



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 20 (5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

## Catholic Life and Mission



### Virtues to Live By

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

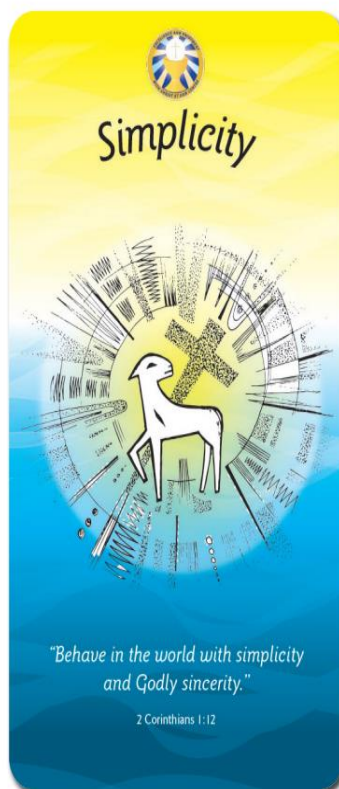
### Our 'Virtue to Live by' - Simplicity

Our 'Virtues to Live By' for the Spring term are Faith, **Simplicity**, Love/Charity and Forgiveness. We are continuing to focus on the virtue of **Simplicity** which means **appreciating the little things in life and knowing what really matters.**

### Simplicity

Signs we are living the virtue of simplicity.

- ❖ We know what really matters in life.
- ❖ We give time to think of others, do good and care for our world- God's creation.
- ❖ Living simply helps us put more trust in God.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

Dates for your diary

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
School closes for half term holiday

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

**Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
School reopens

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
KS2 Adoration in Corpus Christi Catholic Church

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Year 4 Skipping Competition  
**3.30-4.30pm**  
Reconciliation classes start

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**4.30-5.00pm** Phonics meeting for Y1 parent/carers

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**9.30-10.00am** Phonics meeting for Y1 parent/carers

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Classes Y5 (Miss Guy and Mr Doyle) and Year 6 (Miss Oxley) enhancement visit to Armley Mills



To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity, like children talking to their parents.

— Pope Francis —

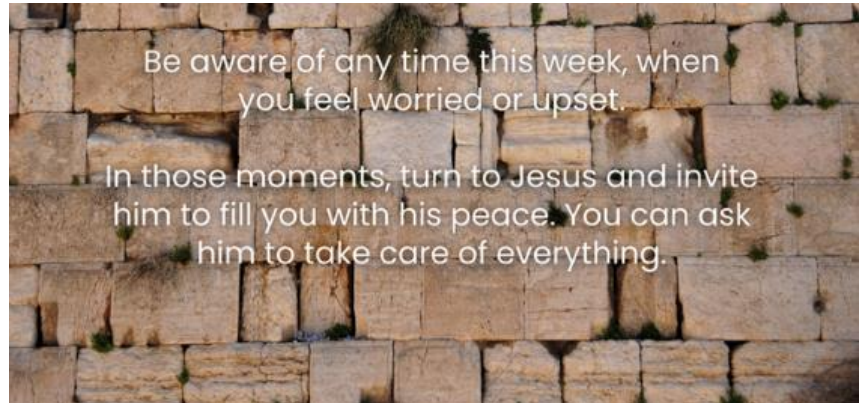
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## Mission- Simplicity Week 2 Trusting God



**Our mission in the holiday is to make a change in our lives to allow more space for God.**

**We will remember to pray first thing in the morning to ask God to be with us through the day and to thank Him at night.**

### **Morning Prayer**

Father in heaven, you love me,  
you are with me night and day.  
I want to love you always  
in all I do and say.  
I'll try to please you, Father,  
bless me through the day.  
Amen.



### Our Evening Prayer

God our Father, we come to say,  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for my family and all the  
friends you give to me.  
Guide me in the dark of night  
And in the morning send your light.  
Amen







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## Confirmation- 'Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit'

Some of our Year 6 children attended a Confirmation Service led by Bishop Marcus in Corpus Christi Church. During the service, they received the holy Sacrament of Confirmation, alongside other candidates from the Parish of St John Henry Newman.

May the Holy Spirit always guide and protect you.



Thank you so much for bringing my child into the Christian way to help my daughter know all about God. God bless.

*Parent comment*



Year 1/ 2 led the whole school in a beautiful and reflective Collective Worship. The children told the story of St Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes. They read and sang beautifully. Well done Year 1/ 2.

All the children spoke beautifully and should be very proud of themselves. Hearing them sing was the highlight for me.

*Parent comment*





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



This week **Reception** and **Reception/Year 1** had a visit from Mrs H from Classroom Kitchen. She visited their classroom to make 'Goldilocks's Perfect Porridge'. The children worked in small groups to chop up lots of different fruit using the bridge and claw method and to measure some of the ingredients.



They also discussed and sorted some healthy and unhealthy foods.



Finally, when the porridge was finished, they got to eat some. It was delicious!

