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2023-2024 Newsletter 10 (13th-17th November 2023)

Catholic Life of our School

November is the Month of the Holy Souls.

'They are not gone from us but gone before us.'



During the month of November, we continue to remember and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us in the hope of the resurrection promised by Jesus.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.



Our 'Virtue to Live By' for this half term, in the lead up to Advent and Christmas, are HOPE and PATIENCE.

Virtues to Live by

I am hopeful

when

I believe and trust that God will not give up on me.

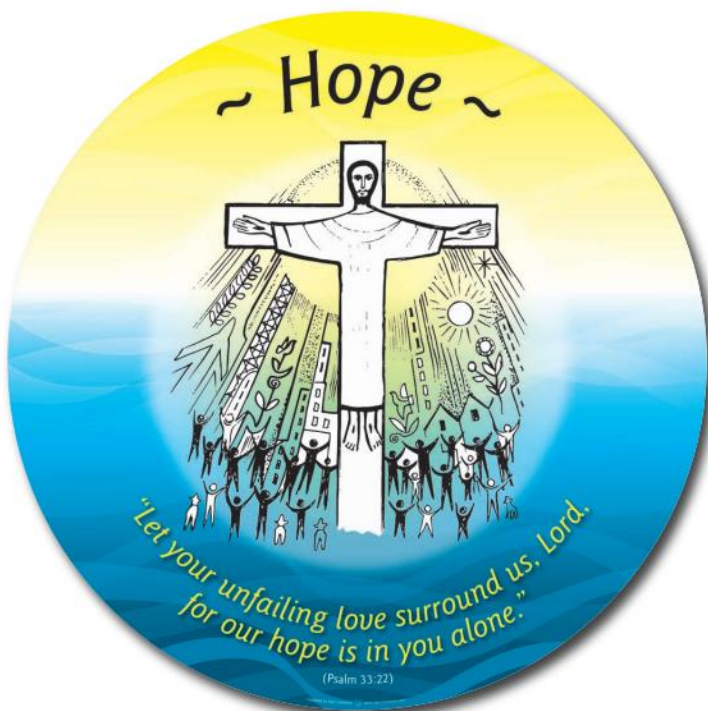
I am positive about the future.

I don't give up on myself.

I have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.

I pray to God placing my life in his hands.

I know God has a plan for me.





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Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 21st November

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to visit the Replica Turin Shroud at Leeds Cathedral

Thursday 23rd November

Djembe drums and Melodica performance to parents of pupils in years 3-6. This is a ticket event, 2 per child.

Sunday 26th November

10.30am-Family Mass

Thursday 30th November

Christmas Movie night
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



2nd December
1st Sunday of Advent



Tuesday 5th December
9.30am Open morning for
Reception 2024 starters
4.30pm Open evening for
Reception 2024 starters

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Movie night
Years 3, 4, 5, 6



Important Christmas dates for your diary



Wednesday 13th December

Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 at 'The Polar Express' experience



Thursday 14th December

9.30am-Reception and
Reception/Y1 Nativity play for parents

Monday 18th December 2pm

Years 3-6 Christmas Performance in
Corpus Christi Catholic church

Tuesday 19th December

Pantomime in school

Wednesday 20th December 2.15pm

KS1 Christmas Story for parents in
Corpus Christi church

Thursday 21st December

Christmas Parties

Friday 22nd December

1pm-School closes

Monday 8th January 2024

School reopens



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Pupil Led Whole School Collective Worship


Year 6 - Year 6's Collective Worship was about remembrance. After playing the Last Post, the children led everyone in a minute's silence of reflection and recited the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. Then they reflected on how living in peace can mean forgiving others or performing acts of charity by following in Jesus' footsteps. Year 6 reinforced this message with the Gospel reading from John in which Jesus commands us to love one another and says that no one has greater love than if they give their life to save their friend. Year 6 finished the Collective Worship by singing 'Make me a Channel of Your Peace'.





