



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 14 (11th-15th December 2023)



Virtues to Live By

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

During this season of Advent, we continue to focus on the virtue of **Patience** as we continue to wait patiently for Jesus' arrival on Christmas Day as the true meaning of Christmas.



Important Christmas events for your diary

Saturday 16th December
2pm- Live Nativity at Corpus Christi Catholic Church



Sunday 17th December
3rd Sunday of Advent- **JOY**



Monday 18th December
2pm Years 3-6 Nativity Performance in Corpus Christi Catholic church

Tuesday 19th December
Pantomime in school

Wednesday 20th December
2.15pm Year 1, Year 1/2, 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

Sunday 24th December
4th Sunday of Advent -**LOVE**



Monday 8th January 2024
School reopens



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Catholic Life of our School

Liturgical year



Week 1- Hope

Week 2- Peace

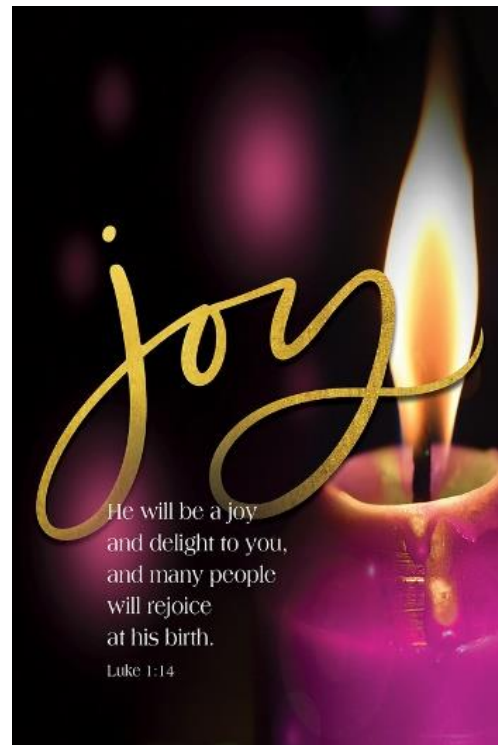
Week 3- Joy (the pink candle)

Week 4- Love

Christmas Day- Jesus (white candle)

Advent Week 3

This Sunday, the third Week of Advent, is called Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. On Sunday **the pink candle of JOY** is lit. It is **pink** in colour and symbolizes **JOY** as rose is the liturgical colour for joy. The joy candle is also known as the 'Shepherd's Candle' and it reminds of us the angels who appeared to the unexpected shepherds to deliver them the good news of Jesus' birth. These shepherds were not anything special in their town and the fact that God chose to tell them about the birth of His Son reminds us **that we are all important and special to God.**



Let us continue to 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.

This week we think about the joy we feel at celebrating the birth of Jesus was born how it changed all of our lives. On Gaudete Sunday, we learn that the recipe for joy is to place Jesus first, others next, and ourselves last. So, we will dedicate ourselves to bringing joy to others.



In the week ahead, we ask the children to be joyful and joy makers by thinking about how they can bring joy to others in school, at home and in their community through their words and actions.



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. She gives most who gives with joy.

— Mother Teresa —

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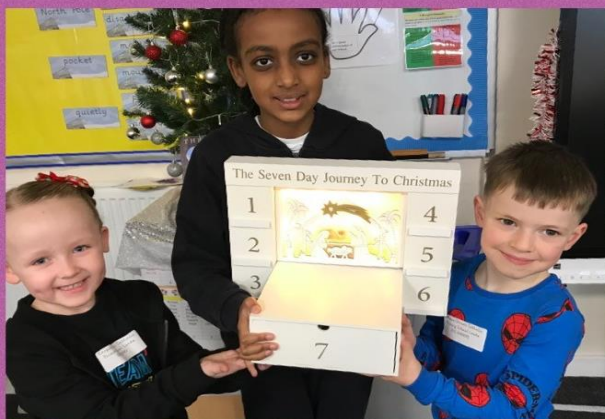
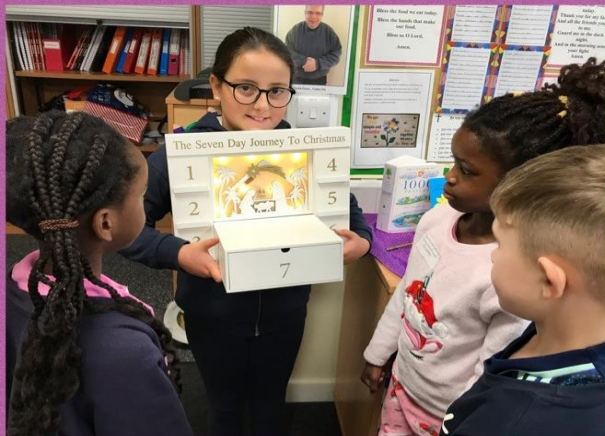


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Catholic Life of our School

The Chaplaincy Team handed out our new 'Seven Day Journey to Christmas' sets to each class to bring the Christmas story to life in the last week before Christmas. Each day the class will set up a scene depicting the real story of Christmas using a Bible verse and the figurines.





