



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 8 (23rd -27th 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

Thankfulness

We are thankful for our first half term. The children have settled back into the routine of school life with ease and it has been so lovely to welcome parents and visitors to collective worships, school Masses, workshops and meetings throughout the half-term. We have officially welcomed our Reception pupils and their families into the family of Corpus Christi Primary and we hope that their journey through school will be one filled with great memories and moments as for all the children.

Well done and thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm, hard work and beautiful behaviour and the staff for their commitment and dedication. The holiday is definitely an opportunity for a well-earned rest!

We return to school on Tuesday 6th November for half-term 2 which will be filled with more exciting learning opportunities and events including lots of Christmas (shhh!) activities.

THANK
YOU!

Thank You for your Support!

Thank you to everyone who has attended our parent/carer consultations this week. It has been great to see so many of you in school to share the children's successes so far this term. Our continued partnership will ensure that the children continue to learn, progress and reach their potential. Also thank you to all the staff for preparing so diligently for the meetings.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Henry Ford



Important dates for your diary

Monday 6th

November

TRAINING DAY 2

(School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 7th

November

School reopens

Thursday 9th

November

Folk band performance

Monday 13th

November

Y5 and Y6 Wellbeing workshops

Thursday 16th

November

Y6 pupil led whole school worship

Monday 20th

November

4.30pm Open evening for Reception 2024 starters

Tuesday 21st

November

9.30am Open morning for Reception 2024 starters

Sunday 26th

November

10.30am-Family Mass

Friday 22nd

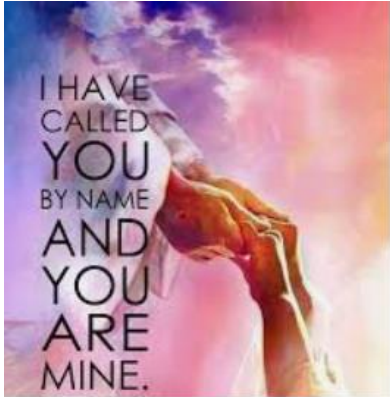
December

1pm-School closes



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Last Sunday was World Mission Sunday (22nd October 2023). World Mission Sunday is a very special day in the church calendar and is celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! Pope Francis reminded us that God sends us all out on an important mission to share His love with everyone and that this was the message Jesus shared with people during His time on earth. World Mission Sunday celebrates the fact that everyone on earth belongs to God. How amazing is that!

Mission

Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives through their words and actions.

In the week ahead, the children's mission is to always share God's love with everyone everywhere by thinking of others before themselves. Please encourage your child at home.

The Mission Together Prayer

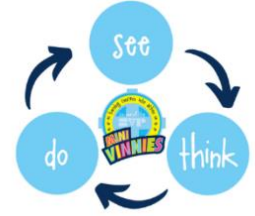
May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever.
Amen





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In Collective Worship on Thursday, our Key Stage 2 pupils learnt about the Mini Vinnies branch of the Saint Vincent de Paul movement. St Vincent dedicated his life to helping people. Gaynor Markham led the commissioning ceremony to welcome our school Mini Vinnies them into the St Vincent de Paul family and Mrs Lightfoot, who is the President of our parish St John Henry Newman's SVP, awarded the children their certificates and pins. The Mini Vinnies made their promise to follow in Jesus' footsteps and make a difference to the world by helping people in need and all the children and staff promised to support them.



Gaynor gave all the children this wonderful compliment.

I am still in awe of the wonderful children in the school, so well behaved and such a warm, caring and spirit-filled atmosphere. What a beautiful way to start my day!



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Pupil Led Whole School Collective Worship

On Monday, we held our Harvest Festival Service which was planned and led by Year 5 in Corpus Christi Catholic Church and to which parents, carers, members of the parish and the local community were invited. Each class sang a different song or hymn about being **thankful** for the harvest and to show our **gratitude** for the work of all those who provide the food we eat. This was followed by a procession of gifts to put on the Harvest table. **Thank you** to everyone who so generously donated food and other items to our harvest festival especially in these challenging times. There was a magnificent harvest display again this year which has been donated to the parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal who are always extremely **grateful** to receive such a large donation. The food and other goods will be used to make food parcels for those who are in great need. What a joyful celebration of **thankfulness** and generosity!



Wonderful - it was lovely to watch all the children who gave a fantastic performance!

I want to thank you for inviting me today to this happy harvest. It was lovely to see our children singing. Thank you so much.



Wonderful Harvest Festival. All the children were amazing.

