



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

2023-2024 Newsletter 1 (5th- 8th September 2023)



New School Year

Welcome back to our new school year! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some lovely time together as a family.

It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils and parents. We have had a fantastic first week back at school. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. I have visited each class and have been impressed with the way the children have slotted 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.

The Catholic Life of the school



On Friday, we gathered for our first Whole School Collective Worship of the year. The theme was based on the words of Jesus in St Matthew's Gospel: "Where two or three meet in My name, I shall be there with them." (Matthew 18:20)

These words, which are also the theme of Education Sunday this week, were chosen to remind us what makes our Catholic school special is that we welcome Jesus by joining together every day for Collective Worship in class, as a key stage or as a school. As a Catholic school, Jesus is at the centre of everything we do and we are blessed to be able to gather together in His name each day.

Prayer for the new school year

Open my ...
EYES to see new friends.
EARS to hear my teacher.
HEART to know You are near.
MIND to learn new things.

Help me...
To LOVE like You and
SHINE Your light.

Amen.





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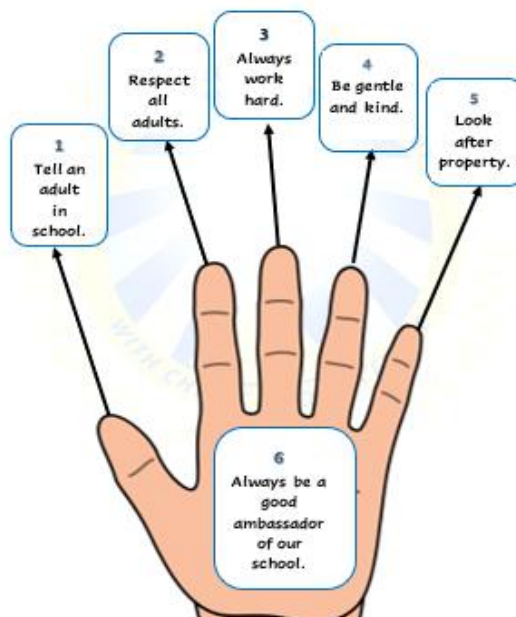
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School Code of Conduct

At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, we provide an environment which gives positive messages about our expectations and values to establish and maintain high standards of behaviour. As a result, we expect our pupils to behave well in school and do as they are asked. We have a code of conduct of six rules which were developed with the children.



Code of Conduct



School Uniform

It was lovely to see all of our children returning to school wearing their uniform with pride – they looked so smart! Children should wear suitable school **plain black** shoes. If children wear laces, they must be able to tie them in a double knot independently. Please check regularly that names have not faded following washing. We stress the need to label your child's uniform so as to reduce the amount of lost property across the school and to prevent additional cost to parents. A lost item of clothing is difficult to locate when not labelled. Please make sure that all your child's clothes and belongings are named and checked regularly that they can be read. We really appreciate your cooperation with this. Thank you.



PE

A reminder that on PE days children must wear a plain navy tracksuit with their white PE shirt and shorts underneath and plain black trainers.



Jewellery/ Hair Styles

No jewellery of any kind should be worn, including earrings. Hair styles should be neat and tidy and not attention seeking or extreme. Long hair should be tied back.



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Attendance and Punctuality

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.



Our school target is 97% and above.

<i>Your child's Attendance Percentage</i>	<i>Number of days missed in one year</i>	<i>Number of weeks missed in one year</i>	<i>Learning your child would miss over a 5 year school career</i>
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0
97% School Target	6 days	1.2 week	½ term
95%	9 days	1.8 weeks	¾ term
93%	13 days	2.6 weeks	Over 1 term
90% 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



I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who have sent their children to school on time every day this week. Please remember that full attendance is expected unless in exceptional circumstances. Children need to be in school on time every day to reach their full potential!



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Weekly Class Attendance Award

This will begin next week for classes Y1 to Y6 and our two Reception classes the week after. Children with attendance above the school target of 97% will be entered into a monthly prize draw.

Sickness and absence

Just to remind everyone that if your child is absent, you will need to phone the school office **before 9.10am** on the first morning of the absence and keep school updated each day thereafter. This will prevent staff worrying about the whereabouts of absent children. It ensures the child's absence has some verification information about the absence by the parent/carer which goes into their attendance files.

Home visits

If a child is absent without contact, then school will phone or send a text message. A home visit could be made if a school is not have contacted/a reason for the absence. The home visit could be from a member of the Senior Leadership Team in school or from our new attendance officer Mr Coulson.

Medical appointments

Please arrange medical and dental appointments outside school time unless in the case of an emergency. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during school hours, please call at the school office to 'sign in / sign out' as appropriate. Proof of the medical appointment will need to be shown.

