Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

6 DECEMBER 2019

Primary School FRIDAY



NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET - 97%

THIS WEEK		
Year 1	99.3%	
Year 2	99.3%	
Year 1/2	98.9%	
Year 3	98.7%	
Year 4	94.3%	
Year 5/6	89.7%	
Year 6	87.7%	
Reception	85.7%	
Year 5	85.7%	
Year 3/4	80.7%	
AS A SCHOOL THIS WEEK WE ARE		

91.6% 🛞 WELL BELOW

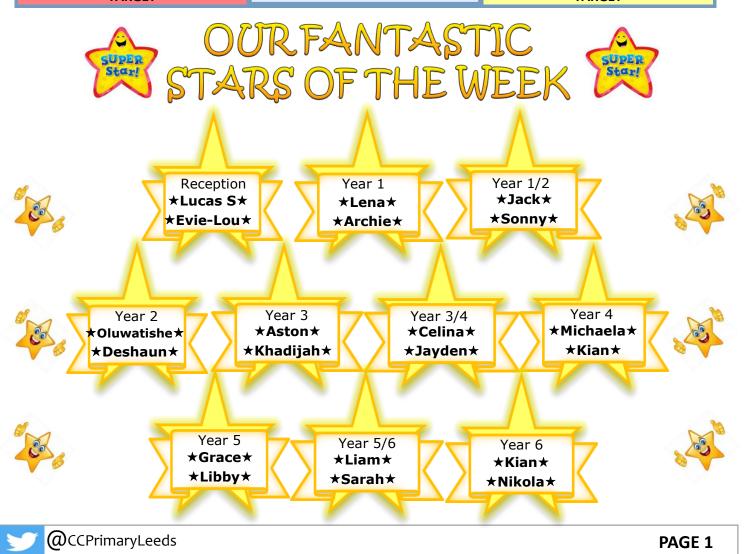
TARGET

Attendance is below target and has become a concern.

Although we understand that some children are genuinely ill, MINOR AILMENTS do not require a day off school. Please be assured that if your child is unwell in school you will be contacted and asked to collect them. There are many viruses around so please ensure that when washing their hands, your child ALWAYS uses the two verses of 'Happy Birthday to You' lasting 2 minutes as they have been taught in school. PLEASE ENCOURAGE GOOD **HYGIENE TO PREVENT THE** SPREAD OF VIRUSES.

SINCE START OF YEAR		
Year 4	98.4%	
Year 3	98%	
Year 5/6	97.8%	
Year 1	97.5%	
Year 6	96.7%	
Year 1/2	95.2%	
Year 2	96.2%	
Year 5	93.8%	
Year 3/4	93.2%	
Reception	90%	
AS A SCHOOL OVERALL WE ARE		
96.4% 😐	JUST BELOW	

TARGET



IMPORTANT DATES			
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
9 Dec	MON		Raffle tickets are available at 50p each. Prizes will be a Children's Hamper and an Adult's Christmas Hamper.
11 Dec	WED	3.30pm	Christmas Craft Fair in the School Hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
12 Dec	THU	All day	Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Dinner Day. Please wear your festive clothes/ Christmas jumpers today. 50p per child, £1.00 per family. All proceeds will be donated to 'Cafod World Gifts' and Year 1's class charity, 'Save the Children'. PLEASE DO NOT PAY ONLINE.
12 Dec	THU	6.30pm	East Leeds Catholic Cluster Advent Service at Corpus Christi Church. All welcome.
16 Dec M	MON	10.15am MON	Year 1 and Year 1/2 Christmas Performance to parents and carers.
		2.00pm	Reception Christmas Performance to parents and carers.
16 Dec	MON	4-4.20pm	Choir Christmas Performance in the School Hall for parents and carers of the pupils who attend the choir after school club.
17 Dec	TUE	All day	<u>Christmas Parties</u> for all classes. All children can come to school in their party clothes.
18 Dec	WED	2.00pm	Carol Service Christmas Performance in Corpus Christi Church for classes Year 2, Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
20 Dec	FRI	9.30am	Whole School Mass in Corpus Christi Church. Parents and carers are warmly invited.
20 Dec	FRI	1.00am	School Closes for Christmas Holidays at 1 o'clock.
21 Dec	SAT	2.00pm	Live Nativity at Corpus Christi Church with the Franciscan Sisters of Renewal.



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Advent Mass



On 1st December, the first Sunday of Advent, pupils from Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School were invited to join in with a special and joyful Parish Mass. Children from across school, Reception to Year 6, were involved in the readings, serving on the altar, being part of the Offertory Procession and lighting the first candle on the Advent Wreath.

Father David was impressed with their enthusiasm to be part of the Mass and their excellent behaviour.

Well done everyone!



Advent Adoration and Confession Service

Year 5 and 6 attended church today as they started their journey to prepare for Christmas during this season of Advent. Sister Therese spoke to pupils and reminded them that sin takes away happiness, therefore, it is a gift to go to Confession. Fr. Pat exposed the Blessed Sacrament and pupils had the opportunity to pray, sing and reflect during the service. Each pupil had the opportunity to speak individually to Fr. Pat, Fr G. or Fr. David. Many pupils confessed their sins and showed their repentance through prayer. All pupils reflected on the message from Sister Therese that every thought, word and action brings them closer to God.

our hands to do his work, unto heart **Our Virtues to Live by:** HOPE

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Sister John Paul and Sister Therese visited Year 1 to reflect on their preparations during Advent. They sang 'Our God is a Good God' using actions and then discussed how Mary may have felt when she knew she was expecting a special baby. As they listened to the story of Jesus' birth, Sister Therese added the characters to the nativity scene. They listened to the message which the angel gave to the shepherds and sang a new song 'Come Let Us Adore You' whilst thinking about baby Jesus.

Travelling Crib



During Advent, children across the school will have the opportunity to take home the 'Travelling Crib' which recreates the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem for that first Christmas. It will travel around our community and will be greeted with anticipation by welcoming families, moving from the cold and dark into the light and warmth of their homes.

'Christ has no hands but

Heart speaks

Leeds Festival Choir December 2019

On Tuesday evening, a group of pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in this year's LSMA Festival choir. The pupils performed magnificently to deliver a magical performance with pupils from thirty seven schools across Leeds. The pupils have practised hard in rehearsals, even learning the songs in their own time to perform alongside Leeds Youth Orchestra and Leeds Youth Choir. It was an amazing experience for all involved. It is important to also mention the pupils who also rehearsed and practised hard but unfortunately fell ill and so were unable to attend the final performance.



Theatre Trip to see Red Riding Hood



Year 2 had the fantastic opportunity to go to the City Varieties in Leeds to watch a performance of Red Riding Hood. The children had a brilliant time and we received lovely comments from members of the public who said the children were exceptionally behaved!





THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

On Friday, Year 3, 3/4 and 4 held a Thanksgiving celebration as part of their geography topic of North America. To celebrate this special holiday they invited parents and carers to come into school to join them in their learning about this continent. They created their own Thanksgiving sandwiches as part of their design and technology learning, wrote Thanksgiving acrostic poems and completed a quiz on North America's location. Everyone had such an enjoyable time!

