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2023-2024 Newsletter 13 (4th-8th December 2023)



Virtues to Live By

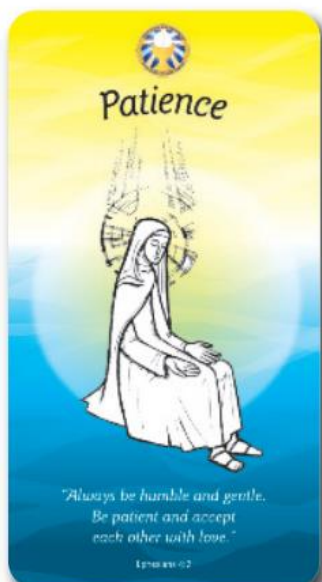
"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

Our final 'Virtue to Live By' for the Autumn term is Patience.

During the season of Advent, we wait patiently for Jesus's arrival on Christmas Day. By lighting the candles on the Advent wreath at home, or at church, or at school, we remember there is more to Christmas than shopping, parties and decorations. The true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus.

We are patient when...

- we can wait.
- we use strategies to keep ourselves calm.
- we can do something now that will help us in the future.
- we can accept things we cannot change with humour and grace.
- we are patient with ourselves when we make mistakes.
- we are patient with others when they make mistakes.



*Patience
is the calm acceptance
that things can happen
in a different order
than the one
you have in mind.*





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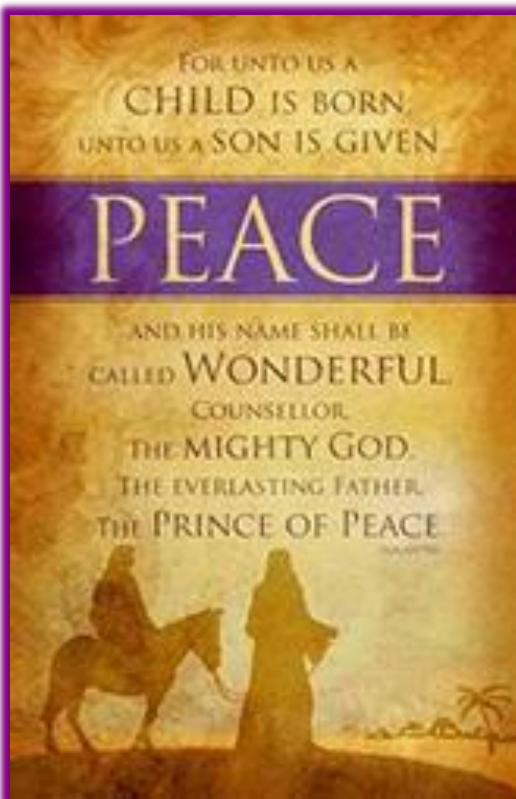
Catholic Life of our School

Liturgical year



We continue to be in the season of Advent.

The word Advent comes from the Latin meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation. At mass this second weekend of Advent, the second purple candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. This candle signifies **peace** and is sometimes referred to as the **Bethlehem Candle**. as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem During the second week we are asked to meditate on Bethlehem, the birthday place of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and therefore the birthplace of the peace of Christ.



Week 1- Hope

Week 2- Peace

Week 3- Joy (the pink candle)

Week 4- Love

Christmas Day- Jesus (white candle)

Let us pray that this season of Advent may fill us all with hope, **peace**, joy and love. Amen



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Mission- our faith in action

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



During the second week of Advent, we are asked to think about peace. At the birth of Jesus, the angels proclaimed, "Peace on Earth." Sometimes it can be difficult to believe peace is possible when we listen to the news. However, with God everything is possible and this Advent it is especially important for us all to look for opportunities to share the message of peace at home with our families, in our school and in our communities so that God's peace can spread across the world.

In the week ahead, we ask the children to be peacemakers in school, at home and in their community.

Let there be
peace
on
earth
& LET IT BEGIN
with me



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Important dates for your diary

Sunday 9th December
2nd Sunday of Advent
Peace



Tuesday 12th December
Year 3 visit to Leeds
Playhouse
The Enormous Crocodile

Wednesday 13th December
Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2
at The Polar Express'
experience



Thursday 14th December
Starts 9.30am-Reception
and
Reception/Y1 Nativity play
for parents and carers.
Please be on time!