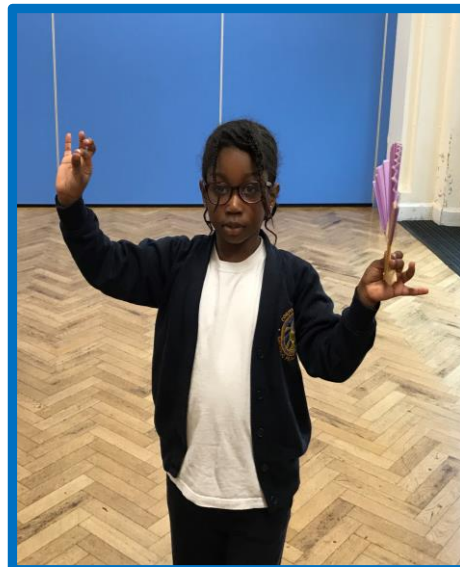




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This week **Reception and Reception Year 1** continued their Chinese New Year celebrations by taking part in a Chinese dance workshop. They started by thinking about the different animals in the Chinese zodiac and pretended to be them as they moved around the hall in a variety of way. Then they learnt a fan dance with lots of different moves and performed the dance to their friends before taking part in a Chinese Dragon dance!



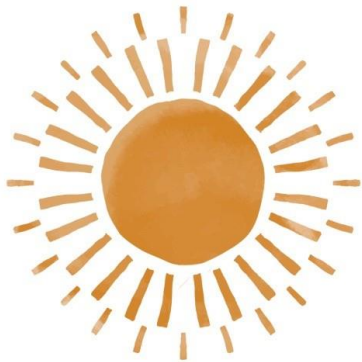




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For Children's Mental Health Week Year 1 dedicated time to participate in mindfulness activities and meditation. The children found it really relaxing and peaceful to take some time out of their busy days to concentrate on themselves and their wellbeing. They completed mindfulness colouring and also created a little rainbow by making doodles inside each arch.



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On Monday, some **Year 2** pupils took part in a round of fixtures at Fives Seacroft. This was the second time this group had played competitively as a team, and the improvement was clear to see. The boys lost 3-1 to Clapgate, won 2-1 against Austhorpe and lost 3-0 to St Anthony's. They played some great football both as a team and individually. Great effort!



**Cooking Club -Parents and Children** -It was the final cooking club session of this half term and both the adults and children were really looking forward to making and tasting burritos! Thank you to all the parents and children who have attended the club, we had fantastic feedback!

We are pleased to say that we will be running the club again after half term and we will inform those who have been picked after the break.







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It was **Year 3's** turn to cook with Miss Gilby from Classroom Kitchen today and the children made a delicious, creamy mushroom risotto 🍄 Using the bridge and claw methods, the children chopped a variety of vegetables including onions, baby corn, sugar snap peas and mushrooms. The overall verdict of the final dish was very positive and many even went back for seconds. Well done Year 3!







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Year 6 really enjoyed their Mediterranean cooking experience day. To make a Moroccan tagine, the children peeled and chopped vegetables such as potatoes, sweet potatoes and carrots before adding lots of spices. Finally, they finished the dish with chickpeas and couscous. They also made tzatziki and enjoying eating this with pitta bread.







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Mediterranean  
cooking



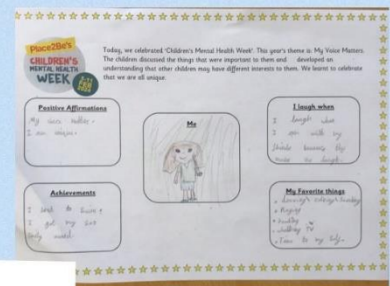




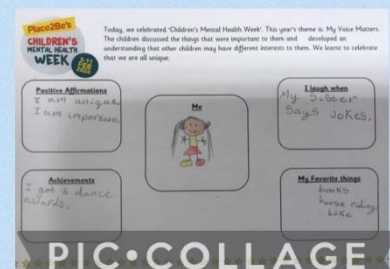
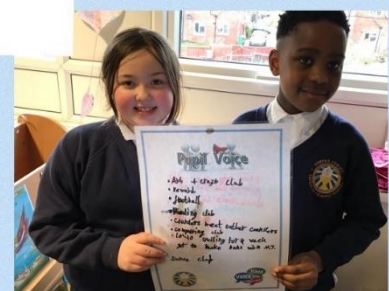
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This week, **Year 3/4** celebrated 'Children's Mental Health Week'. This year's theme is: My Voice Matters. The children discussed the things that were important to them and developed an understanding that other children may have different interests to them. They learnt to celebrate that they are all unique. The children also thought about the trusted adults they can speak to at home and in school and the many of ways we champion pupil voice such as our class 'worry box' and 'worry monster'. Every week they have an opportunity to add their ideas to the pupil voice board. One of favourite outcomes has been the Valentine's disco for which the children have enjoyed making the decorations!



