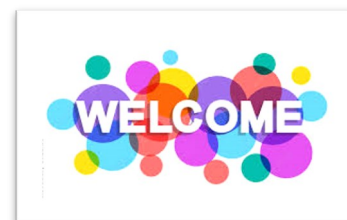




Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome our Reception children and families to Christ the King this week. We hope you already feel part of the CTK community and we look forward to meeting you at school events. I know that our new children will 'Believe and Achieve' and we look forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best possible Catholic education.



If any of our families - new or long-standing - would like to get further involved with school life, The Friends of CTK (Parent / Teachers Association) are always looking for more members. Please contact [PTA@ctk.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@ctk.leicester.sch.uk) for more information.

## The CTK Way

Since the start of term, our staff have spent time teaching our children the routines and behaviours for them to be *safe*, to be *happy* and to *learn* well at CTK. We will continue to practise these routines and behaviours over the coming weeks so they become positive habits. This is intended to assist their development into virtuous, resilient and successful young people.

Please ask your children to share with you what they have learned. You will find a copy of our Behaviour Policy and more information about 'The CTK Way' on our school website.

## Our Catholic Mission

### **The Virtue of Resilience**

This week the children have been learning about the virtue of *resilience* - our ability to keep going even when things feel tough. Through exploring scripture and the inspiring story of St Sebastian, they have discovered how faith and courage can help them to persevere. The children have explored all the ways they can show resilience in school and at home. Each week, teachers will nominate one **Bounce Back Superstar** in their class to celebrate a child who has shown real strength, determination and positivity.

## RSHE Parent Meeting for Year 5 and 6 - Wednesday 10th September @ 2:30pm Junior Library

Please join Mrs Carter and Mrs Valente in the **Junior Library on Wednesday 10th September at 2.30pm** to learn more about the content of the statutory RSHE curriculum your children will be receiving this year if they are now in Year 5 or Year 6. The session will outline what programme we use, how it fits with the Catholic context of our school, and how you can support your child at home. We hope you can join us.

## Religious Education Directory and R.E Parent Newsletter

Each term, you will receive an R.E newsletter which has some suggested activities to be completed at home to support your child's learning. Please see [here](#) for this term. We are delighted to share that our school is now working from the New Religious Directory, which sets out a refreshed curriculum for Catholic schools across the country. This new guidance will help us to deepen pupils' understanding of faith, Scripture, and the Church's teaching while encouraging them to grow in their spiritual journey. We look forward to sharing more with you in the near future as we introduce this new programme in the classroom.





## Pupil Leadership at CTK

**At CTK we give the children various opportunities to lead and take responsibility.**



The CTK School Council provides a meaningful way for pupils to have a voice in the direction the school takes and the decisions made by the Senior Leadership Team.

The Council is made up of one or two pupils from each class who are formally elected by their peers to represent them and their views. **Congratulation to our newly appointed School Council below!**

### CTK Juniors

#### CTK Infants

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 1RH | Azrielle and Wayne        |
| 1HF | Isabella and Jake         |
| 1ER | Elizabeth-Anne and Jason  |
| 2SN | Jayjay and Grace          |
| 2NT | Anastasia and Jayden Map. |
| 2WB | Ellie and Alan            |

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| 3GH | Nia      |
| 3KR | Roel     |
| 3TP | Praise   |
| 4HD | Poppy    |
| 4MH | Anaiah   |
| 4GO | James    |
| 5AL | Owen     |
| 5WG | Adeline  |
| 5TO | Preston  |
| 6SB | Ola      |
| 6LS | Saoirse  |
| 6SF | Blessing |

Throughout the year they will work with Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford to gather pupil voice and enhance and improve the CTK experience for all learners. We look forward to seeing the fantastic work they will do.

## House Captains

This week we had our House Assemblies and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.



|                      | Year 2          | Year 6         |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>St Francis</b>    | Mila + Kartik   | Olly Z + Holly |
| <b>St John Bosco</b> | Amelia + Nathan | Fateh + Zofia  |
| <b>St Bernadette</b> | Maria + Jacob   | Jayden + Julia |
| <b>St Anne</b>       | Charlie + Tudor | Davis + Kabina |



## **Attendance**

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you.

Last year our attendance was 96.5%. The school's target is 97%. If we become concerned about your child's attendance then you will receive an email or a letter to inform you that we will be monitoring it closely as a school.

