



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at CTK with our Celebrations of the Word to mark the beginning of Lent, World Book Day celebrations and the NSPCC workshops in Year 2, 5 and 6.

Our Catholic Mission

The Virtue of Politeness

This week, Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall revisited the virtue of politeness. The children have been explicitly taught all the behaviours that show politeness and the CTK team will give praise and rewards for children showing the virtue of politeness this half term. The children learned about St Francis de Sales, known as the "Gentleman Saint" because of his warm and friendly way of treating everyone with respect and kindness. He believed that everyone, no matter who they are, can be a friend of God. Saint Francis taught people to be patient, to love one another and to treat everyone with kindness. This is a wonderful example for all Christians.

Lent at CTK

This week we turn our attention to the start of Lent. 5AL and 2KK/RH prepared and led our Lenten celebrations. They reminded us of the ways we can grow closer to God during this season through prayer, fasting and giving to charity. Ashes blessed by Fr John were distributed by the class chaplains.

Our school will be fundraising for CAFOD during Lent. Each class will be organising their own fundraising event this half term as part of our almsgiving. All of the money from these fundraising activities will go to support the work of CAFOD, the Catholic international charity that supports people living in poverty. It would be wonderful if you could support us with this.

Year 3 will be having a sponsored sleepover in our school hall to raise money for Lent. Further details have been sent to all families this week via Arbor.

Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peters' Parish and Mother of God RC Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times, confession and Stations of the Cross during the holy season of Lent.

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

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

Pope Francis

We continue to pray for Pope Francis who, at the time of writing, remains in a stable but critical condition at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Oluwatise, Arielle, Harrison, Carissa, Hannah
R-HM	Aileen, Jan, Liam, Kuba, Jared
R-SL	Juan L, Norah-May, Isabella, Jake, Paraschera
1LW/KB	Sukhkaran
1SF/RG	Kemi
1ER	Anastasia
2KK/RH	Abel
2NT	Kidston
2SN	Dominic

CTK Juniors

3KR	Tymon
3GH	Ansima
3KW	Louie
4HD	Agnes
4TP	Oholiab
4GO	Imogen
5SF	Luca
5TO	Jakub
5AL	Aeibel
6SB	Rita
6LS	Sophia
6EA	Amelia

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

Oluwatise (RAG)	Avayha (RHM)	Jason (RSL)	Rithul (1WB)	Blaithin (1RG/SF)
Anastasia (1ER)	Henry (2RH/KK)	Kidson (2NT)	Efren (2SN)	

CTK Juniors

Andrea (4GO)	Michelle (4TP)	Charlie (6LS)
Jessica (5TO)	Lidia (5AL)	Xavi (3GH)





Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Carlo (2KK/RH)
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Congratulations to Carlo who received the 'Head of School' Award this week from Mrs Marshall. Well done!

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and we want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Koenig's and Mrs Hainsworth's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss O'Brien, Mr Dunn's class with 97.3%

3rd Place: Mrs Russell's class with 97.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 94.7%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Please remember that the school cannot authorise any holidays in term time and this can result in you receiving a fine from the Local Authority. Please see [here](#) for information on Penalty Notices.

New Classics Curriculum Years 3-5

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Parents Forum on Wednesday to discuss the new Classics and Latin curriculum for Key Stage 2. If you were unable to join us, you can find a summary [here](#). Thank you to Ms Knight, our Curriculum Lead, for leading our assembly and organising the Forum for our parents.

Calling Catholic Teachers

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham, along with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts, are leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on **Wednesday 26 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.**

