



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 16 (8th-12th January 2024)



We hope you all enjoyed your holiday and Christmas celebrations. Thank you to the children for the way in which they have started the new spring term. The children have returned to school and started 2024 very well, in terms of hard work and enthusiasm for school life and their learning.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year! As a school community we send you prayers and blessings and hope that 2024 is a peaceful, happy and healthy year for each and every one of you!

Important events
for your diary

Wednesdays

Swimming lessons resume this week for Year 4/5 and Year 5

Thursday 25th January

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 visit Leeds Playhouse to see Oliver Twist

Wednesday 24th

January

CCCC band performing to KS2 in the hall

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th February

Parent Consultation Evenings

Link to follow for appointments nearer

Friday 9th February

**3.20pm School Closes
for half term**

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you, ☩
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year



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Catholic Life and Mission

2024 will be Year of Prayer, says Pope



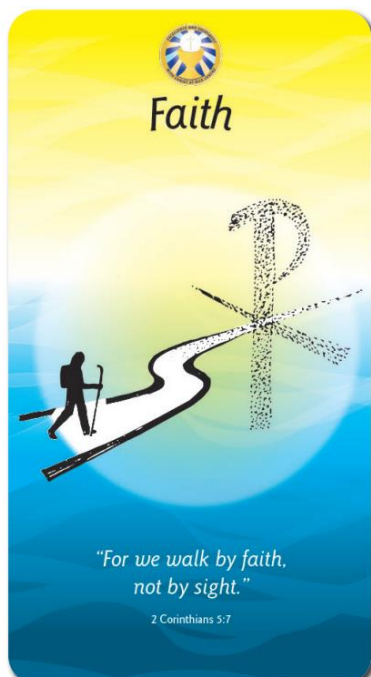
In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis on the Our Father. This presents our Church and our school with a significant opportunity to revisit the basics of prayer, and for us to become even more a community of prayer moving beyond just 'saying our prayers' and to becoming familiar with really 'praying'.

The Year of Prayer is not a year about prayer, but a year for prayer. The image of Christ in the manger symbolises that God wants a relationship with us and so we need to speak to Him as often as we speak with our friends.



Virtues to Live By **Faith**

Our 'Virtues to Live By' for the Spring term are **Faith**, Simplicity, Love/Charity and Forgiveness. For the next few weeks, we are focusing on the virtue of **Faith**.



Faith

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Signs we are being Faithful

- ❖ We know that faith is a gift from God.
- ❖ Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus.
- ❖ We show our faith by living our lives filled with hope and love.
- ❖ Our words and actions show our faith in God's love.



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

This week the children in **Reception and Reception/Year 1** have been learning about old and new toys as part of their topic -The Past and Present. The children were very excited when they visited the pop-up bear museum and learnt about different types of teddy bear.





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This week in **Year 1** the children been learning about material during their Science lesson. They identified a variety of materials and were able to describe them and identify their properties. In groups the children sorted different objects according to what they are made of and realised that some objects are made out of more than one material and why that might be. Finally, the children were given a question asking them what would happen if chairs were made out of chocolate. At first the children liked the idea but once they thought about it they realised it would get very messy. They agreed our plastic chairs were better suited for the job because plastic is strong and keeps its shape well.





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The children in **Year 1/2** have settled very well into the new year and have completed lots of lovely learning this week. They have been looking at money in Maths, writing a recount of their trip to the Polar Express and in Geography they have been looking at climate change. The children have participated in class Collective Worships as well as a Key Stage Collective Worship this week.



This week in PE **Year 1/2** began their learning journey in Gymnastics. They were practising shape and moving skills. The children made shapes such as a straight position, a tuck and pike position and then thought about how they could travel across the floor. The children were rolling, hopping, skipping and jumping.





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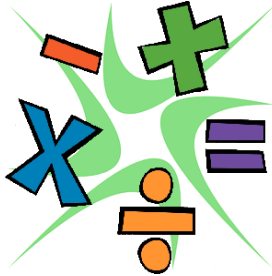
Year 3 spent the day with Andy from Hepp DT this week to complete a DT project. The children made a model with a fully functioning pneumatic mechanism. We linked the design to our new History topic of Ancient Greece, using warriors and Greek patterns. The children used junior hacksaws, g-clamps and bench hooks to create the model. They listened carefully and followed instructions very well!