**If your child is absent from school, please remember that you must phone the school daily to report the absence unless advised otherwise.**

We understand that there are times when absence from school is unavoidable, and we always aim to approach each family's circumstances with understanding and compassion. However, we must also continue to follow national guidance set by the Department for Education, which does not permit the authorisation of holidays or other requests for leave of absence during term time, except in exceptional circumstances. While we appreciate the value of family time, it is important to balance this with the need for consistent and uninterrupted learning.

Please see the link [here](#) for further guidance, which outlines the legal framework around school attendance. This includes important details regarding the issuing of penalty notices and, in cases of repeated, prolonged unauthorised absence, the possibility of legal prosecution. While these measures are always a last resort, they are part of the statutory responsibilities placed on schools and local authorities.

## **Parent Curriculum Meetings**

Over the next month, parents will be invited into school for a parent introduction meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Visit your child's classroom
- Find out about the statutory tests they may be taking
- Learn about trips, visits, and extra-curricular learning as part of the CTK Experience
- Find out how you can support your child at home with their learning
- Find out key information about school life at CTK

**We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.**

## **REMINDER -Arbor**

Please can all parents make sure they have set up their account on Arbor and have downloaded the App. This is the primary method of communication and payment this academic year. You can register, book and pay for any event in school. Examples include: clubs, trips, dinners, parents' evening, breakfast club and afterschool club. Please speak to the school office if you have any problems or questions and they will be happy to help.



## Uniform

In line with our Behaviour Policy, we are asking all children to 'Dress to Impress!' Children should aim to look smart at all times. All children will be expected to wear full school uniform and to wear it well... shirts should be tucked in, schools shoes must be worn, no boots or trainers etc. Nails should not be painted and hair should be tied back. On PE days, children should attend school wearing a white polo t-shirt, navy shorts, a plain navy tracksuit and trainers.

We want the children to feel proud to wear the uniform of Christ the King and to have high expectations of their own appearance, making them excellent ambassadors for the school. I would ask you to support us with this and to encourage your child to look smart every day. Please see the website detailing the school uniform requirements at CTK

***Please note - parents are not required to buy any branded uniform items unless they wish to. To make school uniform as affordable as possible for our families, we now sell iron-on school badges for £2.50. These can be purchased via the Arbor Shop and can be attached to any item of clothing.***

## Collection Forms

A polite reminder to all parents to return the collection form to school. We will only dismiss children to the named persons on the collection sheet. The parent or carer must notify the school office if there are any changes to these arrangements **before 2.30pm** to avoid any delays at the end of the school day.

If you are happy for your child to walk to meet you or to walk home independently, you will need to give written permission. Thank you for your support.

## Stomp Round Leicester

We know lots of our families have enjoyed following the Loros *Stomp Round Leicester* elephant sculpture trail over the summer. The trail continues until 21<sup>st</sup> September and you can download the *Stomp Round Leicester* app to follow the trail and to vote for your favourite elephants. Don't forget to pop into Westcotes Library on Narborough Road to visit Addai the baby elephant designed and created by our pupils.

As a participating school, we have a discount for the Elephant Farewell Exhibition and this can be redeemed by scanning the included code. We're looking forward to our elephant coming 'home' to CTK after half term.

This half term, we will continue raising funds for LOROS, and we'll keep you updated on how you can get involved.





## **Online Safety Update**

Please click [here](#) for this week's online safety update on creating family rules for using devices. We hope you find this information useful.

## **Parking and Respect for our Neighbours**

We received a complaint this week from a very distressed neighbour and parent regarding dangerous 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 county council and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally. Please help us to keep all members of our school community safe.

## **Wellbeing Top Tip for September**

This year, we will be including a regular *Wellbeing Top Tips* in our newsletter. These short ideas are intended to support children and families in looking after their mental health and wellbeing. We hope you find them useful and easy to try at home together.