Friday 15th December
Christmas jumper, top, hat,
headband for World Gifts
fundraiser

Important Christmas events for your diary

Sunday 16th December
3rd Sunday of Advent
Love



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 (classes Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2)
Christmas Story for parents in
Corpus Christi Church

Thursday 21st December

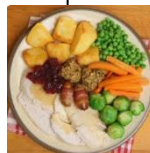
Christmas Dinner

Christmas Parties-own clothes
Christmas jumpers optional



Friday 22nd December
1pm-School closes

Monday 8th January 2024
School reopens





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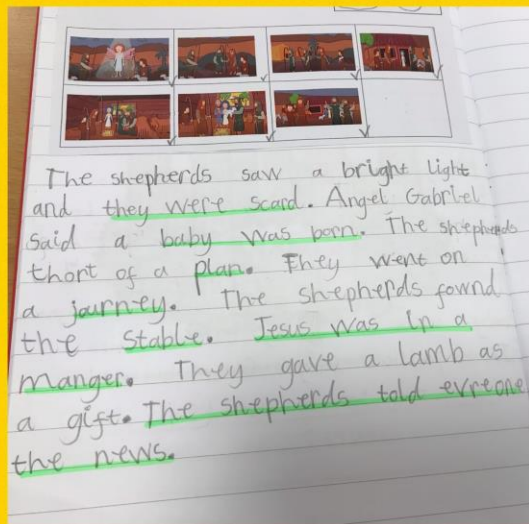
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Year 1

In RE this week, Year 1 continued to learn about the story of Jesus' birth. They learnt that the shepherds were the first people to hear the wonderful news that the Son of God was born.

The children retold the story independently applying all their writing skills from Phonics and Writing lessons in class. What a wonderful way to celebrate the good news about baby Jesus!



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Year 3 and Year 3/4

This week Elle from Leeds Baby Bank visited Year 3 and Year 3/4 to tell the classes about the wonderful work Leeds Baby Bank does helping families across Leeds. Leeds Baby Bank is the class charity for both classes. Elle was amazed at how generous the classes have been donating a variety of items for the baby bank. Thank you for all your generous contributions.



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Key Stage 2 Confessions

The Sisters of the Franciscan Renewal invited KS2 to join them in church to attend confession during the first week of Advent. The children responded with reverence as they joined in the gentle singing with Sister Ciara. Together they prayed a decade of the rosary and thought about others who may need their prayers. We thank Fr Pat, Fr Michael and Fr Jijimon for offering their time to hear confessions and speak individually with our pupils.

As they left church the children all received a prayer card.

The children in Year 3 will soon have the opportunity to begin the preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

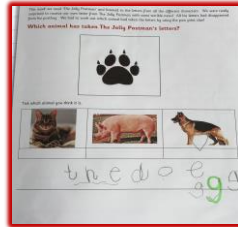
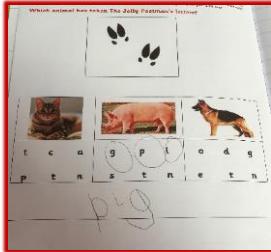




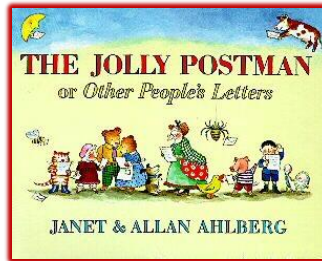
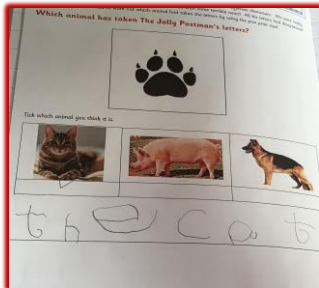
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Look at what else has been happening in school this week!



Reception- The children in Reception have enjoyed reading *The Jolly Postman* this week. Unfortunately, when *The Jolly Postman* was drinking his cup of tea, somebody stole all the letters!



Then the children in Reception worked hard to solve the crime by looking at footprints and guessing which animal had taken them. What super investigating Reception.!

Reception / Year 1

This week the children in Reception/Year 1 joined Miss Gilbey from Classroom Kitchen in the Cooking Room to make healthy fruit yoghurt pots. They learnt how to chop the fruit using the bridge and claw method. Miss Gilbey was very impressed with their listening skills. All of the children enjoyed eating their healthy pots at the end!





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Reception and Reception/Year 1 had a visit from local PCSOs Eric and Gemma as part of their topic 'People Who Help Us'. They explained how they keep us safe in the community and how they help us. All the children dressed up as PCSOs too!
Thank you PCSOs Eric and Gemma!





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Year 1

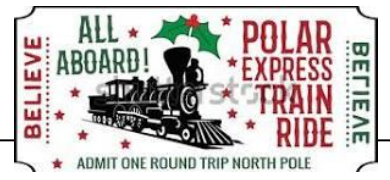
Last week Year 1 had a very special delivery to class. It was a letter from Santa Claus, along with a present- which was a Polar Express book! The children were extremely excited and said they thought they had heard sleigh bells at lunch time... I wonder who that could have been????