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



All the children who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year were rewarded with a Christmas baking session with Classroom Kitchen. They had a wonderful time and really enjoyed baking and decorating Christmas cookies.

Well done to all the children who have been to school every day since September!





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More of the children who achieved 100% attendance this term baking and having Christmas fun. What a fantastic achievement, well done everyone!

Perfect Attendance! 





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With a little help from our very capable cooks in Year 6, here are our Reception children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance so far this term. They had a great time baking and decorating their biscuits and an even better time eating them!



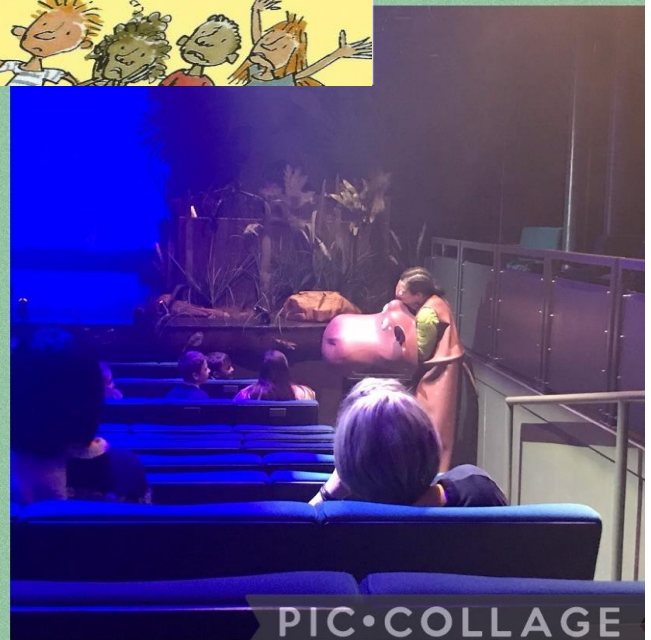
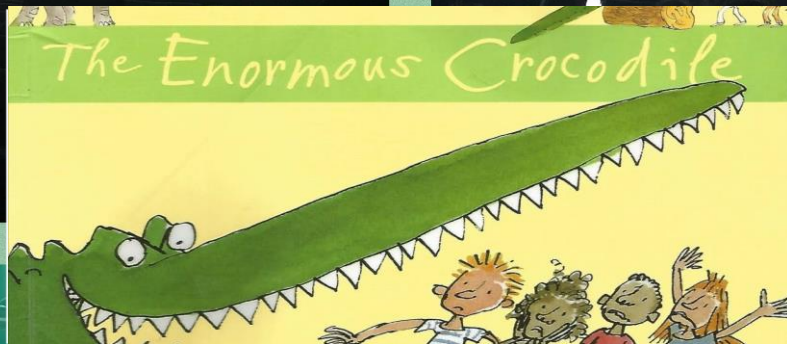
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All the Year 3 children in classes **Year 3 and 3/4** visited West Yorkshire Playhouse to watch the Enormous Crocodile production. It was a fantastic show with lots of interaction, catchy songs and funny moments. Everyone had a wonderful time and commented on how much they enjoyed it. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they left the theatre with huge smiles.



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Year 5 were invited to Corpus Christi College for Christmas activities. They listened to the choir singing carols and made Christmas cards using paints. They had a lovely festive morning and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the staff and pupils of Corpus Christi Catholic College.



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Recently we told you that Ellie from Leeds Baby Bank came in to talk to the children in classes **Year 3 and Year 3/4** classes about their class charity. Our pupils have worked so hard to raise funds so they can buy goods for the charity and democratically choosing what to purchase. The children are delighted to be donating so many wonderful items to such a worthy charity. We are so proud of them all as they are going to make such a difference to families living in Leeds. Thanks also to everyone who donated for the class charity of Leeds Baby Bank.