- Spend a few minutes as a family talking about the virtue of gratitude.
- Tell your child what you are thankful for, for example, for them, for the sunshine, for friends.
- Ask your child what they are thankful for.
- Find a time to ask each other daily.
- Finding small things to be thankful for in our every day lives can increase feelings of wellbeing.
- Talk about how it feels to think of things that are good in our lives.
- Take a moment each day to thank God for the many blessings and gifts in your life

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Don't be anxious about what you have, but about what you are!"*

*Pope St Gregory the Great*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Dates for Advent Term 1 2025

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Week beginning 1st September</b> | Mission Week at CTK  |
| Monday 1st September                | Bikeability Year 6 starts  |
| Thursday 4th September              | Swimming starts for 5WG  |
| <b>Thursday 4th September</b>       | <b>Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting @ 2:30pm Junior site</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 9th September</b>        | <b>Reception children start school full time</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 10th September</b>     | <b>Fr John Cahill Songs of Praise Y5 and Y6</b>  |
| Wednesday 10th September            | Year 5 / 6 RSHE Parent Curriculum Meeting—<br>Junior Site 2:30 –3:00pm   |
| <b>Monday 15th September</b>        | Music tuition begins for 3KR (10 week lessons of Cornets)  |
| Tuesday 16th September              | Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Education<br>Session Year 1 @9:00   |
| Tuesday 16th September              | 3GH and 3TP Bradgate Park Trip   |
| Wednesday 17th September            | 3KR Bradgate Park Trip   |
| Wednesday 17th September            | <b>Fr John Cahill Songs of Praise Y3 and Y4</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 17th September</b>     | <b>Year 2 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall @ 9:00am</b>   |
| Wednesday 17th –19th September      | Year 6 residential trip to The Briars<br><br>Children attending to arrive in school @ 8:00am for an 8:45am departure on Wednesday 17th September.<br><br>Children arriving back in school @ 3:00pm on Friday 19th September. |
| <b>Monday 22nd September</b>        | <b>Year 5 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm</b>   |
| Monday 22nd September               | 4GO New Walk Museum Trip   |
| <b>Tuesday 23rd September</b>       | <b>Year 3 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 24th September</b>     | <b>Year 1 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall @ 9:00am</b>   |
| Friday 26th September               | 4MH New Walk Museum Trip   |
| Tuesday 30th September              | 4HD New Walk Museum Trip   |
| <b>Friday 26th September</b>        | National Teaching Assistant Day—let's thank them for all that they do!   |
| <b>Friday 26th September</b>        | <b>6SB Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:20pm</b>   |
| <b>Friday 26th September</b>        | <b>Infant and Junior CTK Retreat Morning</b>   |
| <b>Monday 29th September</b>        | <b>Year 4 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm</b>   |





## Dates for Advent Term 1 continued.....

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| <b>Tuesday 30th September</b> | <b>Year 6 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm</b>                                      |
| <b>Tuesday 30th September</b> | <b>New Reception Open Day (academic year 2026-27) —Infant Site 9:15-10am</b>                      |
| Wednesday 1st October         | 5TO and 5AL trip Botanical Gardens  |
| <b>Wednesday 1st October</b>  | <b>Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting - Infant Site @ 9:00am</b>                                 |
| <b>Thursday 2nd October</b>   | <b>Inspire Workshops for Year 5 Parents on theme of Creation @ 9:00am Junior Site</b>             |
| Thursday 2nd October          | Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians   |
| <b>Friday 3rd October</b>     | <b>6SF Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:20pm</b>  |
| Friday 3rd October            | 5WG trip to Botanical Gardens   |
| Week beginning 6th October    | Our History Week - more details to follow   |
| Monday 6th October            | Junior Chaplains Retreat Day at St. Patrick's School  |
| <b>Wednesday 8th October</b>  | <b>Inspire Workshops for Year 4 Parents on theme of Rosary @9:00am Junior Site</b>                |
| Thursday 9th October          | Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Education Session for Year 5 @ 8:45            |
| Friday 10th October           | World Mental Health Day   |
| <b>Friday 10th October</b>    | <b>6LS Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm</b>  |
| Friday 10th October           | Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening  |
| <b>Tuesday 14th October</b>   | <b>Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 15th October</b> | <b>Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 16th October</b>  | <b>Harvest Celebration of the Word — Parents Welcome</b><br><b>Infants 9:00 Juniors 14:15</b>     |
| <b>Thursday 16th October</b>  | <b>All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please</b>              |
| <b>Friday 17th October</b>    | <b>School finishes for the October Half Term</b><br><i>Normal school closure times</i>            |
| Week beginning 20th Oct       | School closed for half term   |
| Monday 27th October           | School reopens for Advent 2 term  |
| Week beginning 27th Oct       | Catholic Social Teaching Week at CTK  |
| <b>Monday 27th October</b>    | <b>Year 6 &amp; Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm</b><br><b>Parents Welcome</b> |