It was a lovely Collective Worship.



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Year 5 singing the traditional hymn 'All things bright and beautiful'.



Dramatising the opening scene of The Creation Story in Genesis.

Accepting the gifts to put on the harvest table.





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This week the children in **Reception and Reception/Year 1** took part in the Harvest Festival at church. They sang their Harvest song 'Tasty Song' on the altar about the link between the farm and the food on our plate. They also enjoyed watching the rest of school giving their performances.



Year 1 performed the song 'The farmer plants his seeds' and wished everyone a 'Happy Harvest'.





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Year 1/2 sang all about being 'Busy for the Harvest' to remind us of all the hard work which is carried out all year round on the farms.



Year 2 sang a reworked harvest version of a George Ezra hit titled 'I'll be riding tractors'.





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Year 3 sang the popular favourite 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' and their enjoyment of this modern classic is clear to see!



Year 3/4 began the Harvest Festival with the moving song 'Harvest for the World' which stresses the importance of everyone in the world having enough to eat.





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At the Harvest Festival, the children in **Year 4/5** sang a beautiful, uplifting rendition of the 'Harvest Tango'.



A lively 'Harvest Samba' was performed by **Year 6** which captured the meaning of our Harvest Festival and our virtue of '**Thankfulness**'.

*It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity
to be grateful for the food we eat
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the Father.*





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On behalf of everyone, the Mini Vinnies delivered the tins and fresh produce to the Franciscan Sisters. They also helped load the tins in Mr Doyle's and Mr Dyson's cars to deliver to the parish SVP based at the Newman Centre.






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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 (23 rd -26 th October 2023)						
Our school target this year is 97% 	Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023		This week	Since 5.9.2023
	Reception 1	95.8%	95.3%	Year 3	96.3%	96.4%
	Reception/Year 1	95.3%	95.2%	Year 3/4	96.3%	96.1%
	Year 1	98.3%	95.2%	Year 4/5	98.1%	95.4%
	Year 1/2	97%	96.3%	Year 5	100%	96.9%
	Year 2	91.2%	96.1%	Year 6	100%	96.1%
This week's whole school attendance					97%	

This week's attendance is **97%** which is just at our target and a great achievement. This is fantastic for our pupils who will reap the benefits of being in school every day and learning. 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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Class Attendance Reward for Half Term 1



Class Attendance Reward Half Term 1

In Key Stage Two Year 6 and in Key Stage One Year 2 were treated to an extra cooking session as they were the two classes with the highest attendance in their key stage. They learnt about the origins of using pumpkins and how they were linked to Hallowe'en. They then made and baked pumpkin muffins and also carved out faces on pumpkins. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful experience and demonstrated amazing collaboration.





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Notices



Since 1993 Blythswood's Shoe Box Appeal has delivered over 2.5 million boxes to people in need. Thank you for your support.

SHOE BOX APPEAL



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



Please use average sized shoeboxes

This makes it easier for those who distribute boxes and is fairer for recipients; it also means we can pack more boxes into the cartons.

Carriage costs

It costs approximately £7,000 to send a container load of shoeboxes to Eastern Europe. Your kind donation towards these costs helps us greatly – please donate online or by using the envelope attached. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you can.

Please donate £3 or more to help your box get there

Please deliver your shoeboxes to:

- The collection point noted on this leaflet
- Any of our UK depots/offices (listed below)
- Our collections schedule pick-up points (phone 0845 456 9460 for details)
- Any of our charity shops. All collection and pick up addresses will be published on our website.

If you are unable to deliver your shoeboxes please contact your nearest depot/offices where someone will be able to help you.

Blythswood depots/offices

Central and South Scotland 0845 456 9461
Highlands 0845 456 9460

Northern Ireland 0845 456 9464

North England and North Wales 0845 456 9460

South East England 0845 456 9462

South West England and South Wales 0845 456 9460

Calls will cost 3p per minute plus your telephone company's Access Charge.

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 _____

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Small toy* / gift
<small>*small children's toy such as cars, dolls, balls etc. Please only include new shop-bought toys.</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets
<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> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat, scarf, gloves | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/ Socks/Tights | | |

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

Miscellaneous

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

Stationery

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

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
- Preschool age.....
 - Primary age.....
 - Teenager age.....
 - Adult age.....
 - Elderly age.....

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



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Achievements out of school

Joe plays for a football team out of school. This week he was selected to be 'Man of the Match' by the opposing team for his great football skills and sportsmanship.



Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely holiday!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School.