Holidays

Due to Government law, holidays are no longer authorised. Requests for absence leave must now meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances and **Exceptional Leave forms** must be completed for any requests for absences prior to making any bookings.

As a school, we have personalised our school calendar so our term dates differ from the Leeds City Council school calendar. Dates in bold and highlighted differ from LEEDS Schools holidays

Please see the holiday dates for this year to support any arrangements you may need to make on the school calendar given with your child's end of year report in July 2023 or on the school website. Please <https://www.corpusprimaryleeds.org/parents/schoolcalendar> Please ensure family members are aware of these dates too.

School calendar academic year 2023 - 2024

Holiday	Schools close	Schools open
Summer break		Monday 4 th September 2023
Autumn mid-term	Friday 27 th October 2023	Monday 6 th November 2023
Christmas break	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024
Spring mid-term	Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 19 th February 2024
Easter break	Thursday 28th MARCH 2024	Monday 8th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Summer mid-term	FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024	MONDAY 10th JUNE 2024
Summer break	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	

Statutory Assessment Schedule

No exceptional leave will be authorised prior to, or during these dates so holidays must not be booked	
Reception Baseline Assessment	First half term 2024
Year 2 Key Stage 1 tests	All May 2024
Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs tests	13th – 16th May
Year 1 Phonic Screening Check	10th – 14th June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	3rd – 21st June CCPS 10 th – 23 rd



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Punctuality - Every school day counts but every minute is equally important!



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

Lost minutes = Lost learning





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Healthy Living

Please remember to pack your child a healthy lunchbox.

Also remember that **only water** should be sent into school in your child's drinking bottle.



Contact details



If any of your contact details have changed including mobile numbers, addresses, land-line numbers, you **MUST** inform the school office. This also includes contact details of any other family members you have given us if you cannot be contacted. Please ensure named contacts can answer their telephone during the school day. Also please ensure we have accurate information regarding named persons who can collect your child from school.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone in our school community. Our staff had their annual update this week. I would like to remind all of you that the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are myself, Mr Doyle, Miss Horkan and Mrs Collins and if you have any concerns or are worried about any pupil you should bring them to our attention as soon as possible.



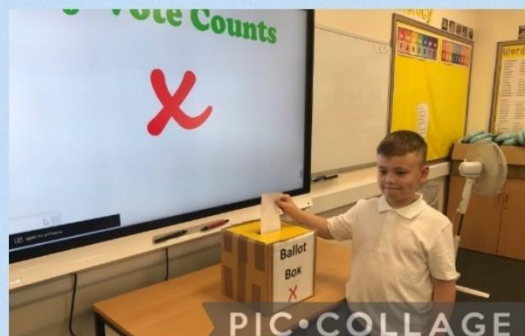
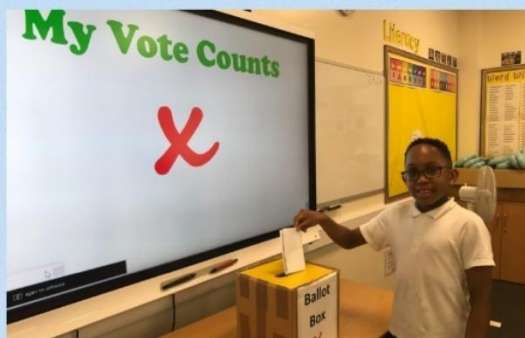
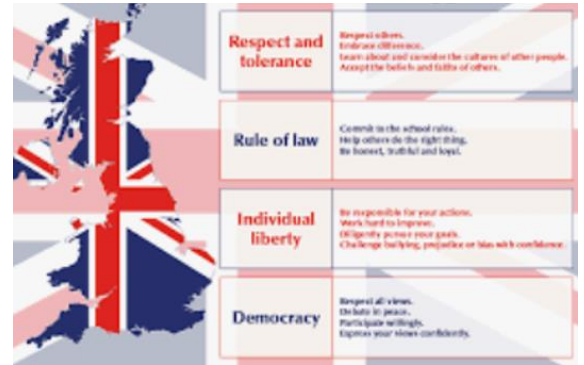
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What's been happening in school

Year 5 discussed the British Values of democracy and the importance of having the right to vote. Each child put their name forward for different positions and presented the reasons why they should be elected for a specific role. Next everyone completed a ballot sheet for each role and then the votes were counted to reveal the outcome. Well done to everyone!



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Over the summer, some children were set an online Nessler spelling and reading challenge. Many of the children tried hard to frequently practise their reading and spelling skills but these two pupils, Modestas in Year 6 and Norinda in Year 2, have been selected as our winners for their amazing commitment. They have both received a gift voucher and certificate to reward their hard work. Well done!



Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Take care and God Bless

Mrs Walsh and the team at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