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 (13 th -17 th November 2023)						
Our school target this year is 97% . 	Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023		This week	Since 5.9.2023
	Reception 1	91.1%	94.8%	Year 3	98.9%	96.4%
	Reception/Year 1	95%	94.9%	Year 3/4	97.8%	96.2%
	Year 1	99%	96%	Year 4/5	93.8%	94.9%
	Year 1/2	96.2%	96.6%	Year 5	97%	96.9%
	Year 2	97.8%	96.3%	Year 6	97.9%	96.8%
This week's whole school attendance					96.8%	

This week's attendance is **96.8%** which is so close to school's our target and a great achievement. Six classes have reached the school target this week which is amazing. Well done to these classes-Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 5 and Year 6. 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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To begin anti-bullying week, we all came to school wearing odd socks. This is to celebrate that we are all different and unique – that is what makes each one of us special. Each one of us is created in God's image and so is unique. We are all precious in God's eyes therefore we should treat everyone with kindness.





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



**SHOE BOX
APPEAL**



What a wonderful response! We were absolutely amazed at how many children and families sent in shoeboxes for this appeal. We had more than 50 boxes donated. All the people who receive these gifts will be so grateful and it will brighten many people's Christmas. A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity!





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Lots of people who could not do make up a full shoebox, for a variety of different reasons, sent in loose items for us to put into shoeboxes. Our Mini Vinnies kindly offered to sort all the donated individual items into shoeboxes for different individuals. Thank you to our Mini Vinnies.



....and finally off the boxes go, along with £192 to be distributed to people in Hungary. Amazing- thank you everyone!



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Reception and Reception

Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1, the children have been learning about Autumn. They went on an adventure to the field to carry out an Autumn walk. The children had to work carefully to find the leaves that matched the ones on their clipboard and collect them to bring back to the classroom.



Year 1

In Year 1 this week, the children have been continuing their work on instructions. In one of our lessons the children followed instructions to make a jam sandwich. They worked with a partner to butter the bread, spread the jam on the bread and then cut the bread in half. Everyone enjoyed their delicious jam sandwich and did very well at following each instruction.



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Reception/Reception /Year 1 - This week the children learnt how Angel Gabriel visited Mary to share the special news from God that she was going to have a baby. They took turns to act out the story recalling the special words spoken.



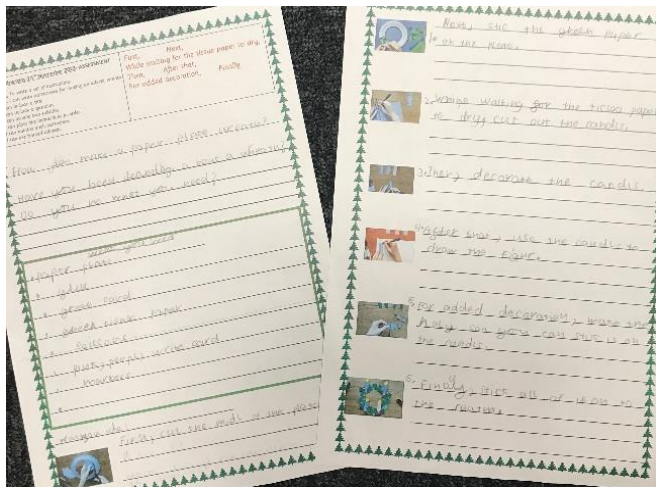


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Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the features of instruction writing. This week they followed some instructions to make a paper plate advent wreath. They understood the importance of writing the instructions in the correct sequence.



The children then planned and wrote their own instructions to explain how to make a paper plate wreath. They made sure they included all the key features of an instruction text.



In PE, the children are practising hitting a target using a beanbag. Throughout the lesson, they used an underarm throw to hit a cone. When they had mastered that skill, they increased the difficulty by moving the target further away!





