



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2021-2022 Newsletter 22 (4th March 2022)

Catholic Life of the School

Lent 2022



We are now in the Season of Lent. This is the 40 days leading up to the most important feast in the Christian calendar, the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter. Lent is a time for renewing our faith, hope and love in God as well as finding new opportunities to turn back to God. It is a time to prepare, reflect, pray and give to others. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to spring clean our lives and start anew.



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday when ashes are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross. The ashes for Ash Wednesday are normally made from the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. The children in Year 2/3 to Year 6 attended the parish Mass celebrated by Father Pat. The children in Reception to Year 1/2 attended an Ash Wednesday service in school. Father Pat distributed ashes at both with all the children and staff receiving the ashes on their forehead. Pope Francis explains that the ashes sprinkled on our heads remind us that we are dust. "Yet upon this dust of ours, God blew His Spirit of life."

Our 'Virtues to Live By' for the rest of the Spring term are Charity and Forgiveness. During Lent, we will be focusing on the virtue of Charity for the first three weeks followed by the virtue of Forgiveness for the last three weeks. Throughout Lent we fundraise for the Diocesan 'Good Shepherd' Appeal and our class charities. These acts of charity are a very real way of making a better world for others.

Key Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th March
10.30am- Enrolment
Mass for Reconciliation
candidates at Corpus
Christi Church

Tuesday 8th March
Recycling workshop for
Year 4

**Thursday 10th
and Friday 11th March**
Oliver Twist Drama
Workshop for Years 5 and
6

Sunday 13th March
St Patrick's Parade

Monday 14th- 19th March
Other Faiths week

Wednesday 16th March
Science workshops
(Whole school)

**Monday 21st- Wednesday
23rd March 2022**
Travelling Book Fair

Tuesday 22nd March
The Hobbit theatre
production in school

Thursday 31st March
Den Man working with Y1
and Y4

Tuesday 5th April
6.30pm-Sacrament of
Reconciliation in Corpus
Christi Church

Friday 8th April
School closes for Easter

Tuesday 19th April
School reopens



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Pope Francis

Many of us will think of Lent as a time for giving up something we enjoy, like chocolate or crisps. Making sacrifices is an important part of Lent, as we are called to come from a place of selfishness towards caring about and appreciating others so that our lives take on a meaning that is more about others than ourselves. Pope Francis makes the following suggestions for fasting during Lent.

**DO YOU WANT TO
FAST THIS LENT?**

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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Virtues to Live By

Our remaining 'Virtues to Live By' for the Spring term are Charity (Love) and Forgiveness. For the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the virtue of **Charity**. True charity seeks to give and to love without needing anything back. Teach your children the acronym **JOY: Jesus, Others, Yourself**. They will find that as they grow in the virtue of charity, they will be happier and joy filled.

Our 'Virtue to Live by' – Charity (Love)

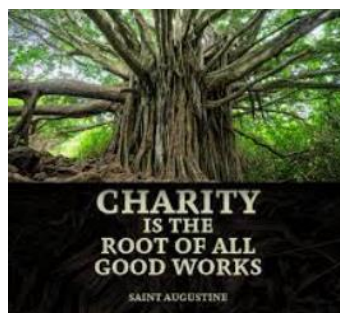
Every day we have the opportunity to act as Jesus' disciples. A virtue is a good habit that helps us to act according to God's love for us.

Charity (Love)

**"This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:9)**

To live this virtue in our daily lives, we need to

- Show our love for God through our loving concern for everyone especially those in need of our help.
- Treat others with the respect and kindness that we would want for ourselves.





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Ash Wednesday

The prayerful atmosphere at Mass and the Ash Wednesday Service created a lovely beginning to Lent in school.



Some of our
Reception
children
after
receiving
the ashes.



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Shrove Tuesday

We kick-started our Lenten fundraising activities by selling pancakes.

