



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have an exciting two weeks planned to get us into the Christmas spirit! All the Christmas dates have been shared with you via Arbor. We are looking forward to The CTK Menphys Choir performing at De Montfort Hall this evening for the Christmas Carol Concert. Good luck to our incredible children in Year 6 and thank you to Mrs Pickwell for preparing and coaching the children.

## **Poetry Recitals**

This afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Featherstone's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 5SF for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'A Tiger's Tale' by John Bennett and 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth. They finished with a fantastic rendition of POP UK's 'Lend a Hand'.

## **Catholic Mission**

### **Advent Celebration of the Word**

Thank you to our children who led beautiful celebrations of the Word this week to begin our season of Advent. It was lovely to hear all the class Advent promises.

## **Christmas Cards for Care Home Residents**

Are you good at making Christmas cards? Would you like to put your Faith into action this Advent? 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.

Children can design their own card and write a personal message inside. Please leave the name of the person receiving the card blank ( for example: To \_\_\_\_\_ ) so that the carers in the residential homes can write in the names of their residents. When signing the card at the bottom, please only include the child's first name. You may also like to add that they are a pupil from Christ the King. Please could any cards be brought into school by *Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December* and given to the office for the attention of Miss McFerran.

## **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://motherofgodeicester.co.uk>

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



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Daniel, Michaela, Aadav, Jaziel
R-HM	Oskar, Avayha, Maya, Teodor, Izhaaq
R-SL	Julia , Jonathan, Bartosz, Eseoghene
1WB	Jayden
1RG/SF	Kartik
1ER	Noah W
2SN	Micah
2NT	Angelee
2KK/RH	Carlo

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Mudiwa
3GH	Janelle
3HB	Camden
4TP	Chizurum
4HD	Joshua A
4GO	Kupa
5SE	Jordan
5SF	Davis
5AL	Ignacy
6EA	Aiden
6SB	Nachi
6LS	Samuel

## 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

Julia (SL)	Jan (1RG/SF)	Leo (NT),	Layla (2SN)
Layla (HM),	Noah L (1ER)	Ava (2KK/RH)	
Harrison (R-AG)	Hanna (1WB)	Arthur (2KK/RH)	

### CTK Juniors

Enoch (3GH)	Nathan G (6LS)	Eserovwe (5AL)
Emilia (5SF)	Ellissia (6LS)	Yudayah (5SF)



## Head of School Awards

Congratulations to Jacob and Mikayla who received the Head of School awards this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

Infant Site	Mikayla 2RH/KK
Junior Site	Jacob 6EA

### Christmas Post

It's that time of year when children want to send Christmas cards. We have our own post box on both sites. Please can you make sure your child writes the recipient's name and class on the front. **The class and name is important as we have children with the same name in different classes and we want to deliver to the right recipient.**

### Online Safety

This week our update is about sharing intimate images. Please click [here](#) for information about the risks and advice for parents.

### Thank you, Mrs Boyd!

Thank you to Mrs Boyd who has ran 150km over the last month to help raise money for the extra curricular opportunities for ALL Year 6 pupils. Mrs Boyd smashed her target of £500 and raised an incredible £1170! We are really grateful for the generous sponsorship. This money will be used to subsidise the extra curricular trips and opportunities for our Year 6 pupils this year. Thank you again to Mrs Boyd for her determination, hard work and dedication!



£1,170

raised of £500 target by 66 supporters

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## THE CTK EXPERIENCE

### Infant Pantomime Trip

What a lot of excitement there was on Tuesday and Wednesday! All of the children in Year 1 and Year 2 went to see 'Pirates Love Underpants' at the Curve Theatre and it was a huge success. Not only did the children have lots of fun, but for some of them, this was their first trip to the theatre!

### Sports, Clubs and Activities

#### **Cross Country Competition**

A team from CTK competed in a cross country competition this week. Thank you to Mr Dunn and Mr T for preparing and supporting the children. Our children showed fantastic resilience, cheered their friends, classmates, and competitors and showed great sportsmanship. They represented our school in true CTK style and many of our parents and other spectators commented on how encouraging the CTK pupils were of all the other competitors. Well done to all our children who took part. We are very proud of you all.



### Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK experience is providing all the children an opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Children in Year 3 have the opportunity to learn the cornet. 3HB performed confidently in front of their family and friends this week! They have put their skills to the test and performed three different musical pieces, containing a variety of musical notes. The children have really enjoyed their cornet lessons and have developed their love and passion for playing a musical instrument! Well done, 3HB.





## **REMINDER ...Primary School Applications.**

If you have a child who is due to start school in *September 2025*, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, please 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](#).

## **Respect for our Neighbours**

We received a number of complaints this week from very distressed neighbours regarding dangerous and inconsiderate parking. As a Catholic community, we are called to demonstrate love and respect for our neighbours. I therefore ask that ALL parents respect our neighbours and avoid parking on driveways, double yellow lines or on the zig-zag lines outside of the school. Inconsiderate parking is a danger to our children. I believe that our neighbours have informed the police and the city council and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally.

## **CTK Christmas Fair**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Monday to discuss the final preparations for the Christmas Fair.

The Christmas Fair will take place tomorrow from 11am in the Infant hall. We hope you can join us for a lovely festive afternoon! Any help setting up or tidying away would be much appreciated. We will start setting up at 8:30am. There will be delicious food for sale, fun games and the chance to win some great prizes...

Please take this opportunity to gather together as a school community and have some festive fun.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."*

*Pope Francis*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for the term ahead.....

<b>Saturday 7th December</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00 –14:00 All Families welcome.</b> <b><i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i></b>
Monday 9th December	Y5 Ice Skating Trip (am)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Workshops with the School Nurse - Healthy Lifestyles
11th—13th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Carols @ 9:15am Parents welcome</b>
<b>Wed 11th December</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Carols @ 2:15pm Parents welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm Parents welcome</b>
<b>Wed 11th December</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9:15am Parents welcome</b>
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 - £2.50 book tickets on Arbor Year 3 and Year 4 @ 5:00-6:00pm Year 5 and Year 6 @ 6:15-7:15pm
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>Christingle Celebration of the Word</b> <b>Infant @ 9:00am</b> <b>Junior @ 2:15pm</b> <b>All parents welcome</b>
Friday 20th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	School reopens for all children