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2022-2023 Newsletter 1 (19th September 2022)



We have had a fantastic first two weeks back in school after the summer break. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. I have been in each class daily and have been impressed with the way the children have settled back into school routines. Their behaviour, listening and attitudes have been exemplary. I am sure we are going to have a wonderful year! Please talk to your children regularly about being good ambassadors for their family and school.



#### Welcome also to our new pupils and their families

A special welcome to our new pupils in school and our wonderful Reception children who are beginning their time with us at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. We are really pleased with the way the children have settled in and look forward to working with both the children and their families over their time in school.

#### Dear Lord,

We ask for Your help at the beginning of this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year will bring.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our learning and the courage to persevere.

Help us to listen to our teachers and to experience Your presence in others.

Inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen





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# Catholic Life of the School



### Virtues To Live By

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the

*full."* John 10:10

As a school, we endeavour to ensure that all our children show respect for everything (friends, adults, property) by regularly reminding the children of the virtues that underpin every action. For the first two weeks, we have been focusing on the school's Code of Conduct and the virtues of **Respect and Courtesy**.

#### **Respect and Courtesy**

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

- We are respectful.
- We treat others as we would like to be treated.
- We show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.

In school, we will continue to support you by reminding your child to say please, thank you, excuse me and to call a person by their name i.e. Mr, Mrs. Miss. Also, to be patient when adults are talking, to learn to wait, to stand back to let an adult pass, to hold the door and to offer to help. This term we will be letting you know as soon as possible if your child needs reminding about how to treat others as they would like to be treated themselves. We will be using the Golden Rule of 'Treat others the way you want to be treated' to reinforce our Respect and Courtesy virtues.

**The Golden Rule:** Treat others the way You want to be treated. The Golden Rule means you "treat people the way you would like to be treated".

It's golden because it's a way of living your life that's so simple, it shines.





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#### Attendance

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment. The more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

Attendance is everything for a successful school year.



Thank all of our parents who have sent their children to school on time every day this week. Please remember that full attendance is expected wherever possible. Children need to be in school on time every day to reach their full potential especially after the national lockdowns over the last two academic years.

Your child's Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed in one year	Number of weeks missed in one year	Learning your child would miss over a 5 year school career
100%	0 days	0 weeks	°
97% School Target	6 days	1.2 week	1/2 term
95%	9 days	1.8 weeks	³¼ term
93%	13 days	2.6 weeks	Over 1 term
<b>90%</b> Child classed as Persistent Absentee	19 days	3.8 weeks	1 ½ terms
85%	28 days	5.6 weeks	Over 2 ½ terms
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	1 whole year

Our school target is 97% and above.



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ATTENDA	NCE	Class	This week		Class	This week
MATTERS		Reception 1	100%		Year 3	94.2%
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	ON TIME V	Year 1	90.4%		Year 4/5	97.2%
		Year 1/2	93.3%		Year 5/6	90.8%
		Year 2	95.6%		Year 6	<b>94</b> %
This week's whole school attendance						<b>95%</b>

Congratulations to our Reception children who have all made a fantastic start to their first week in school with 100% attendance in both classes. Also, a huge well done to Year 4/5 who were the only other class to meet the school target!

### Please make a concerted effort to bring your child to school every day. Thank you





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# Polite reminders about absences, appointments and holidays

#### Sickness and absence

Just to remind everyone that if your child is absent, you will need to ring the school office before 10am on the first morning of the absence.

#### **Medical appointments**

Please arrange medical and dental appointments outside school time unless in the case of an emergency. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Holidays**

Due to Government law, holidays are no longer authorised. Before booking any holidays, exceptional leave forms must be completed if any absence is required during term time. . As a school, we have personalised our school calendar so our term dates differ from the Leeds City Council school calendar. Please see the holiday dates for this year to support any arrangements you may need to make and ensure family members who may book holidays also have a copy of our school calendar so they do not book holidays on your behalf during term time. https://www.corpusprimaryleeds.org/parents/schoolcalendar

Every school day counts but every minute is equally important!

#### **Punctuality**



#### Lost minutes = Lost learning

Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn once the doors open. Being late doesn't only affect your child, it disrupts other children in the class as well as the teachers trying to teach a lesson.



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### What's been happening in school?



Our wonderful 'Stars of the Week'

Class	Star of the week	Reason for award				
Year 1	Scarlett	A great start to Year 1 and for always trying her best				
Miss Kirk	Nicolas	A great start to Year 1 and for always trying her best				
Year ½	Logan	For having a fabulous attitude to all areas of his learning.				
Mrs Child	lvy	For excellent work in writing this week				
Year 2	Dwayne	A great start to Year 2 – Dwayne's an absolute pleasure to teach.				
Miss Cleverdon	Isla	Such a superstar – What a great start to Year 2!				
<b>Year 3</b> Mr Herron	Louie	For trying hard in every activity and making a great start to Year 3				
	Alfie	For excellent work, especially in maths. What a great start to Year 3!				
Year 4	Athena	For always working hard and being a great role model in our Year 4 class.				
Miss Moore	Lucie	For always working hard, always following the school rules and for being a great role model in our Year 4 class.				
Year 4/5	Brianna	A fantastic start to life at Corpus Christi and sharing brilliant ideas in class discussions.				
Mr Goodall	Oluwatishe	Arriving every day with a positive attitude and ready to start the day.				
Year 5/6	Kitty	Working hard in all subjects and making a great start to Year 6				
Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Baba	Settling in well to Year 5 / 6 and always being ready to start his learning.				
<b>Year 6</b> Miss Oxley	Nathan	For having a fantastic first week back and being a Year 6 role model.				
	Samara	For having a fantastic first week back and being a Year 6 role model.				



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### **Skills Builder Award**

We award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class each week.

Research shows that building essential skills supports:



Learning and academic outcomes



Class	Skills Builder Awards	Our focus for this half-term is			
Year 1	Bella	TEAMWOR4			
Year 1/2	Skylar				
Year 2/3	Harper	Working cooperatively with othe towards achieving a shared goa			
Year 3	Nancy				
Year 4	Archie	The definition of teamwork is simple: <b>the</b>			
Year 5	Archie	ability of team members to work well together in every situation and empathise with each other. Teamwork also includes			
Year 5/6	Caitlyn	the ability to: - Be mature enough to agree and to			
Year 6	Chisom	challenge when needed. - Focus on and contribute to team goals, not individual ones.			







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What's been happening in school



A wonderful welcome back treat of the play– The Secret Garden, enjoyed by all.





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We were delighted to welcome Siobhan Jennings from the Leeds Health and Well Being Team to our school to celebrate Connie winning a citywide competition. Siobhan awarded Connie with the prize for her wonderful poster which will now be displayed across Leeds. Thank you to Connie's mum who also came to witness the presentation. Well done Connie we are all very proud of you!

Siobhan also delivered an interactive assembly where she talked about eating more fruit and vegetables and keeping our bodies healthy. Some pupils even had the opportunity to taste different foods. Thank you Siobhan!



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Year 6 started our cycle of termly cooking sessions by making a tasty jambalaya. They also had a great PE session with Mr Wales







Thank you for your continued support Take care and God Bless From Mrs Walsh and the team at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary