



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 23 (4th-8th March 2024)

Catholic Life and Mission

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Lent means 40 days of fast, abstinence and penitential works but on the fourth Sunday of Lent there is a change. The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as **Laetare** (Rejoice) or **Rose Sunday** and marks the mid-point of Lent. Lent is half over and Easter is enticingly near so **Laetare Sunday** provides us with a small break from the penitential season and reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



Laetare Sunday is also always Mother's Day and we thank God for our mums and all the women who care for us.

"Happy Mother's Day to the person who looks after us and who makes us feel endlessly loved!"

*** You might not wear a cape, but you're our hero."**

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven . . .

and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.

Mother's Day wish

We send all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures best wishes for a wonderful day this Sunday.

May those little rays of sunshine – your children – bring you great joy on your special day, and for every other day of the year too!

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 10th March 10.30am

Family Mass in Corpus Christi Church
All welcome

Monday 8.15am or 3.30pm

SATs Reading
booster class

Tuesday 12th March

Author visit from Julia Edwards

Tuesday 12th March

Key Stage Two
Adoration in Corpus Christi church

Tuesday 8.15am or 3.30pm

SATs Grammar
booster class

Wednesday 13th March 3.30pm

Parish Reconciliation
Meeting in school

Thursday 8.15am or 3.30pm

SATs Maths booster class

Friday 15th March

Year Ones in Year 1 and
Year 1/2

Great Fire of London
Workshop

Sunday 17th March

25th Leeds St Patrick's Day
Parade

Please join us on Cookridge
Street to set off at 11.00am

Tuesday 19th March

6.30pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation Service



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Virtues to Live By

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

Every day we have the opportunity to act as Jesus' disciples. A virtue is a good habit that helps us to act according to God's love for us.

Our 'Virtue to Live by' – Charity (Love)

Our remaining 'Virtues to Live By' for the Spring term are Charity (Love) and Forgiveness. We have continued to focus on the virtue of **Charity** as we fundraise for our Lenten charity Catholic Care.

Charity is the act of giving help to those in need of it in the hope that we are able to help somebody else. True charity seeks to give and to love without needing anything back. Lent is a time to remind ourselves of this acronym for the **joy** of giving

Jesus,

Others,

Yourself

as a way to live our lives each day.



Charity (Love)

**"This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you."
(John 15:9)**

To live this virtue in our daily lives, we need to

- Show our love for God through our loving concern for everyone especially those in need of our help.
- Treat others with the respect and kindness that we would want for ourselves.



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Laetare Sunday

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.



In the week ahead, let us continue to fundraise for our Lenten charity Catholic Care's Good Shepherd Appeal.



"Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness."

Lenten Message Pope Francis



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Father Pat led a beautiful Lenten Reconciliation Service for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One.

The children listened carefully to the parable of The Lost Sheep and then reflected on how they have behaved towards others and said sorry to God for the times they may have made the wrong choice.

Father Pat was extremely impressed with the reverence of the children.

During Lent, Year 5 have been raising money for our school Lenten charity and the Bishop's charity – Catholic Care's Good Shepherd Appeal. Members of the Mini-Vinnies created and displayed posters in each class. They sold Bible keyrings and rosary beads and are on their way to making a generous donation.



