



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

2023-2024 Newsletter 7 (16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

## Catholic Life of our School



### Virtues To Live By

*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."* John 10:10

### Whole School Collective Worship Thankfulness



Today we listened to 'The Creation Story' which is found in the very first book of the Bible called Genesis which is in the Old Testament.

We thought about being thankful to God for the beautiful world He has made for us and the importance of remembering to take the time to appreciate the awe and wonder in His creation. We also reflected on how we need to look after it and the small changes we can make to help our planet.

### Thankfulness

Signs we are being **Thankful**:

- ❖ We can say thank you to God.
- ❖ We take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation.
- ❖ We show God we are thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation.
- ❖ We are thankful for all the gifts in each one of us and around us.
- ❖ We count our blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.
- ❖ We know that all we have is a gift from God.

### Important dates for your diary

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October

**2.15pm Harvest  
Festival Service**

Parents and relatives are  
most welcome to join us  
in Corpus Christi Church.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October

**3.45-6.25pm  
Parent  
Consultations**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
October

**4.45-7.45pm  
Parent  
Consultations**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
October

**School closes for  
mid-term break**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November

**TRAINING DAY 2**  
School closed to pupils

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
November  
**School reopens**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December

**1pm-School closes**



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Mission- Thankfulness

Our mission is to always take care of  
the beautiful world God has created for  
us.

Thank you God for the gift of creation.

Thank you God for the wonders I see.

**Clouds and sunshine, rainbows and  
thunderstorms...**

Thank you God for giving this world to me.

**“We are stewards, not  
masters of our earth.  
Each of us has a  
personal  
responsibility to care  
for the precious gift  
of God’s creation.”**

**Pope Francis**

*Millennial*

## 10 Ways YOU Can Help the EARTH

1. Turn off the lights
2. RECYCLE!
3. Save leftovers
4. Be nice to the worms
5. Share a book
6. Plant a tree
7. Use both sides of the paper
8. Save water
9. Clean up trash
10. Put underwear in the freezer when it's hot





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## Notices



### A message from Fr Pat

A reminder that this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we are having our Family/Children's Mass in Corpus Christi Church at 10.30am for all the children and families in our parish.

Many thanks Fr Pat

### Secondary applications for September 2024

If your child is in Year 6, it is now time to make your preferences for high school. Please try to visit the schools you are considering for your child to assist you both in the decision-making process. Each school website will provide key dates for your attention. Application forms need to be submitted online to Leeds City Council by 31st October 2023. If you are applying for a Catholic or faith high school, you also need to complete and submit a Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) for each one.



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Find deadlines and how to start your secondary school application.



## Attendance

At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, we want all of our children to attend school every day as we know that not only will this enable them to achieve their very best academically but that it also helps them to develop social skills, make friends, and experience a variety of different activities every day. We continue to focus on supporting all of our children to be in school every day and would like to thank our parents for their support with this too!



Attendance (16th - 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023)						
Our school target this year is <b>97%</b> . 	Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023		This week	Since 5.9.2023
	Reception 1	95.6%	95.3%	Year 3	97%	96.4%
	Reception/Year 1	95.6%	95.1%	Year 3/4	97.4%	96%
	Year 1	97.7%	94.8%	Year 4/5	93.1%	95.1%
	Year 1/2	94.3%	96.2%	Year 5	94%	96.5%
	Year 2	95.6%	96.7%	Year 6	98.9%	96.5%
<b>This week's whole school attendance</b>					<b>95.7%</b>	

This week's attendance is **95.7%** which is below our target and a big drop from last week. We have a lot of amber in our table this week and need to get it to **green!** Attendance is disappointing for this week but next week can be a fresh start...

A massive thank you to all parents and carers who get the children in and on time every day, all your effort is appreciated.

## Punctuality

In school we are using a new signing in/out system for late arrivals and early leavers. Late stickers will be given to children arriving late to hand to their teacher and early leavers stickers will be given to children to authorise them to leave school early for appointments etc. This will also allow us to monitor punctuality.

All children should be in class ready to learn by 8.55am. If your child arrives after the start of the school day from 8.55am up to 9.15am they will be classed as late and marked as such in the register. If they arrive after 9.15am, their arrival will be marked as an unauthorised. Please endeavour to get your child in school for learning at 8.55am. Children arriving late lose valuable learning time.



