



It was wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school on Monday. The smiles as the children came through the gate and classroom doors on Monday morning brought smiles to mine and the staff faces too! Lots of parents and carers looked very happy too!!!!

Please be aware that although we are all back, everyone still needs to follow the rules both inside and outside school. Parents need to wear masks and continue to maintain 2m distancing around the school site and on the paths outside using the markings and signs. By keeping your distance and following the rules set by the government, you will help keep school open and everyone safe.

STEP 1 8 March	29 March	STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April At least 5 weeks after Step 1
EDUCATION 8 MARCH • Schools and colleges open for all students • Practical Higher Education courses		EDUCATION • As previous step
SOCIAL CONTACT 8 MARCH • Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person • Household only indoors	29 MARCH • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors	SOCIAL CONTACT • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors
BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES 8 MARCH • Wraparound care, including sport, for all children	29 MARCH • Organised outdoor sport (children and adults) • Outdoor sport and leisure facilities • All outdoor children's activities • Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES • All retail • Personal care • Libraries & community centres • Most outdoor attractions • Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only) • Self-contained accommodation • All children's activities • Outdoor hospitality • Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)
TRAVEL 8 MARCH • Stay at home • No holidays	29 MARCH • Minimise travel • No holidays	TRAVEL • Domestic overnight stays (household only) • No international holidays
EVENTS • Funerals (30) • Weddings and wakes (6)		EVENTS • Funerals (30) • Weddings, wakes, receptions (15) • Event pilots

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 14th March

Mother's Day

We hope all our parents and grandmas have a lovely day of being looked after- they deserve it!



Week beginning 15th March

After School Clubs start in bubbles



Wednesday 31st March

School closes at 1pm

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday



Sunday 5th April


Easter Sunday



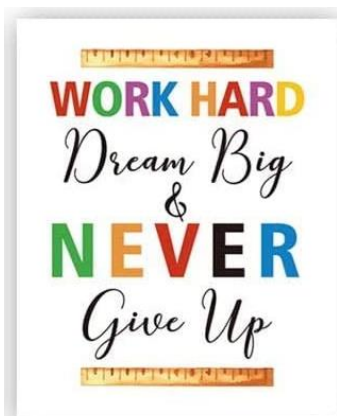


Attendance

Attendance this week has been very high. Now that schools are fully open every child needs to be in school every day to maximise learning.

<p>Our school target is 97%.</p> 	Class	This week %		This week %
	Reception 1	98.3	Year 3/4	99.3
	Reception 2	99	Year 4	100
	Year 1	96.2	Year 5	98.1
	Year 2	100	Year 5/6	99.4
	Year 2/3	95.7	Year 6	99.3
<p>This week's attendance is a fantastic 98.5% Well done everyone.</p>				
<p>A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who get our children in to school every day- you do a great job. It will be worth it!</p>				

Every Day Counts!



Every minute counts!

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance



During this season of Lent, we will be focusing on the virtues of

Love and Charity

Forgiveness

Today we heard the parable of the Good Samaritan.

This inspiring story teaches us about the virtue of love and charity towards everyone. When the Jewish man needed help, a few people saw him but walked away. That's when a Samaritan man helped him.

Although Samaritans and Jews were enemies, charity and kindness came before everything else. The Samaritan did everything he could to help the Jew recover, taking good care of him.

The example of the Good Samaritan shows us that if somebody needs help, the kind thing to do is to offer them a helping hand, whatever the circumstances. This Bible story of the Good Samaritan also teaches us about equality. Although the Jews and Samaritans did not get along because they had different beliefs, the two men were equal as they were both human beings.

Virtue of **Love and Charity**

This is how we can live out this virtue in our daily lives.

I show my love for God through my loving concern for everyone, especially those who need my help. I treat others with the respect and kindness I want for myself.

I treat others as I would want them to treat me.

I do simple acts of kindness to show my love.

I show my love for God by caring for others.