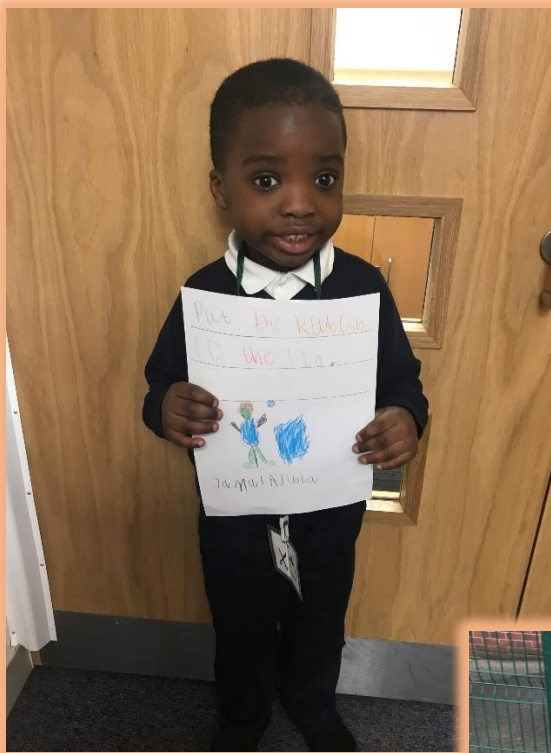
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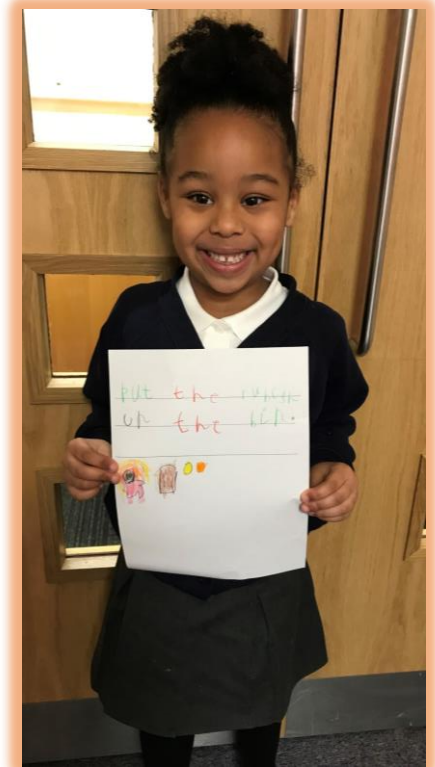
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Look at what else has been happening in school this week!



Reception and Reception/Year 1 have enjoyed learning about how to keep our environment clean. They decided to use the wheelbarrow to collect pieces of rubbish in the playground and then put them into the bin. After that they made a poster showing people putting their rubbish in the bin. Thank you for caring so much for our environment everybody.





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Year 1/2 in PE the children were practising their ball skills. Firstly, they worked in teams to roll the ball directly to their partners and in the right direction. Then they progressed to using their kicking skills to complete the same learning objective. Finally, the children worked in teams to create tunnels to aim the balls through as an extra challenge.



Last week, some of our Year 3s and 4s took part in a football tournament at the Bodington Football Hub. The facilities were brilliant, and the children enjoyed competing against other schools in a busy day of games. The children played nine games against some tough teams. They kept going regardless of winning or losing games and did themselves and the school proud. Well done everyone!



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As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the author Kate Pankhurst visited Key Stage Two. She spoke to the children about her series of books including 'Great Women who Changed the World'. Kate has launched a new book this year, 'We Are All Astronauts' and taught the children how to draw the main characters from it.





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Continuing our World Book Day celebrations this week, all the children and staff were invited to watch a theatre production – The Railway Children.

After the performance, Year 5 and Year 6 had a workshop about how to put on a show such as the use of lighting, sound and the use of props.





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World Book Day Dressing up photos

Reception – Reception/Year 1



Year 1

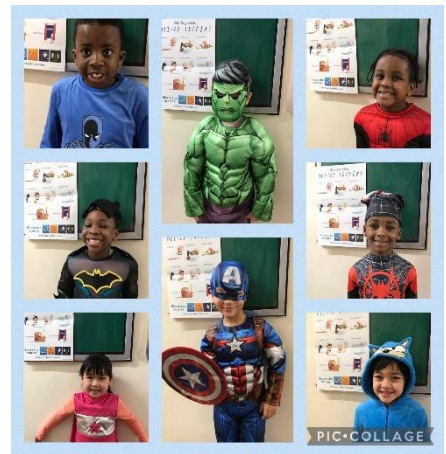




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Year 1/2



Year 2





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Year 3



Year 3/4 and some of their creations for World Book Day



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Year 4/5



Year 5 want you to guess which characters they have dressed up as for World Book Day.





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Year 6

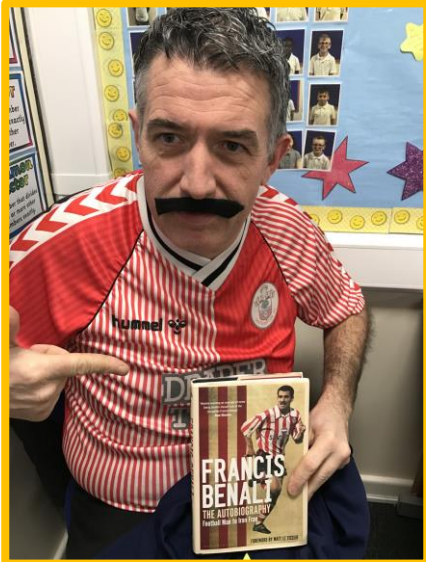




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Staff joined in too!





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Thank you to everyone who attended our St Valentine's Discos. As well as a great afternoon of fun and excitement, and along with the generosity of our wonderful parents the fantastic sum of £200.00 was raised for The British Heart Foundation.



Easter Egg prizes in every class!



50p
per ticket





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Every Day Counts



Attendance 04.03 – 08.03.2024		
Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023
Reception 1	96.7%	94.8%
Reception/Year 1	96.5%	95.6%
Year 1	98.7%	96.0%
Year 1/2	97.9%	97%
Year 2	97%	97.1%
Year 3	98.7%	97.1%
Year 3/4	95%	96.9%
Year 4/5	95.2%	96.2%
Year 5	98.7%	97.5%
Year 6	97.9%	97.6%
This week's whole school attendance		97.3%



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

You are all amazing!

Well done to all our pupils in school who make these fantastic results possible. It has been a great week celebrating World Book Day with a pantomime and dressing up. We have all enjoyed seeing the children in their favourite character costumes and the staff! 😊 This week's attendance is still above target at 97.3%– an amazing achievement, well done everyone! - Corpus Christi simply the best! Thank you everyone.



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Information Regarding Our School Attendance

Improving attendance and tackling persistent absence is at the centre of new stronger measures by the government since pupils returned to school in January. As a school we are legally obliged to monitor attendance and must take action when a child's attendance drops below the level required by the government.



We, as a school have very supportive parents regarding attendance and are very grateful for that. Our parents agree that for most pupils, the best place to be is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers. However, as a parent it can be difficult to know when to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell or mildly anxious.

Finding solutions is a team effort between schools, parents and children and at Corpus Christi we will do whatever we can to help and support parents getting their child into school and on time.

It is usually safe for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild illnesses, like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should stay at home if they have a high temperature of 38C or above.

As part of our attempts to improve attendance please bear in mind the following information.

If you ring school to report your child being absent, we will need to take some details as the absence could, and this probably will generate a visit from a Welfare/Attendance Officer. We will ask where the child will be during the day either at home, at grandparents etc. so the Attendance/Welfare Officer can see the child.

You must answer the door if someone calls as due to safeguarding measures, they will ask to see whoever is absent. This is a legal requirement as part of our safeguarding duty, to see pupils who are absent. If you do not hear anyone knocking, they could possibly ring you from an 'Unknown' or 'Withheld' number. Please answer the phone to speak to them.

Thank you for your help with this matter and as always, your continued support.





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Safe Parking and dropping off at Corpus Christi PRIMARY School

We ALL agree the safety of our children arriving and leaving school is paramount.

Therefore, we must ALL follow the same rules and laws regarding not parking and not stopping outside the school entrance.

The times for this are on the information board outside the entrance.

8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm - 4-00pm

Please observe these times to keep your child and all others safe, thank you.

The rules of the road as stated in the Highway Code are below

Waiting and parking (Rules 238 to 252)

Rules for waiting and parking

Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- **near a school entrance**
- **anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services**
- **on the approach to a level crossing**

Parking restrictions outside schools

Understanding yellow zigzag markings

Most school entrances and exits in the UK have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.

Zigzags can be found at entrances and exits of schools, hospitals, fire stations, police stations and ambulance stations. **They indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle.**

Sometimes there may be an accompanying sign that shows specific times when these restrictions are in operation.



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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