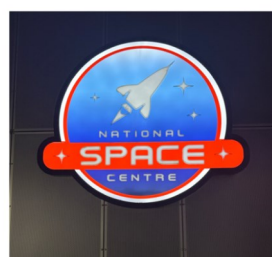
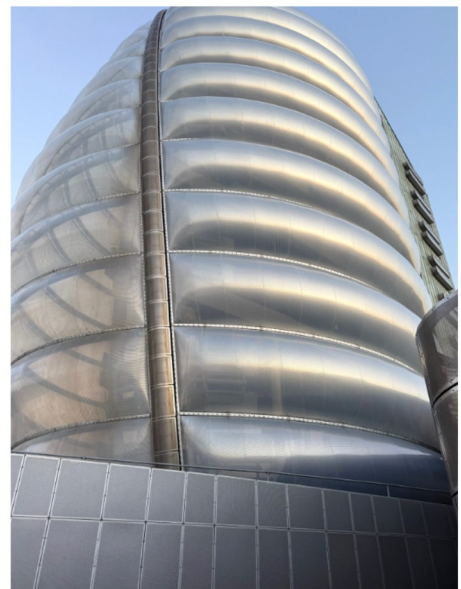
For further information, please contact: Gill Burns at the Diocesan Education Service (gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Please [here](#) for more information.

The CTK Experience

Year 5 National Space Centre Sleepover

Our Year 5 children attended a sleepover at Leicester's National Space Centre last Friday. They had the opportunity to experience live science experiments, watch two amazing planetarium shows and try out Gravitrax, a marble run system that lets you build tracks using gravity, magnetism, and kinetics. We also had the chance to explore the wonderful space-themed galleries and exhibitions after dark! All the staff and children had a wonderful time and said the trip was out of this world!



World Book Day 2024 - Thursday 6th March

The children had a fantastic time on Thursday celebrating World Book Day! The children and staff dressed up in their favourite book characters, took part in a poster competition, made cake toppers and designed and created their own comic strips. The children also enjoyed listening to new stories shared by their teachers. We have distributed the £1 book vouchers to all children which entitles each child to get either a free £1.00 book from participating shops or it can be used as a voucher to get £1.00 off a book. Thank you to Mrs Laycock for organising a great day for us.





Online Safety

This week's online safety guide is an information sheet for parents and carers about the risks of Whatsapp. There have been increasing instances of sharing inappropriate images and use of bad language using apps, particularly WhatsApp. Most social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over. Please click [here](#) to access the guide.

We strongly advise all parents to supervise their child's online activity by keeping the devices they use in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen.

Primary children should not access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.

Parking

There have been a number of complaints from local residents in relation to dangerous and inconsiderate parking near to the school. Police and council officials may patrol the area in order to ensure that the rules are obeyed. We ask ALL parents to respect our neighbours and safeguard our children by parking legally, safely and with courtesy.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

The Friends of CTK Parents' Association are meeting on **Tuesday 11th March at 18:00** on the Infant Site to make preparations for Easter and the Pentecost Term. All are welcome.

Over the next few months the PTA will be preparing for the annual summer BBQ. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and usually raises between £3,000- £4000. This money helps to improve our school for your children. If we are going to continue to put on this celebration we will need your help. Please come along to our next meeting to see if you can help the school community to celebrate the annual BBQ.

Thought for the week

"Prayer reconnects us to God, charity to our neighbour, fasting to ourselves".

Pope Francis

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Lent Term 2 2024

Week Beginning 10th March	Mission Week - Theme: What is our purpose and mission on Earth?
Thursday 13th March	Year 2 attending Mass at Mother Of God Parish Church 10:00
Thursday 13th and Friday 14 March	Year 6 Trip to DMU
Monday 17th March	Infants Reconciliation Service @ 9:00am Infant Site Parents Welcome
Monday 17th March	Confessions for KS2 pupils for Lent 13:00 onwards
Friday 21st March	Mrs Russell's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome
Tuesday 25th March	Year 4 @De Montfort Hall - Leics Make Music
Wednesday 26th March	Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Expectations @9:00am in Infant Hall Year 2 parents welcome
Wednesday 26th March	Calling Catholic Teachers - 19:00 –20:00 VIRTUAL Microsoft Teams
Friday 28th March	Mr Wheatley's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome
Monday 31st March	Joint Mass for Year 1 and Year 5 - Junior Hall @14:00 Parents Welcome
Friday 4th April	*Change of Date* Miss Hall's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome
Friday 4th April	Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover - more details to follow shortly.
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th April	Year 4 Easter Story Performances to parents/carers *times to be confirmed—ticketed event*
Friday 11th April	Holy Week Celebration of the Word —Parents Welcome Infant site 9:00 Junior site 14:20
Friday 11th April	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
Monday 28th April	Children return to school