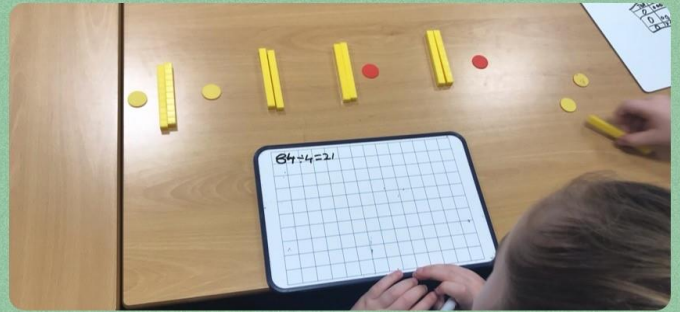


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This week **Year 3/4** have been solving division problems using their times table knowledge as well as mathematical resources to assist.





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This week **Year 5** used laptops to locate places in the Mediterranean. This was in connection with their new topic which is The Mediterranean.



Our **Year 6** class were lucky enough to be cooking this week with Classroom Kitchen. They prepared an Apple Crumble and really enjoyed sampling it when they had finished. Delicious!






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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 (08-12 January 2024))						
Our school target this year is 97% . 	Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023		This week	Since 5.9.2023
	Reception 1	99.4%	94.6%	Year 3	99.3%	97.1%
	Reception/Year 1	95.6%	94.7%	Year 3/4	96.7%	96.6%
	Year 1	97.3%	95.8%	Year 4/5	99.3%	95.6%
	Year 1/2	96.5%	96.9%	Year 5	97%	96.7%
	Year 2	99.6%	96.7%	Year 6	100%	97.2%
This week's whole school attendance					98.1%	

This week's attendance is 98.1% which is above school's target of 97% and a fantastic achievement. We must congratulate Year 6 on 100% for this week and all the classes who are above target. Well done all of you. 😊 A massive thank you to all parents and carers who get the children in and on time every day. All your effort is appreciated even if your child's class did not reach target this week. If your children 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.

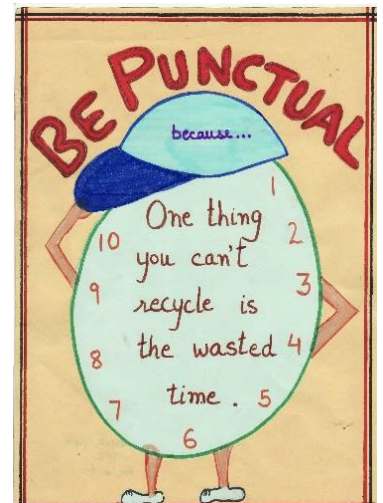


Punctuality

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'

(08-12 January 2024)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Mrs Fothergill	Dominic	For coming back after the school holidays with a positive attitude to learning.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kemp	Aurora	For sharing and retelling stories with others in the Reading Area.
Year 1 Miss Kirk	Lilly	For always working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
	Aisha	For always working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 1/2 Mrs Child	Jarron	For improving his listening skills and working independently in writing.
	Violet	For persevering in maths and being a good friend to others.
Year 2 Miss Laxton	Ava	For always sharing her ideas and always trying her hardest.
	Heidi	For her positive attitude towards her independent writing work.
Year 3 Miss Currie	Bakary	For having a positive attitude towards his learning.
	Keith	For beautiful presentation in his work and settling into Year 3 well.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack Mrs Kilvington	Harper-Rose	For applying new words into her writing.
	Sampson	For demonstrating great mathematical skills in solving division problems.
Year 4/5 Mr Goodall	Joey	For showing determination and perseverance in Maths when multiplying 2-digit numbers.
	Elektra	For a brilliant start to life at Corpus Christi Primary School.
Year 5 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Jessica	For working hard in all areas including her morning registration maths and sharing her wonderful ideas in writing.
	Owami	For being an inspirational class member with his commitment to his learning.
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Ramona	For showing a very good improvement in answering reading comprehension questions.
	William	For reading fluently every day.



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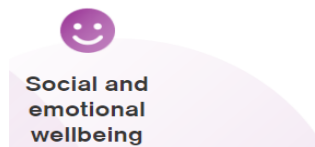
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Essential Skills



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 (08-12 January 2024)

Class	Recipient	<p>Our focus for this half-term is.....</p>  <p><i>The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals.</i></p> <p>This skill is about pupils being equipped to manage their emotions effectively, staying motivated and then motivating others, even when facing setbacks.</p> <p>The early steps focus on identifying emotions, either feeling positive or negative. Following that, if feeling positive, trying to cheer up and encourage others. If feeling negative, having the ability to keep calm and identifying what went wrong.</p> <p>Finally pupils support each other to stay positive and help others to see opportunities and creating plans to achieve them.</p>
Reception	Anna	
Reception/Year 1	Lois	
Year 1	Grace	
Year 1/2	Tommy-Lee	
Year 2	Lewis	
Year 3	Ella	
Year 3/4	Chidiebube	
Year 4/5	Temidayo	
Year 5	Tessa	
Year 6	Jayden-Joe	

These children have all displayed amazing skills for staying positive 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 week!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School