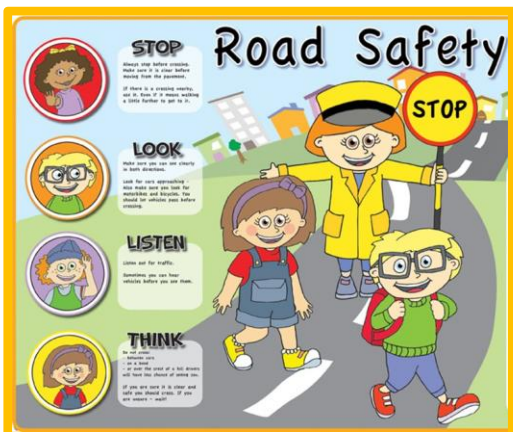


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Road Safety Pantomime

The whole school, enjoyed a Christmas performance from the Road Safety Team. Through different Christmas characters, the children were reminded how to keep safe on the roads especially at this time of the year. One of the most important messages the Road Safety Team gave was 'The gift of Life - use the green cross code - Think, Stop, Look and Listen.'





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Year 5 were invited to Corpus Christi College to watch a Christmas Show led by the High School children. There was a range of entertainment from telling the story of the Nativity to spectacular dancing and singing supported by their school band. Year 5 listened attentively, were a fabulous audience and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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.

Raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd December – good luck everyone and thank you.





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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 (11 th -15 th December)						
Our school target this year is 97%.	Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023		This week	Since 5.9.2023
	Reception 1	90.6%	94.7%	Year 3	98.1%	96.9%
	Reception/Year 1	88.8%	94.3%	Year 3/4	95.9%	96.7%
	Year 1	97.3%	95.9%	Year 4/5	96.2%	95.4%
	Year 1/2	95.9%	96.8%	Year 5	98.0%	96.7%
	Year 2	97.0%	96.8%	Year 6	97.9%	97.0%
	This week's whole school attendance					96.1%

This week's attendance is 96.1% which is again just below school's target of 97%. A little bit of a disappointment but we must congratulate Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 on reaching the school target this week. A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who get the children to school on time every day. All your effort is appreciated and even if their class did not reach target this week but they were in school they will reap the benefits of being in. We are very lucky to have such committed families who enable us to achieve very good attendance in general.

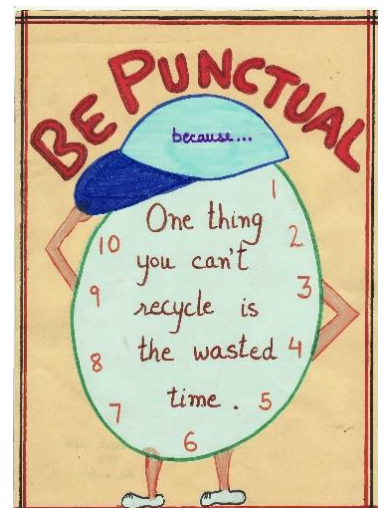


Punctuality

We are using our new signing in system to monitor punctuality. 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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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week'

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Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Mrs Fothergill	Whole Class	For all the children for a super performance in the Wiggly Nativity.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kemp		
Year 1 Miss Kirk	Teddy-Cooper	For always working hard and trying his best.
	Gloria	For always working hard and trying her best.
Year 1/2 Mrs Child	Whole Class	For excellent behaviour and good listening skills on the Polar Express trip.
Year 2 Miss Laxton	Elliot	For his wonderful improvement in his independent work in English.
	Ryan	For actively participating in each lesson and sharing his wonderful ideas with the class.
Year 3 Miss Currie	Damian	For excellent effort and improved concentration in writing.
	Bakary	For excellent effort and improved concentration in writing.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack Mrs Kilvington	Shaylan	For his excellent writing about Flat Stanley.
	Hannah	For showing incredible kindness to everyone around her.
Year 4/5 Mr Goodall	Temidayo	For always being helpful with his peers and trying his best in his own work.
	Mia	For being a wonderful role model and always trying her best.
Year 5 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Saffiya	For giving her all in her written work.
	Rihanna	For her excellent work in her maths and consistently checking her calculations when completed
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Baba	For working hard to improve his grammar knowledge.
	Nicola	For working hard to improve her grammar knowledge.





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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.



Skills Builder Award (11th – 15th December 2023)

Class	Recipient	Our focus for this half-term is.....  Supporting, encouraging and developing others to achieve a shared goal. This skill is relevant not only for individuals in positions of management, but also for individuals working with peers in teams. The focus is on empathy – understanding their own feelings, being able to share them and recognising the feelings of others.
Reception	Nathan	
Reception/Year 1	Nova-Rae	
Year 1	Anaya	
Year 1/2	Charlie	
Year 2	Alexcia	
Year 3	Sophia	
Year 3/4	Joshua	
Year 4/5	Oakley	
Year 5	Athena	
Year 6	Petra	

These children have all displayed amazing teamwork skills this week.





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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 weekend and best wishes for the week ahead!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh
and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School