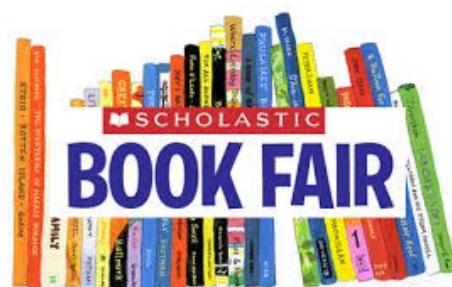
Parish links

There will be a family Mass on *Sunday 26th November* to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church and will be at 9.30am. More information has been sent to you via Arbor this week. The Mass will be led by our children and we hope to get as many of our children involved as possible. Please complete the online form if you are able to join us. <https://forms.office.com/e/GzLJDDft49>

Come to the Book Fair

We have the Scholastics Book Fair visiting from **Friday 15th November until Wednesday 21st November**. Children will be able to visit the book fair during the day. You can visit the book fair with your child before or after school to purchase books. You will pay for the book using a QR code and a member of staff will be there to support you purchasing the books electronically. Every book you buy will gain a free book for our school which will be in your child's class or in the school library.

The book fair will be held in the library on the Infant Site and in the hall on the Junior Site.





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Yosyas, Amarah, Melvin, Poppy, Evangele
R-HM	Isabel, Chandni, Stanislaw, Liam, Amaiyah
R-SL	Elizabeth-Anne, Michal, Joanne, Jason, Maria
1KB/LW	Amarni
1RG/SF	Quriaqos
1ER	Maria
2KK/RH	Dominik
2NT	Evelyn
2SN	Johaana

CTK Juniors

3KR	Jacob + Freddie
3GH	Joanna
3HB	Wayne
4TP	Isabella
4HD	Amelia
4GO	Elaine
5AL	Gabby S
5SE	Oskar
5SF	Lena
6SB	Michelle
6LS	Gershon
6EA	Arale

Lunchtime Awards



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

Dominik (R-SL)	Ella (1KB/LW)	Callum (2KK/RH)
Ariella (R-AG)	Karol (1ER)	Ava (2NT)
Jared (R-HM)	Victoria (1RG/SF)	Maisey (2SN)

CTK Juniors

Amanda (5SF)	Julia (5SE)	Isabella (4TP)
Keyshauna (6EA)	Essie (4GO)	Miller (3GH)



Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Rio and Leonardo who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford.

Infant Site	Leonardo (2SN)
Junior Site	Rio (4HD)

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 Featherstone's class with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Hainsworth/Mrs Koenig and Miss Busby's class with 99.7%

3rd Place: Mrs Mason and Mrs Russell's class with 99.3%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.3%. 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.

Fosse Library visited CTK

Our vision for reading at CTK is:

⇒ **Every child a reader by 7**

⇒ **Every child a life-long reader by 11**

Fosse library joined our Reception children on Wednesday and delivered some exciting storytelling sessions. Thank you to all of the parents/carers that joined us for the workshop led by Hema. She shared some top tips for storytelling at home and explained how to join the library to support our children to experience a wide, range of books outside of school for free!





THE CTK EXPERIENCE

Extracurricular clubs

Over a third of our children at CTK have accessed an extracurricular club already this year. 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.

Photography Club

Y2 Photography club has started this week. The children began by exploring the history of photography and had the opportunity to have a look at Mrs Taylor's grandad's old box camera and compared it to a modern digital camera.

Over the coming weeks they will learn about how to take close up photos, perspective, composition, portraits and editing photographs. It is only a 6 week club so before they know it, the club will be done in a flash!



Personal Development

Anti-Bullying Week - 'Reach Out, Speak Out, Tell a Trusted Adult!'

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is *Choose Respect*. To mark the week, we are inviting the **children to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November**, to celebrate their differences and to recognise the individuality of each child.

The week will begin with an Anti-Bullying assembly on both sites and we will introduce our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. We will raise awareness of bullying and explore different ways we can show respect to one another through how we act and what we say. This will be followed up with daily activities in the classrooms.

During the week, we will be exploring what makes a good friend and talking to the children about what to do if they are being bullied or know someone who is being bullied. Each class will also be making a *Class Pledge Against Bullying*.