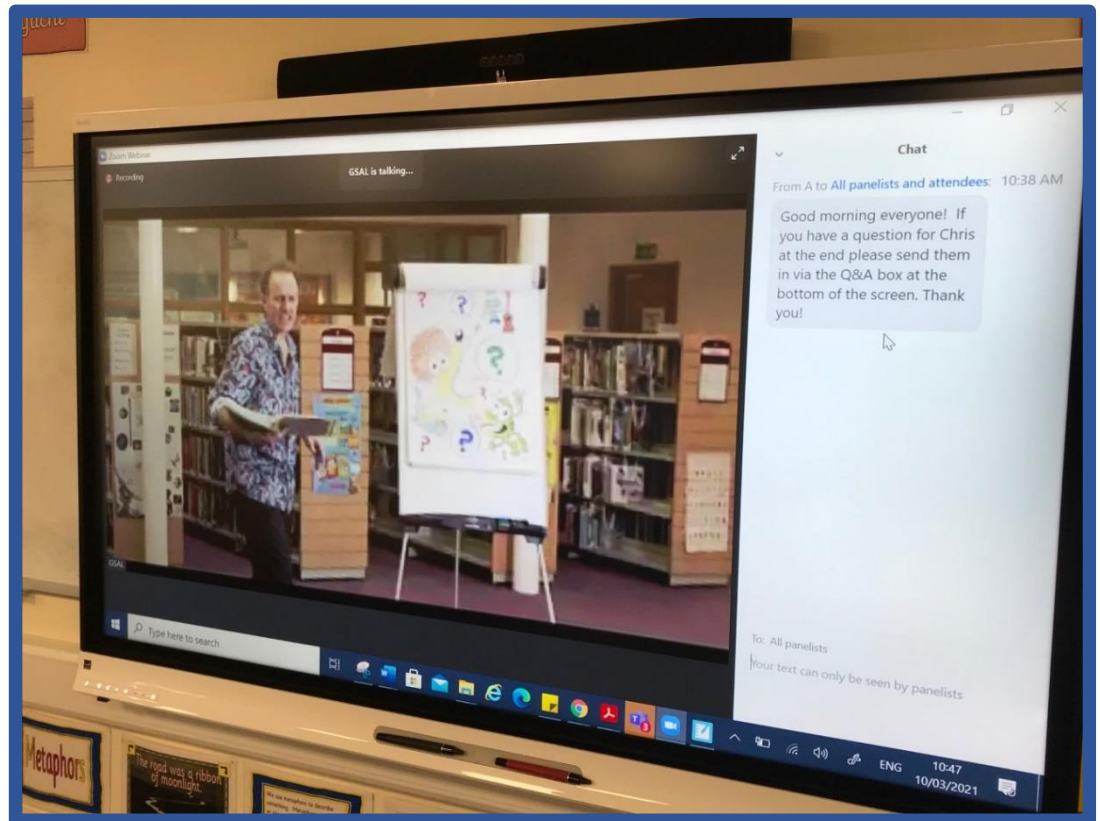
I give my time to help others.

I share what I have with others.



KS2 Virtual Author Visit by the author Chris White

Children in Years 4-6 attended a virtual, interactive workshop with the author and illustrator Chris White.



Whole school theatre experience of 'The Wizard of Oz'

A welcome back treat so the children did not miss out on their Christmas pantomime experience.



Final thought

In twenty years time...

People will not ask the children of 2020 if they caught up with their studies.

They will ask them with wonder 'what was it like?'

They will ask them 'how did you cope?'

'What do you remember of those days?'

They will listen in awe to the tales of clapping on doorsteps for the medical workers. They will sit open-mouthed to hear of daily walks being the only life we saw and how much we missed human contact and gatherings. They will be amazed to know about empty supermarket shelves, online concerts, birthdays spent on a screen and a life lived inside. They will listen, then sit back with amazement and say,
'Wow. You went through so much.'

So think about what you would like your children to take away from this whole year.

Tell them they are not behind.

Tell them they are not missing out.

Tell them they are extremely special indeed and they will be forever made stronger by this unique time.

Tell them catching up is not even a thing because they have grown so much in so many other ways.

Remind them too of the fun stuff, the family jigsaws, the window rainbows, the zoom bingo. The feeling of safety and togetherness amidst the chaos.

Let them take that thought with them through life.

Change the narrative now and it will travel far.

Tell the children they are not behind.

They are special.

They are special.

DONNA ASHWORTH
HISTORY WILL REMEMBER



We hope you have a lovely weekend and best wishes for the week ahead.

Mrs Walsh and the team at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School