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed flipping and eating their pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



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Year 4 at Adoration with the Franciscan Sisters

To prepare for the beginning of Lent, Year 4 have been learning about the Rosary. They said a decade from the Sorrowful Mysteries. When we pray the Sorrowful mysteries, we think about the very difficult times in Jesus' life.

The Sorrowful Mysteries







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Attendance

Every Day Counts



Our school target is 97%	Class	This week	Last week	Class	This week	Last week
	Reception 1	97.3%	93.3%	Year 3	95.2%	93%
	Reception 2	98.2%	100%	Year 4	98.7%	100%
	Year 1	92.3%	98.3%	Year 5	97.9%	96.5%
	Year 1/2	94.7%	87.6%	Year 5/6	100%	100%
	Year 2/3	97.1%	96.4%	Year 6	99%	98.4%
	 This week's whole school attendance					97.1%

This week's attendance is 97.1% which is brilliant!

Well done everyone, we have managed to exceed the school's target of 97% attendance this week. Fantastic, great news!

Remember ...



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who constantly get their children in and on time.
You are all amazing!





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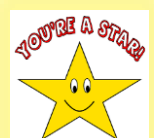
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Our wonderful 'Stars of the Week'

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Class	Star of the week	Reason for award
Reception 1	Ryan	For listening well and following instructions.
Reception 2	Atarah	For being a good friend.
Year 1	Harper	For her lovely writing this week.
	Coby	For his lovely writing this week.
Year 1/2	Kylarae	For persevering in reading and writing and for making progress in her handwriting.
	Lucas	For working hard to improve his writing and reading skills.
Year 2/3	Polly	For her improved attitude to learning.
	Shaylan	For contributing answers in lesson discussions.
Year 3	Julia	For working hard in all areas of the curriculum
	Kayden	For excellent planning in his writing.
Year 4	Daniel	For super participation and ideas through all lessons and being a wonderful role model in Mass and Adoration.
	Tommy	For super improvements in his writing as well as becoming more independent.
Year 5	Ruby	For making marked improvements in her planning and writing.
	Khadijah	For trying so hard in all her learning this week and for helping Mrs D with her lunchtime jobs.
Year 5/6	Savannah	For consistently having a positive attitude to school life.
	Nathanael	For working hard in writing lessons to write creatively.
Year 6	Lena K	For an excellent attitude to learning.
	John	For an excellent attitude to learning.

**Congratulations to all our
superstars this week!**





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Skills Builder Award

This year we will be awarding a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class each week.



Research shows that building essential skills supports:



Social and emotional wellbeing




Learning and academic outcomes



Careers and opportunities

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Class	Skills Builder Awards	Our focus for this half-term is
Reception 1	Nellie	 <h2>Listening</h2> <p><i>The receiving, retaining and processing of information or ideas</i></p> <p>This skill is all about being able to effectively receive information - whether it comes from customers, colleagues or stakeholders.</p> <p>Initially, the skill steps concentrate on being able to listen effectively to others - including remembering short instructions, understanding why others are communicating and recording important information.</p>
Reception 2	Scarlett C	
Year 1	Charlie C	
Year 1/2	Bella	
Year 2/3	Alfie W	
Year 3	Joseph	
Year 4	Phoebe N	
Year 5	Oskar	
Year 5/6	Raoul	
Year 6	Alicia	





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Secret Reader on World Book Day

For World Book Day all the teachers swapped classes and read stories to the children in a different class during story time.



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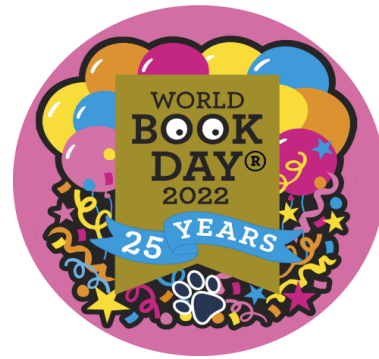
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World Book Day 2022

What a fantastic World Book Day! The children looked great in their outfits, pyjamas and their class author's favourite colour. They carried out lots of exciting activities based around books. Thank you so much to all of our parents for your efforts and to the children for joining in so enthusiastically.