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK







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Year 6 dressed in their disco clothes ready for the Valentine disco!



Some movers and shakers at the Key Stage One Disco







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Key Stage  
One  
Valentine  
Disco







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The suspense waiting for  
the announcement of the  
winners!

# BEST DANCER



*Congratulations!*





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Key Stage Two  
Valentine Disco







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To celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, fun-filled activities and events will be held in school to promote the love of reading books. During book week, there will be author visits from Caryl Hart, Kate Pankhurst and Julia Edwards.



## £1 Book Tokens

Thanks to National Book Tokens, every child in school will receive a £1 book token. This can be swapped for one of the exclusive World Book Day books available at participating booksellers. You can also use it to get £1 off a full price book.

## World Book Day Lunch

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Theme: Harry Potter



## Best Dressed Competition

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

This year, come to school dressed either in a costume of your favourite book character or pyjamas or onesie!

Please do not spend any money on this event.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

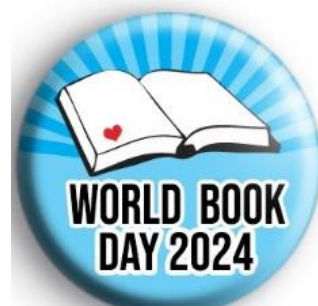
There will be an exciting performance from M&M theatre production company.

## BOOK FAIR

On **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** the Travelling Book Company will be in school with a Spring Book Fair bursting with top quality children's books for you and your child(ren) to enjoy together. You will need **CASH** to pay for the books.

Please visit our fair, which will be open Monday and Tuesday at 3:25pm, in the school hall and 8:40am Wednesday at the front of school (weather depending).

**We look forward to seeing you there!**








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## Attendance



### Attendance (5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

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%	94.6%	Year 3	95.3%	97%
	Reception/Year 1	97.6%	95.3%	Year 3/4	98.2%	96.9%
	Year 1	97.7%	96%	Year 4/5	98.6%	96%
	Year 1/2	94.5%	96.8%	Year 5	100%	97.3%
	Year 2	98.1%	97%	Year 6	95.9%	97.4%
	This week's whole school attendance					<b>97.2%</b>

Wow, just wow! This week's attendance is 97.2% is above target again and great for a last week of term. What an amazing achievement and well done to everyone who made this possible! Congratulations go to Year 5 with 100% - simply the best!



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who constantly get their children in and on time.

You are all amazing!







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## Half term holiday ideas



Click on this link to find out about fun filled activities available in Leeds this holiday.

<https://welcometoleeds.co.uk/article/february-half-term-whats-on/>

Temple Newsam are running fun family craft activities based on the theme 'Share the love' to celebrate Valentine's Day! Drop in is included in the price of admission.

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/events/temple-newsam/half-term-share-the-love/?occurrence=2024-02-13>

There are other activities available at museums and galleries across the city.

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/whats-on/school-holiday-events/>

Groundwork are hosting free Half Term play sessions.



### FREE HALF TERM - TURN UP & PLAY SESSIONS

- ✓ Wednesday 14th February - Park Play  
Scatcherd Park, Morley
- ✓ Thursday 15th February - Woodland Play  
Clark Spring Woodland, Churwell
- ✓ Friday 16th February - Street Play  
Ingle Estate, Morley (opposite Ingle stores)

### JOIN US FOR

- Den building
- Sports
- Giant games
- Retro street games
- Arts & crafts



ALL SESSIONS RUN 10AM - 12PM & 1PM - 3PM

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## TRY SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING @ FEARNVILLE LEISURE CENTRE

**Wednesday 14th February**  
**10.00-10.45**

Do you have a child interested in performing in the water? Would they like to try learning a new skill set with other like minded children? Come along and give Synchronised Swimming a try for just 50p!

Children must be able to swim 50m unaided or be at Stage 5  
All children must be able to swim Breaststroke

Bookings now being taken, book online or call 0113 3760398 to book your child's place

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TO BOOK ONLINE



## FEBRUARY HALF TERM GYMNASTICS SESSIONS @ Kippax Leisure Centre

GYMNASTICS CAMP 6-15yrs: 15 February 10.00-12.00

GYMNASTICS CAMP Invite Only: 15 February 10.00-12.00

GYMNASTICS LESSON 4-5yrs: 15 February 12.00-13.00

Price:

1 Hour £6.50 Standard / £5.00 Leeds card Extra

2 Hours £11.00 Standard / £7.50 Leeds card Extra

\*Children under 8 must have an adult in the building for the duration

To book please call the centre on 0113 3781276 or email  
[kippax.lc@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:kippax.lc@leeds.gov.uk)

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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
KEEP US  
INFORMED**

Just a gentle reminder to let us know if you change your mobile number, move house, want to change a meal choice or anything else you feel we should know. Please get in touch – 0113 248 3095.

Please remember we must always have 2 phone contacts who can answer the phone during school hours.

Thank you



**Thank you for your continued support.**

Have a lovely week!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School