



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Christmas break approaches, I would like to say a big thank you to all of our children, parents, staff and governors for all of their hard work and commitment to the school. Working with such supportive and caring families is a great privilege.

It has been a tremendously successful term. We are very proud of the excellent work and the outstanding behaviour shown by the children at CTK. They never cease to amaze me with their talent, knowledge, and kindness towards one another.

We will continue to nurture them in 2025 so they can "Believe and Achieve!"

## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **Christingle Liturgies**

We always look forward to the Christingle celebration on the last day of the Advent term. A huge thank you to our Year 2 children, Year 5 children and the adults who worked with them to plan and lead such a prayerful service. It was a beautiful candlelit celebration and a perfect way to end the term in preparation for Christmas.

## **Parish Links**

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices for the festive period. Christmas is a time for families and I would encourage you to join your parish family during the Season of Advent to connect, or perhaps to reconnect, with fellow parishioners who make up the family of our parishes, of our diocese, and indeed who make up the family of the Church, the Body of Christ.

<https://www.westleicestercatholic.org/>

<http://motherofgoddleicester.co.uk/>

## **Staffing Update**

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Ealing, a teacher in Year 5, who will be moving on to a new job opportunity in Warwickshire after the Christmas holidays. We thank her for her service to CTK and wish her all the best in her new adventure. Miss Odedra, is an experienced part-time member of our team and will be covering the class until the end of the academic year.

## **Punctuality and Attendance Snapshot**

On the last Friday of every half term we will email the attendance and punctuality for every pupil via Arbor. This will enable all parents to have a snapshot of their child's attendance and punctuality compared to the school's average. We hope this will further improve attendance rates at CTK. Thank you for your continued support with this.



## The CTK Experience

### Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children with the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and to develop their individual talents.

The Junior children enjoyed learning new carols and the opportunity to perform them to their families this week. Thank you to the children for singing so beautifully and to all the families who attended. We hope you have enjoyed them. The children have certainly filled us with Christmas spirit this week and we are very proud of each and every one of them. A huge thank you to the CTK team who have worked hard to support the children.

### Faith in Action

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children with the opportunity to put their Faith into Action through charity work and fundraising.

On Thursday Mrs Pickwell, 4TP and the Upper Phase Choir visited Dane View Care Home to sing Christmas carols to the residents. They also delivered the Christmas cards made by the pupils of CTK. The residents thoroughly enjoyed their time with the children and joined them to sing "We Wish you a Merry Christmas." Well done to all the children for putting their Faith into action by serving others in our community.





## **Christmas Rainbow Reader Competition**

To inspire our children to continue reading over the festive period, we are holding a Rainbow Reader competition just for the Christmas holidays. The children have been given a Christmas race track which they should aim to try to complete by Sunday 5th January. Every child who returns a completed racetrack by this date will be awarded 20 house points and entered into a prize draw for the chance to win £15 worth of books!



## **Christmas Dinner Day**

Our kitchen staff cooked up a festive feast for us on Wednesday! Thank you to our wonderful catering team!

The children thoroughly enjoyed Christmas dinner with their friends whilst listening to some Christmas music. There were smiles everywhere!

Thank you also to the staff and lunchtime supervisors who helped during the mammoth two hour lunchtime.

## **Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association**

I would like to thank our fantastic Parents' Association for hosting the Christmas discos and Christmas parties this week. They were a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! I would also like to thank them for arranging a special visit from Father Christmas, where chocolate treats were delivered to each and every child at Christ the King! We are very lucky to have some very dedicated parents who are willing to sacrifice their time to create these special memories for our children.

## **Online Safety across the festive period**

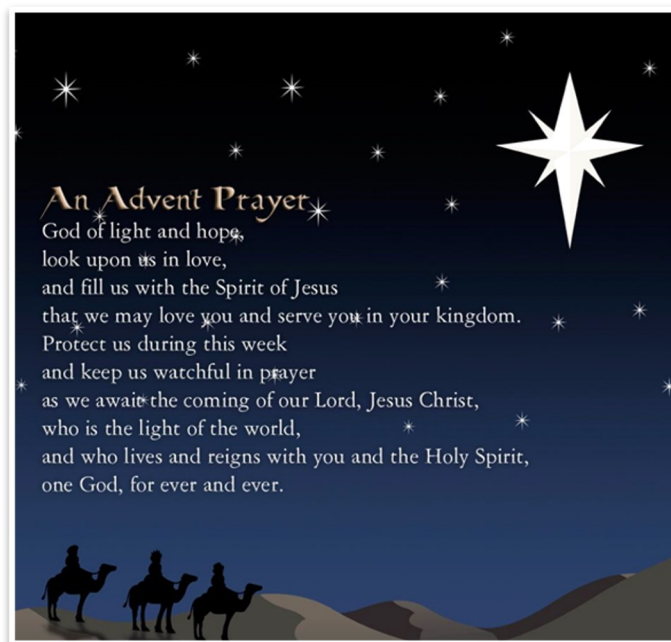
This week our update provides tips and advice for parents about online safety over the festive period. Please click [here](#). We hope you find it useful.



## Supporting Our Families

We know that Christmas can be an expensive time. The CMAT have put together some information which may help keep costs down. This can be found [here](#).

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at CTK, we wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas with your families. School will re-open at the normal time on **Monday 6th January 2025**.



God bless,

Mrs Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for the Lent Term 2025

<b>Monday 6th January</b>	<b>Children back to school!</b>
<b>Friday 17th January</b>	<b>Mrs Stone's Poetry Recital Assembly - Junior Site @9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Friday 17th January</b>	<b>Mrs Allard's Poetry Recital Assembly - Junior Site @ 2:15pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th January 2024</b>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Parents' Workshop @ 2:30pm—Junior Hall</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th January	Year 4 Beaumanor Hall Residential
<b>Friday 24th January</b>	<b>Miss Rawling's Poetry Recital Assembly - Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Friday 31st January</b>	<b>Mrs Francis/Mrs Griffin Poetry Recital Assembly - Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Mon 3rd –7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	<b>Mrs Wooldridge/Mrs Bayliss Poetry Recital Assembly Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
<b>Tues 11th and Wed 12th Feb</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b>
Friday 14th February	School closes for February Half Term