



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 15 (18th-22nd December 2023)

School reopens on Monday 8th January 2024



Catholic Life and Mission

What a busy but enjoyable first term we have all had! I think the children and staff are in need of a well-deserved holiday!

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our school and the staff. We never take for granted how blessed we are to have such a supportive and caring community. The children at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School benefit so much from having strong links between home, school and parish in a community of safety and love. Thank you.

Although it is certainly not expected, thank you so very much for all the lovely cards and gifts for myself and my staff. It is very thoughtful and very appreciated by all of us. I hope that you and your families have a very joyful and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 8th January 2024.

A Christmas Blessing

*May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world.*



Important Christmas events for your diary

Sunday 24th December
4th Sunday of Advent -
LOVE



Monday 25th December
Christmas Day



**Saturday 6th of
January** is the Feast
of the Epiphany
which celebrates the
arrival of the wise
men who came to see
Jesus Christ soon
after he was born.



Monday 8th January
2024
School reopens
8.40am Gates open
Please be prompt



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This Sunday as well as being Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent when the third purple candle is lit. The last purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and preparation as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. The fourth candle of Advent is also known as the “Angels’ Candle’ and symbolises love. It reminds us that God is love. Love is a gift, a gift from God. At Christmastime, we believe that God's greatest gift of love was Jesus, the Saviour of the world.





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As a Catholic school community, we were blessed to be able to celebrate our end of term Mass with Father Pat. It was a joyous and wonderfully fitting conclusion to our Advent preparations. Thank you Father Pat and the parish for your support this term.

*Corpus Christi
Catholic Primary School*
Advent Mass

22 December 2023





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NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

In the lead up to Christmas, we are all busy preparing for the special day- putting up our Christmas trees and decorations, buying presents and making sure we have everything we need for our Christmas dinner. However, during this season of Advent, we also need to prepare our hearts to celebrate the wonder and joy of that first Christmas Day when Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. That is why we involve all the children in school in sharing the Christmas story with their families in our Reception, KS1 and KS2 nativities so that we remember the true meaning of Christmas. All our classes from Reception to Year 6 have worked very hard in school to spread the love and joy of Christmas through their Advent Collective Worships and Nativity performances.



Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came to watch their children in their Nativity performances. The children loved seeing you there and the younger children were very excited to show off their costumes! Once again, I would like to thank the staff team for their hard work in preparing the children for the performances. These things do not just happen by chance and I know the staff's hard work is appreciated by all of you.





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Reception and Reception/ Year 1's The Twinkly Nativity

On Thursday, this twinkly retelling of the traditional Nativity story was performed perfectly by our Reception and Reception/Year 1 children on Thursday. I was overwhelmed to see our youngest pupils performing the important story of Jesus' birth so beautifully. There was a good dose of sparkle and no shortage of delight throughout the whole performance. The catchy songs certainly brought some twinkle and tapping to everyone's toes. What a superb performance from our amazing pupils! Thank you to everyone who joined us in school to watch the performance too. It was wonderful to see so many family members come along to support the children.



Thoroughly enjoyed it!
Amazing how confident
the children are. It reflects
on the work done by the
teachers and team!
Thankyou.

Parent comment

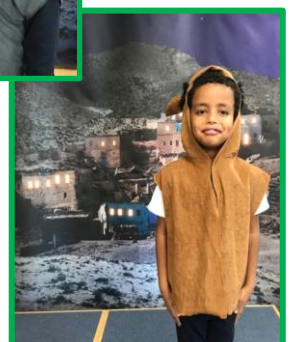
Well done, that was so
beautiful. Thank you teachers
and Mrs Walsh. We really, really,
really enjoyed it!

Parent comment



Amazing performance, the
children! Really enjoyed it.

Parent comment





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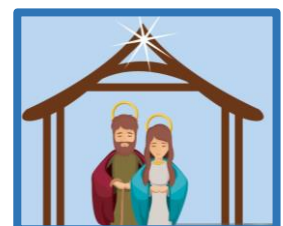
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Key Stage 1 (Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2)

The children in Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 shared the miracle and excitement of Jesus's birth that first Christmas in their retelling of the Nativity story. The children all gave a very professional performance with clear voices and beautiful singing! We are so proud of the children- their hard work certainly paid off!



Absolutely amazing!
The children did so well.
Thank you to all the teachers.
Parent





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Key Stage 2 Nativity (Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 5 and Year 6)

Year 5 and Year 6 led a fabulous Nativity 'Gabriel's Big Break' in Corpus Christi Church ably supported by the children in classes Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4/5. They put on a very polished performance with absolutely fantastic singing; all the teachers and staff were very proud of the children and their achievement!





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Brilliant as always. So sad that this is his last one but, thank you for all the hard work and precious memories.
Parent comment



YEAR 3&4 SINGING 'YOUR CHANCE WILL COME' IN THE KEY STAGE 2 NATIVITY.



Year 4/5 doing an excellent job on vocals at the Key Stage 2 Nativity.



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LIVE NATIVITY

A fantastic performance from some of our children at the Live Nativity held by the Franciscan Sisters at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday 16th December. Thank you to the children and their families for attending on a Saturday. We are very grateful and you certainly did us proud!



Chocolate gifts gratefully and happily received as a reward to all the children who came to help with the Live Nativity.