The following day the children were taken on an imaginary journey on the Polar Express. Each child received a ticket and boarded the "train" in their classroom. Using their senses, they imagined what they would see on their journey, what they would smell, hear, taste and feel. The children came up with some fantastic expanded noun phrases which helped them write their own wonderful setting descriptions.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 received a present from Santa. They were so excited to receive and read their new book 'The Polar Express'. They acted out going on the Polar Express by collecting their tickets, sitting in their seats, drinking hot chocolate and looking out of the window to think about the things they might see. They then used this to write an amazing setting description.

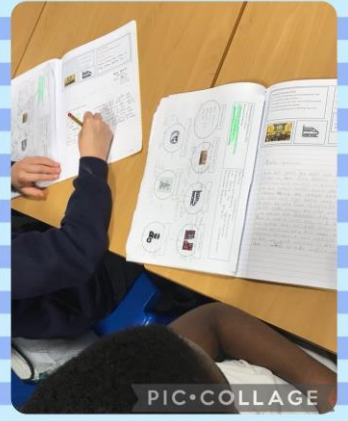
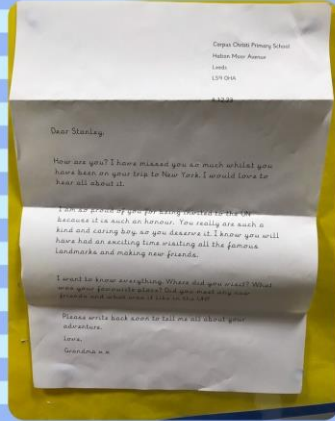


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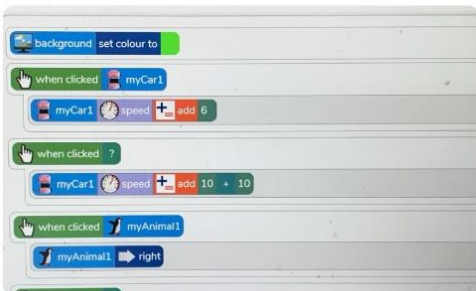
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Year 3/4

Flat Stanley arrived in Year 3/4 with a letter. He had got lost in New York and wanted everyone to know about it! The pupils imagined they were Flat Stanley and wrote a letter to explain how they were finding New York.



Year 4/5 have been developing their coding skills in their ICT lessons. The children used a coding program to move objects using swipes and clicks. They explored different inputs, outputs and timers and the impact that these would have on their program. They then looked at 'IF statements' and created a command to run if the statement was true or false.



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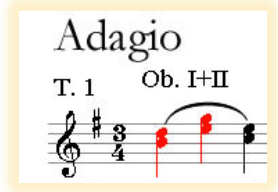


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Year 6 have been working hard to learn key words in their Melodicas lessons such as tempo (speed), allegro (fast) and adagio (slow).



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Christmas Movie night was a huge success and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it – thank you to all who supported this event. Thanks also to Mrs Kilvington for organising it.



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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week'
(4th December-8th December 2023)



| Class | Star of the week | Reason for the award |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Reception Mrs Fothergill | Reggie | For being a super role model and always doing the right thing. |
| Reception/Year 1 Miss Kemp | Isaac C | For being a super role model and joining in nicely. |
| Year 1 Miss Kirk | Oscar H | For a big improvement in his reading. |
| | Caleb | For his wonderful improvement and effort in writing. |
| Year 1/2 Mrs Child | Tommy-Lee | For trying hard to improve his handwriting and becoming more independent in his writing. |
| | Janai | For his lovely letter formation of the letters in his name and phonics work in writing. |
| Year 2 Miss Laxton | Luca | For his excellent work in History and remembering key facts. |
| | Jonatan | For making a concerted effort to improve his handwriting. |
| Year 3 Miss Currie | Lucas | For fantastic contributions and positive attitude towards his learning. |
| | Louie- Leonard | For making excellent choices in all areas. |
| Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack Mrs Kilvington | Joshua | For staying focused and working hard in maths. |
| | Teddy | For trying his best in all areas of learning. |
| Year 4/5 Mr Goodall | Lucas | For a brilliant non-chronological report on North America. |
| | Zuzanna | For a huge improvement in her focus during lessons. |
| Year 5 Mr Doyle Miss Guy | Harvey | For wonderful contributions in his science lessons. |
| | Lauren | For beautiful cursive handwriting in all subjects. |
| 2Year 6 Miss Oxley | Aylar | For working hard in all lessons. |
| | Phoebe | For focusing in lessons and completing work well. |





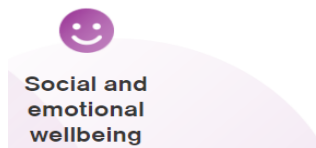
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Essential Skills



Each week we award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class who has displayed the skills focussed on that week.