Year 2/3 World Book Day

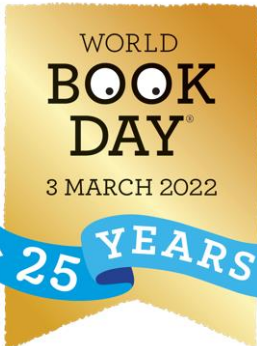
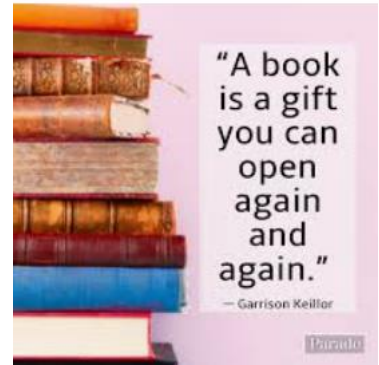




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Year 5/6 World Book Day





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Reception had a wonderful day enjoying the books of Julia Donaldson.





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Year 6 were inspired by Michael Morpurgo and his favourite colour purple.





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Amazing Roald Dahl costumes and the colour pink in Year 3!



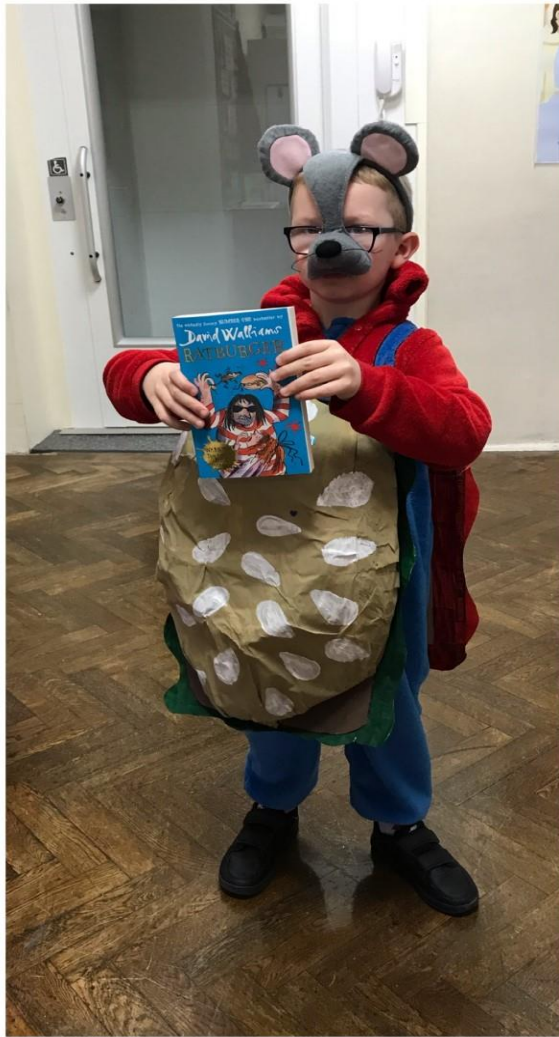
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We even caught the attention of David Walliams!





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Year 2/3 and Year 3

On Monday, Year 2/3 and Year 3 took part in a Great Fire of London workshop to kick start our topic. They used role play and drama to take them back to Pudding Lane in September 1666.





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It was a busy week in Year 3!

They also went on a lovely walk along the Wyke Beck Valley trail as part of fieldwork trip.

Front Window

Finally, we have created a 'stained glass window' incorporating our school logo on the front staircase. It looks beautiful from both inside and outside, especially when lit up at night! The children, staff and governors all said, 'Wow!' when they saw it for the first time. We hope you think so too!



God Bless

From Mrs Walsh and the team at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School