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Year 3 and Year 3/4 -Year 3 and Year 3/4 had a bun sale this week to raise money for their class charity Leeds Baby Bank. The bun sales are going to run for the next few weeks where the classes hope to raise money to buy essential items for babies across Leeds.



Mindfulness Club

To end Anti Bullying week Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in a mindfulness club at lunchtime where there was an opportunity to colour, construct Lego models, read and meditate to tranquil music.





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Year 4/5

This week, Year 4/5 have been writing their own poems based on a poem called 'Dance with me Autumn'. The children looked at the structure of the poem, discussed the language and features included to then produce their own poems. Finally, each child performed their poem to the rest of the class.



MindMate

MindMate Support Team

Session Aims

We will look at:

- Fight, Flight, Freeze response
- The anxiety cycle
- Physical sensations
- Cycle of anxiety
- The stress bucket
- Grounding techniques

Joining in!

- It's really helpful if you join in with the discussions and exercises.
- There is no pressure to know all of the answers.
- Only ask what you are comfortable asking.

What kind of situations might make us anxious?

Fight, Flight, Freeze

Don't let your anxiety take over. You can't control what happens to you, but you can control how you react to it.



Year 6

MindMate is a service run by the NHS that helps children and young people in Leeds access support if they ever need it for their mental health and wellbeing. Year 6 took part in a MindMate session with two visitors from MindMate. The visitors discussed with the class when children and adults may become worried and anxious. They gave many examples and techniques of how to ease these situations.



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Sporting News



Year 6 Girls - On Thursday, some of our Year 6 girls were selected for a fixture against Temple Learning Academy. The girls really enjoyed being able to compete against another school and played some great football considering this was their first time playing together as a team. For some of the girls, this was their first competitive game and there were lots of positives to take from the game. There were some brilliant individual performances as well as a few areas to work on before their next game. Well done girls!



Dodgeball - On Monday, some of our Year 6s were selected to take part in a dodgeball competition. The children competed against other schools and worked really well together as a team. They were very competitive but played the games in the right spirit. They managed to return to school with a medal as a reward for their teamwork and effort during the competition. Well done everyone!





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Children in Need –

We raffled our Pudsey bear teddy this afternoon. The raffle was witnessed by some children in Year 4/5 as the winning ticket was drawn.

Congratulations Phoebe on being the lucky winner!

The amount collected was just over £250.
Thank you everyone – your generosity is very much appreciated!

Thank
You



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Corpus Christi School Council Presents



Christmas Movie Night



Reception, Year 1 and 2 - Thursday 30th November

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Thursday 7th December

£2.50 per ticket

This includes watching a Christmas movie, a drink, popcorn and a chocolate bar.

Finish 4.30pm

Come and join in the fun!





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Is your child due to
start primary
school in
2024?



Applications are open for Reception places
to start in **September**

You can apply online until **15 January 2024**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- Learn about the admissions process
- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
- Read each school's admissions policy
- Understand where your child might be offered a place
- Check if your home address gives you priority

Call us on
0113 222 4414

Watch our quick
guide to school
admissions



Applying for primary school or junior place for September 2024

When and how do I apply?

Applications are open between 1 November 2023 and 15 January 2024 (national closing date). There is no advantage in applying early, all applications made by the national closing date are treated equally.

If you live in Leeds, you apply online at www.leeds.gov.uk/apply.

If you don't live in Leeds, you must apply to your home local authority (whoever empties your bins) but you can still ask for Leeds schools. We will work with other local authorities if you ask for schools in their area.

Do I have to include 5 schools?

You should apply for 5 schools to give your child the best chance of getting a place at a school you want. Asking for only 1 school, or the same school 5 times, does not increase your chances of being given a place at that school.

You need to list the schools in your order of preference when you apply. Schools don't know your preference order so this doesn't have any impact on whether your child will be offered a place. On offer day if a place is available at more than 1 school on your list, we offer you the highest school on your list.



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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School.