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters		
Did You Know... ?		
In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



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## Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week'

(16th-20th October 2023)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Mrs Fothergill	N'Veyah-May	For trying hard to write her name.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kemp	Anna	For showing super listening skills in all lessons.
Year 1 Miss Kirk	Shyra	For working hard and trying her best in everything she does.
	Jasmine	For being kind and caring to others and always working hard.
Year 1/2 Mrs Child	Norinda	For applying her fundamental skills knowledge to support her team in our class competition.
	India-Grace	For her excellent work in phonics helping her to blend to read. We are very proud!
Year 2 Miss Laxton	Ivy	For showing kindness to others.
	Kunashe	For sharing some amazing ideas when we were writing our story.
Year 3 Miss Currie	Bella	For growing in confidence and independence within her learning.
	Maya	For her enthusiasm and commitment to practicing our Harvest song.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack Mrs Kilvington	Smith	For being an enthusiastic learner.
	Daniel	For settling in wonderfully into a new class.
Year 4/5 Mr Goodall	Nancy	For giving 100% in all that she does.
	Raine	For always trying her best and being a wonderful role model.
Year 5 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Adam	For working hard and impressing us all with his attitude to learning.
	Luana	For her positive attitude to her school life – she always approaches everything with a smile.
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Dior	For showing a huge amount of perseverance when learning to ride a bike.
	Ryley	For working hard to improve his handwriting and for the presentation of his work.



Congratulations!





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## Skills Builder Award

Research shows that building essential skills supports:



Social and  
emotional  
wellbeing



Learning and  
academic  
outcomes



Careers and  
opportunities



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

### Skills Builder Award (16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

Class	Recipient	Our focus for this half-term is  Working cooperatively with others towards achieving a shared goal. The definition of teamwork is simple: <b>the ability of team members to work well together in every situation and empathise with each other.</b> Teamwork also includes the ability to: Be mature enough to agree to disagree when needed. Focus on and contribute to team goals, not individual ones.
Reception	Reggie	
Reception/Year 1	Aurora	
Year 1	Michael	
Year 1/2	Giovanna	
Year 2	Scarlett H	
Year 3	Dwayne	
Year 3/4	Charlie	
Year 4/5	Heidi	
Year 5	Keyla	
Year 6	Modestas	

These children have all displayed amazing teamwork skills this week.





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Look at what else has been happening in school this week!



Our Harvest Festival will be held in Corpus Christi Church on Monday afternoon at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration.

A big thank you to everyone who has sent in gifts for this event – your generosity is recognised and really appreciated.





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This week the children in Reception and Reception/Year 1 took part in the first intraclass competitions of the school year. They split into teams and listened carefully as Mr Wales explained each race. They were very good competitors as they supported each other and congratulated the winners who were Topaz in Reception and Emerald in Reception/Year 1!



## Reception and Reception/Year 1

During Literacy this week, Reception and Reception/Year 1 have been reading the poem 'The Same but Different', thinking about things we all have in common and things that make us all unique. They used a mirror to talk about their different facial features and recreated them by using a variety of materials.







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## Year 1

In PE this week the children competed in their end of half term competition using each of the skills they have developed so far. All the children worked hard as a team and supported their team mates throughout. A big well done to the Emerald team who earned the most points and won the trophy and. A wonderful effort by all!



## Year 1

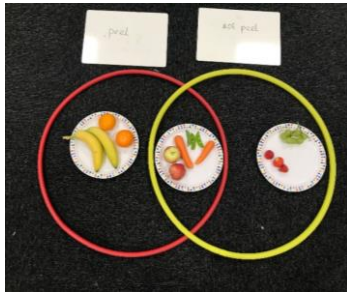
This week in Science Year 1 have been using their senses. The children were given a variety of different fruits and vegetables and in groups were asked to sort them according to their own criteria. The children thought about the size, shape, colour and texture of the fruit and vegetables and then sorted them into groups. After they sorted them, the children then smelt and tasted them. The children used words such as sweet, juicy, bitter and strong to describe the smells and tastes. Everyone had lots of fun and they enjoyed trying foods they had never tried before.





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## Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been scientists and used their senses to explore the world around them. Then they used their senses of smell, touch and sight to investigate different fruit and vegetables and to sort them into different groups. After that, the children used their sense of taste to try the different foods.



The children have also worked outside to focus on using one sense (hearing, sight, smell, touch) at a time to explore the Reception area. The children discussed how challenging this was and how we often use more than one sense at a time.



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## Year 2

On Monday, some of our Year 2 pupils took part in a round of league games at Fives Leeds. It was great to see so many parents there. Thank you to anyone who was able to support and those who helped with transport. This was the first time they had played together as a team and there were lots of positives to take from their performances. Well done everyone- we are very proud of you!





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## Year 3/4

At Corpus Christi, we are very lucky to have Classroom Kitchen visit every class each half term. This week it was Year 3's turn to become chefs and create a scrumptious salsa!