We will also be talking to the children about 'trusted adults' -the people they can turn to it times of worry, stress or crisis. We are looking forward to participating in this national project.

Anti-Bullying **Our class pledge**

We promise to say **NO** to bullying.

We will treat others **with kindness and respect**.

It is our responsibility to **speak out** and **look out for others**





REMINDER ...Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, 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 Monday 15 January 2024. You can view our admission policy on the website [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. The minimum age to use WhatsApp in the UK is 13 years old. This is a very popular messaging app used by many of our pupils in school. We have been made aware some children have sent inappropriate messages using WhatsApp. Please advise your child to always be respectful and monitor their devices daily.

CTK Community Coffee Morning - Stay and Play

Our whole school community is welcome to join us for our next Ctk Community Coffee Morning on Wednesday 13th 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 13th October

Time: drop off (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 do pop up the road and join us after dropping off your junior children.

Pre-school children and younger siblings are welcome to come along too!





Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our first meeting of the year. Following the meeting, we are looking for a PTA Secretary, who will be responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members as well as between the PTA and the school. The secretary helps the chair ensure that the committee meetings run smoothly and deals with the correspondence that the PTA receives. Ideally we would have one secretary for each site. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact the school office on: school.office@ctk.leicester.sch.uk

The PTA is a very valuable part of the school community and raises money that directly supports the education of your child by subsidising trips for families or buying equipment for the school which is not funded by the government. You do not need any special skills to join the association—just a friendly attitude and a willingness to help our community.

Please consider volunteering some of your time to help with this year's Christmas Fair on **Saturday 7th December 11-2pm** and the Christmas Discos and Parties this term. Please contact the school office if you are able to offer your support.

School Lottery at CTK

In 2020, the CTK PTA set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school wins a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000. It's only a £1 a week and the more people who take part, the higher the prizes will be. Please click the link if you are interested in taking part: <http://bit.ly/ctk-pta>

Dates for your Diary

A reminder that CTK will be closed on **Friday 29th November** for staff training.

Thought for the Week

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."

1 Thessalonians 3:12

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead...

W/B 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week: CHOOSE RESPECT
Monday 11th November	Chaplaincy team Remembrance Celebration of the word - Parents Welcome: 9:00am Infants 2:15pm Juniors
Tuesday 12th November	Odd sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week - Everyone is invited to wear Odd Socks!
Tuesday 12th November	Stone Age Day in Year 3
Wed 13th November	FIT Team Coffee Morning—Support your child with Reading Infant Site @ 8:45-10:00am — Parents welcome
Thursday 14th Nov –21st Nov	Travelling Book Fair at School
Friday 15th November	2KK/RH Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall @ 9:00am Parents welcome
Monday 18th November	Worry Assemblies on both sites
Friday 22nd November	National Youth Funday
Friday 22nd November	2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall @ 9:00am Parents welcome
Sunday 24th November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament @ 9:30am Children to attend in school uniform
Tuesday 26th November	Pantomime trips for Year 3 - 6 @ Loughborough Town Hall - arrival back to school at approximately 4:30pm
Thursday 28th November	5SE Class Poetry Recital— Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
<u>Friday 29th November</u>	<u>TRUST-WIDE INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
Tues 3rd and Wed 4th December	Year 1 & Year 2 trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve: Pirates Love Underpants
Wednesday 4th December	Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 2:15pm
Thursday 5th December	Infant Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am



Dates for the term ahead continued....

Friday 6th December	5SF Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Friday 6th December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
Saturday 7th December	PTA Christmas Fair 11:00 –14:00 All Families welcome. <i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i>
11th—13th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Christmas Carols @9:15am Parents welcome
Wed 11th December	Reception Christmas Carols @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm Parents welcome
Wed 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9:15am Parents welcome
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Workshops with the School Nurse - Healthy Lifestyles
Friday 13th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve
Friday 13th December	5AL Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Monday 16th December	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Junior Hall @ 2:00pm Parents welcome. Christian Meditation at Infant Site
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 and 4 @ 12:45– 1:45pm Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 and 6 @ 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 and 4 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 and 6 @ 10:15 –11:15am
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Infant Christmas Parties
Thursday 19th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos Year 3 and Year 4 @ 5:00-6:00pm Year 5 and Year 6 @ 6:15-7:15pm
Friday 20th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	School reopens