



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas cheer and festivities are in full flow at Christ the King following the incredible Year 1 performance of "I'm Gonna Shine" this week and the Reception Carol Concerts. It was a joy to watch the children perform so confidently and to welcome our families into school. Thank you to all the parents and their families for assisting the children in learning their lines and for coming to join us for the performances. We hope you enjoyed it.

It is hard to believe that we only have one week left of the Advent term 2024.



Poetry Recitals

This afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Lawes' class. Thank you to all the pupils in 5AL for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Night Mail' by WH Auden, and 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. They finished with a fantastic rendition of Hill-song's 'Oceans'.

Christingle Liturgy

On the final day of term, we will hold our Christingle Liturgies. This is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the coming of Christ, the light, into the world. The infant Christingle Liturgy will be led by Year 2 at 9:00 in the infant hall. The junior Christingle Liturgy will be led by Year 5 at 14:15 in the junior hall. All parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents

We are looking to spread love this Advent with our neighbours: the residents of the Dane View Care Home on Glenfield Road. We would like to encourage pupils to make and write a Christmas card for the residents and staff of the care home to bring them joy at this time of year. Please bring cards into school by *Monday 16th December 2024* and give them to the office for the attention of Mrs Pickwell. Our upper phase choir will be visiting Dane View Care Home on *Monday 16th December* to sing Christmas carols, and so they can deliver our Christmas cards then on behalf of the school community.

Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and confession as we enter this holy season of Advent.

<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

[St Peter's & Blessed Sacrament \(westleicester.org\)](http://stpetersandblessedsacramentwestleicester.org)

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 Ealing's with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Allard's and Mrs Russell's classes with 98.7%

3rd Place: Mrs Featherstone's class with 98.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.2%. 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.

Here is some [advice](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill.

CTK Trophy Assemblies

At Christ the King our school motto is *Believe and Achieve*. Every term we celebrate the achievements of our pupils by nominating them for trophies in four special categories: kindness, sportsmanship, endeavour and creativity. We are very proud of all of our children at CTK, and congratulations to those pupils who received the trophies in this week's assemblies. Well done, children.

CTK Trophies	Infants	Juniors
Kindness	Malachi (2KK)	Alaine (6SB)
Sportsmanship	Roel (2NT)	Holly (5AL)
Endeavour	Viktor (1WB)	Isla (6EA)
Creativity	Maria (1ER)	Gabriella (4TP)

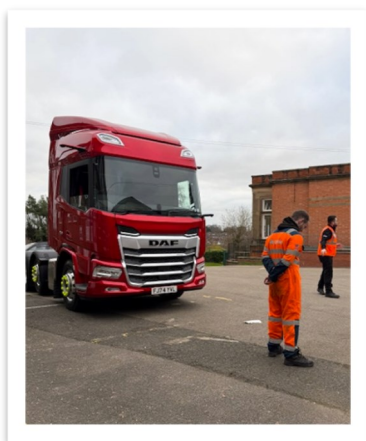


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Aspirations, Missions and Futures Curriculum

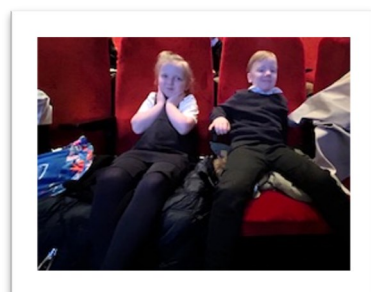
Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children the opportunity to consider how they can use their God-given talents in their future careers and to raise their aspirations for their own futures.

On Wednesday, Year 3 had an exciting visit from Mr Lord, an experienced truck mechanic, and his apprentice, Mr Hall. They brought along a brand-new truck, giving the children a fascinating look at its parts and tools. The children were amazed at the size difference between the truck and car components. This visit linked to our current DT unit on pneumatics, as they saw how air pressure made the truck move up and down. The children had the opportunity to climb inside the truck, learn about the role of a mechanic and the inner workings of a vehicle. It was an engaging and educational experience for all!



Reception visit the Theatre

All of the children in Reception went to see 'Pirates Love Underpants' at the Theatre today and it was a huge success. There was great excitement when the coach arrived to take the children to the Curve in Leicester. The opportunity to see live theatre performances is an important part of our CTK experience. Not only did the children have lots of fun, but for some of them, this was their first trip to the theatre! It was wonderful to hear the children's enthusiasm following their visit this morning.



Personal Development

Year 1 Healthy Lifestyle Workshop

This week, our school nurse team visited Year 1 to teach them all about healthy living and the right foods to eat. The children learned a lot about what we should have in a healthy lunchbox and the importance of sleep and exercise.

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Year 6 Trip to Alton Castle

Our Year 6 children spent three fun-filled days on retreat at Alton Castle this week. The children worked in small groups led by a member of The Alton team. In these groups, they explored the themes of the season of Advent and the real meaning behind Christmas. The trip was a huge success and enjoyed in equal measure by both the children and staff who attended. Check out the CTK twitter feed (@CTKLeicester) for pictures of what we got up to during our time away!





Online Safety

This week our update provides tips and advice for parents about online safety over the festive period. Please click [here](#). We hope you find it useful.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

I would like to thank our wonderful Parents' Association who hosted our Christmas Fair last Saturday. We are very grateful for their hard work and the sacrifices they make for the school. Children and families from CTK came together for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun. The money raised will be put back into the school for the benefit of our children. We will share the total amount raised next week. Thank you to all those families who attended and supported through providing donations.

Christmas Discos and Parties

The Parents' Association have also organised Christmas parties and discos for our children but we will need some parent volunteers for the Junior Discos in order to run the event.

Please can you let the school office know if you are able to lend a helping hand.

The Junior Christmas discos are on *Thursday 19th December*. It will cost £2.50 to attend and this includes the DJ, a snack and a drink. All payments should be made via Arbor. **Pupils will need to bring their ticket with them.**

The Infant Christmas parties will be held on **Wednesday 18th December** during the school day. The children can wear their Christmas party clothes or a Christmas jumper.

Join the School Lottery at CTK

The CTK Parents' Association 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>

Thought for the Week

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

JOHN 8:12

God bless,



Dates for the term ahead.....

Monday 16th December	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Junior Hall @ 2:00pm Parents welcome.
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 - wear your Christmas clothes
Thursday 19th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos - £2.50 book tickets on Arbor Year 3 and Year 4 @ 5:00-6:00pm Year 5 and Year 6 @ 6:15-7:15pm
Friday 20th December	Christingle Celebration of the Word Infant @ 9:00am Junior @ 2:15pm All parents welcome
Friday 20th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	School reopens for all children