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Travelling Crib



Some of our Year 3 children who sent photos of them at home journeying towards Christmas with their class Travelling Crib.





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Virtue of Generosity

Generosity

"Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God."

(Hebrews 13:14-16)

"Freely you have received, freely give."

(Matthew 10:8)



We had many fundraisers in the last few weeks and with the generosity of our amazing parents we managed to raise some wonderful amounts.



£400 was raised from our raffles which is for the school fund. Huge thanks to all staff who donated

items for the hampers and everyone who bought tickets.



Our Movie Day raised a whopping £449 and the children had a great time. This money will go to School Fund and is solely for the benefit of the children. It helps with trips and special visitors etc.

Thanks to Mrs Kilvington and the School Council for organizing.

Lord, help us to live the
virtue of generosity, to
love without limits.

Pope Francis



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Hamper Winners



Congratulations to our food hamper winners, Kayla, Isla and Pete.

Our alcohol hampers were won by Joseph's mum, Harriet's mum and Charlie's mum.



Supporting Families

We have been very fortunate this Christmas to have received support for some of our families.

Thank you to



St John Henry
Newman Parish



St Vincent de Paul



Temple Newsam Community Partnership



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Year 4/5 wearing their Christmas jumpers in support of CAFOD World gifts



Year 6 enjoying their Christmas Jumper Day when we all wore our jumpers and raised just over £110 for CAFOD to help with World Gifts. Thank you for your continued unwavering generosity.





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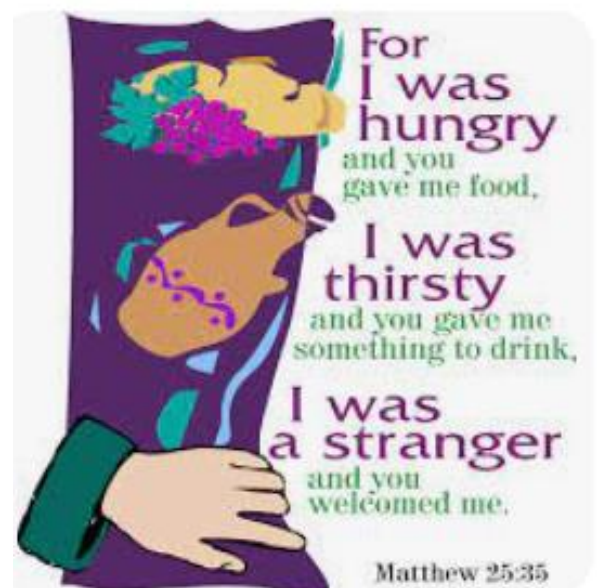
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Message from Steven Goodwin – coordinator for the Shoebox Appeal

'Hi to all who helped with the Blythswood Christmas Shoebox project to Hungary this year. Well done everyone, and thanks for all the hard work and generous donations. We filled a truck for three destinations in Hungary. I have now heard back from all three projects in Hungary and the boxes have arrived safely and been received with great anticipation, gratitude and excitement.

Thanks for all your effort, generosity and your love for others.'





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Look at what else has been happening in school this week

Christmas Dinner

There were lots of smiles this week as we enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch in the dining hall. Thank you to Catering Leeds and our amazing school catering team of Ruth, Heather, Wendy, Bev and Yvonne for another delicious Christmas lunch and our fantastic school lunchtime staff- Adele, Sandra and Debbie. Also, thanks to all the teaching staff who helped out as well. We are so fortunate to have such a fabulous team who make this experience such as a joyful event with good food, singing and laughter. It was superb and the children had a wonderful time. Thank you!





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Pantomime Treat

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed (Oh yes we did!) the Snow White Pantomime which was performed by the fantastic actors at M and M Productions. It was a morning of singing, dancing (including Miss Fothergill and Mr Doyle) and laughter as well as being a well-deserved treat for all our amazing pupils. What a wonderful experience for everyone in school!



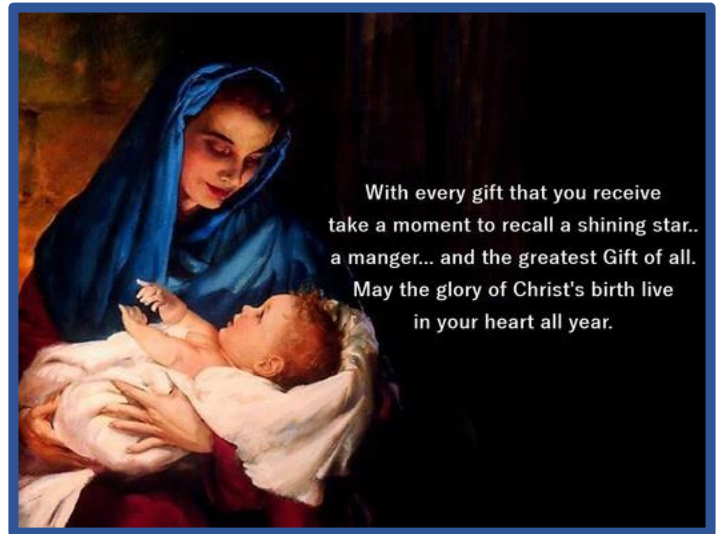


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Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you all this Christmas and we wish you all the joy of this special season.



Have a wonderful holiday!

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