The children were intrigued to see how all the ingredients would taste together and as you can see, there were some positive reviews! Tomatoes, cucumber, pepper and coriander were all chopped and mixed in with kidney beans and sweetcorn to create the Mexican dish.





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Year 3/4

Year 3/4 enjoyed their fundamental skills tournament in PE this week. Each of the teams showed great stamina when competing in the races. Well done to the Topaz team for winning the most points and collecting the trophy!





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This week, some of our girls from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Year 5/6 tournament at the Corinthians rugby ground. The girls were brilliant. This was their first fixtures of the year and there were some great individual performances. The girls had a great morning and came fourth overall. Well done!



## Year 4/5

In Music, Year 4/5 further developed their performance skills on the glockenspiel. They revisited how to play the instrument properly, how to maintain a rhythm and played a variety of notes from the pentatonic scale. The class really enjoyed it. Well done.



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## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have had the opportunity to participate in Bikeability training run by Cycle North cycling instructors. They learnt to get on and off a bike safely, pedal then stop under control. The children have also manoeuvred around obstacles, signalled left and right and some children even progressed onto level 2 and went out onto the road.





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## Pupil Voice

Our pupil voice which includes school councillors, bistro buddies, corridor cops and our chaplaincy team came together to discuss how they can be the voice of pupils in their classes and represent their views. Great ideas and thoughts were shared in a democratic environment. The representatives will keep everyone updated on the actions taken by the different pupil groups.







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## Shoebox Appeal

**SHOE BOX APPEAL**

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring joy this Christmas

[shoeboxappeal.org](http://shoeboxappeal.org)

Transforming lives through Christian care

Huge thanks to all those who have sent in shoeboxes already- your generosity will give someone a wonderful Christmas. Filling shoeboxes with simple items can bring lots of happiness to those less fortunate. We appreciate times are difficult for everyone so individual items from the list can also be sent and we will make up boxes in school.

Shoebox information is still available from school if you need any. The boxes will need to be in school on the Tuesday when we return after the half term break which is the 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the office or the class teacher for information. Monetary donations can also be made to the appeal to help send the boxes to their destination.

### 6 steps to bring JOY

- 1 Find**  
an average-sized shoebox. Decide to fill it for a child, teenager, man or woman.
- 2 Wrap**  
your box and lid separately so that the lid can be removed without tearing the paper.
- 3 Pack**  
the items in the box, removing all the unnecessary plastic and cardboard packaging. Please choose items that will last rather than those with a short life and that can't be recycled.
- 4 Check**  
the checklist, ticking all the items you have included. Secure the checklist to the OUTSIDE of the box lid using sticky tape.
- 5 Donate**  
to help us transport your box, either online or by detaching the donation envelope and placing the filled and completed envelope on top of the items inside your box. Secure the lid with rubber bands (custom regulations require Blythswood Care to check the contents of your box).
- 6 Deliver**  
your box to your local collection point. For Christmas delivery your shoebox should be at your collection point (church, school etc) during the last week of October/first week November.

Local collection point

**Donate a precious gift to someone in need**

Shoeboxes will be distributed to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

It's easy to choose gifts for people that have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring joy this Christmas.

Please follow the instructions carefully so that your box will pass customs regulations. After checking your box, Blythswood Care will add a Bible storybook for children, a book for teenagers or a calendar with Bible verses for adults. It will then be sent to someone in need in time for Christmas.



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Local collection point \_\_\_\_\_



Tear along the perforation to detach this panel and secure to the outside of your shoebox

## Checklist

Please ✓ items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.  
**Include the essential items highlighted in the red box.**  
**IMPORTANT: PLEASE ONLY INCLUDE NEW ITEMS.**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Toothbrush and Toothpaste</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Small toy* / gift</b> <small>*small children's toy such as cars, dolls, balls etc. Please only include new shop-bought toys.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sweets</b> <small>No chocolate or any other food items. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets. Best before date no earlier than 31st March next year.</small>
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**Do not include** used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should not be included.

### Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)

- Shampoo or Shower gel
- Face cloth/ Moist wipes
- Deodorant
- Moisturising Cream
- Comb/Brush
- Sanitary Products
- Shaving foam/Razors

### Clothes and other Items

(T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/ Shirts) etc

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**Please tick the box next to who the box is for and the age of the female or male you have filled this box for:**

**Female**  **Male**

### Miscellaneous

- New Make-up
- Sewing Equipment
- Household Candles
- Screwdrivers/Pliers
- Kitchen Utensils

### Stationery

- Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
- Notepads/Colouring books
- Rulers/Rubbers

Preschool age.....

Primary age.....

Teenager age.....

Adult age.....

Elderly age.....

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Have a lovely weekend and  
best wishes for the week ahead!

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