Social and emotional wellbeing




Learning and academic outcomes



Careers and opportunities

Skills Builder Award (4th December-8th December 2023)

| Class | Recipient | <p>Our focus for this half-term is.....</p>  <p>Supporting, encouraging and developing others to achieve a shared goal.</p> <p>This skill is relevant not only for individuals in positions of management, but also for individuals working with peers in teams.</p> <p>The focus is on empathy – understanding their own feelings, being able to share them and recognising the feelings of others.</p> |
|------------------|-----------|--|
| Reception | Emmie | |
| Reception/Year 1 | Arna | |
| Year 1 | Gloria | |
| Year 1/2 | Isla | |
| Year 2 | Nellie | |
| Year 3 | Skylar | |
| Year 3/4 | Harriet | |
| Year 4/5 | Louie | |
| Year 5 | Yaelle | |
| Year 6 | Daniel | |

These children have all displayed amazing teamwork skills this week.






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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 (4 th December -8 th December) | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| Our school target this year is 97% .  | Class | This week | Since 5.9.2023 | | This week | Since 5.9.2023 |
| | Reception 1 | 98.9% | 95.1% | Year 3 | 98.5% | 96.8% |
| | Reception/Year 1 | 92.5% | 94.8% | Year 3/4 | 97% | 96.7% |
| | Year 1 | 93% | 95.8% | Year 4/5 | 98.5 | 95.3% |
| | Year 1/2 | 97.2% | 96.9% | Year 5 | 94 | 96.9% |
| | Year 2 | 98.9% | 96.8% | Year 6 | 94.8 | 96.9% |
| | This week's whole school attendance | | | | | 96.3% |

This week's attendance is **96.3%** which is again just below school's target of 97%. A little disappointing but congratulations and well done must be said for Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4/5 who have all reached a whopping 98%+. Also, pleasing figures for Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 who have both achieved target this week! A massive thank you to all parents and carers who get the children in and on time every day, all your effort is appreciated and even if their class did not reach target, but they were in school they will reap the benefits of being in. A huge thanks to you all who do get them in every day. We are very lucky to have such committed families.

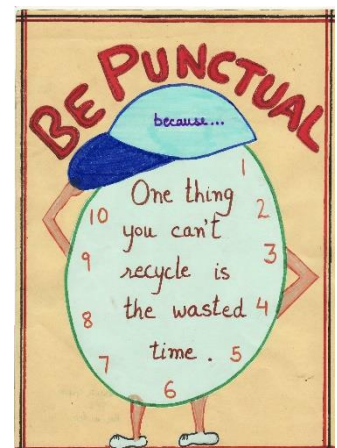


Punctuality

We now use an electronic signing in system to monitor punctuality as children arriving late lose valuable learning time.

If your child arrives after the start of the school day between 8.55am up to 9.15am they will be classed as late and marked as such in the register.

All children should be in class ready to learn by 8.55am. 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.





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CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

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Future Foodies

on:

WE ARE SERVING UP A FESTIVE FEAST

Menu

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Yorkshire Pudding, Sage and Onion Stuffing & Mini Pork Sausage
or
Quorn Roast with all the trimmings (v)

Yorkshire Pudding, Sage and Onion Stuffing & Mini Vegetarian Sausage (v)

Mashed and Roast Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

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Festive Christmas Dessert

Novelty Ginger Biscuit with Ice Cream & Sprinkles

Catering Leeds

Leeds

Christmas lunch menu as promised on the text messages.

Thursday 21st December – this event is open to all children in school.

Christmas jumpers are optional.



Catholic Care are very kindly hosting one of their Christmas community pantries at our school next Friday 15th December at 9.10am.

They will have the capacity to provide food bags and stocking fillers for up to 30 families on the day.

If you would like to be considered, please follow the link on Class DOJO and Tapestry to complete the form. However, if more than 30 families respond – YES, names will need to be put into a draw. If your name is chosen, you will receive a ticket as this event is by ticket only.

Catholic Care's Christmas Community Pantry
is being held in our school
at 9.10am on Friday 15th December 2023



Come and join us for
Tea/Coffee & mince pies



Free pantry ingredients
Healthy eating and
dietary information available



See the services we provide
in our Diocese



Nutritional Adviser and
Family Support Worker
At selected events



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Christmas Hamper Raffle

We have three fantastic Christmas food hampers to raffle in school at the end of term.

Tickets are £1 each.

We also have three Christmas bottle hampers.

Tickets are £2 each and will only be sold to adults for adult collection at the end of term as the contents are all alcohol based.

All bottles have all been donated by the staff at Corpus Primary.

Proceeds will be for the School Fund which is solely for the benefit of the children in school.

From Monday, we will also be selling tickets at the start and end of the school day to parents outside.





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Is your child due to start primary school in 2024?

Apply now!




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.

Thank you for your continued support

Have a lovely week!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School.