# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter 13th January 2023 Issue 12 The language of the month is Chichewa

# From the Headteachers

#### Attendance Awards

Very well done to 130 children who attended school each day during the Autumn Term. They received a badge this week in recognition of this achievement. Congratulations to Class 13 who had the highest number of children recording 100% in the Autumn Term. Excellent attendance and punctuality have a positive impact on children's learning and missed lessons cannot be made up. As a school, we have the highest attendance rates for Lambeth and across the country. We thank parents for encouraging children to take their attendance and punctuality seriously, as this builds a strong habit for their future lives.

We understand that children need to take time off when they are seriously unwell, particularly with high fevers, contagious diseases, and stomach bugs. We strongly encourage parents to make appointments outside school time, but where this is not possible, please consider times where the children can still be in school for registration, e.g. making appointments midmorning to return to school or mid-afternoon.

The attendance badges are taken in at the end of each term. The next set of badges will be awarded in April, based on the spring term attendance.

In addition, term time holidays are not permitted and exceptional circumstances, with evidence, needs to be authorised by the co-headteachers. Evidence of booking is essential, and permission can never be granted after bookings have been made, as this constitutes no permission sought.

#### The South London Liberal Synagogue

On Monday, Year 3 visited The South London Liberal Synagogue in Streatham. There they met Rabbi Nathan who talked to them about Judaism and showed them around the Synagogue. They got to see the scrolls with the Jewish Bible and even got a chance to hold a Yad, which is used to point to the Scripture while it is being read. Rabbi Nathan read a passage to them from Deuteronomy in Hebrew and then sung the song he sings after reading the Scripture. They also got to try on a Kippah and saw Rabbi Nathan put on his Tallit. Finally, Rabbi Nathan taught them two songs that are sung in the Synagogue. They had a brilliant time and learnt so much about Judaism and how it is different from Catholicism.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FOOTBALL CANCELLED
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am Class 14 Assembly
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jam	3pm – 4.30pm Holocaust Memorial Service
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am Class 6 Assemly

# Announcements

## Author Events

Over the next few weeks some classes across the school will be visiting Station Hall in Herne Hill as part of the Stepping into Stories Herne Hill Kids' Lit Fest.

This week you would have seen details of these events and how to purchase a book for your child on Parentpay before 19<sup>th</sup> January.



<u>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> Year 2 author visit from Joseph Coelho

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan Year 6 author visit from Jasmine Richards

<u>**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</u>** D & I Children author visit from Stuart Lawrence</u>

<u>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</u> Reception Children author visit to school by Nicholas Allen

<u>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</u> Year 5 author visit in school from Gareth P. Jones

<u>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</u> Year 1 visit to Station Hall – Collar & Cuff Theatre

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# Child of the Week for the week ending 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Ν	Margaret S
1	Jude R-P
2	Osias M
3	Jessica A
4	Josiah A
5	Jacob A
6	Alessandro Z E
7	Maria M M
8	Valentina S P
9	Milena C-W
10	Adaora A
11	Barney M
12	Florian D
13	Pietro V
14	Katinka F

Attendance Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 -Friday 13t<sup>h</sup> January 2023

CLASS	%
9	100
7	99.6
13	99.6
6	98.7
1	98.5
3	98.5
11	98.4
5	97.8
8	97.2
N	97.1
10	97.1
4	96.7
12	96.4
14	95.5
2	93.7

Congratulations to Class 9 on their 100% attendance. Whole school average: 97.6%

### <u>Saturday Club at Corpus Christi</u> School

9.30 am -1:30 pm Reception – Year 3 plus older siblings.

We have been running our Saturday Club for over 3 years and we are proud that it has been fun and successful. We aim to develop your children's skills in all abilities, from working on basic techniques to challenging those who have progressed. The day will be split up so that children will participate in a wide range of activities. Each Saturday they will have a dance session, working on fitness, strength, and flexibility as well as learning new dance moves and routines. They will have a drama session working on their speech, confidence, improvisation, and theatrical skills. Throughout the day the children will have free time to socialise, and we also like to finish the day with lots of fun games! More information email Hannah & Roisin:

DDSCbrixton@gmail.com

# Parents' Association

## Dates for your diary

Friday 10th February we will have our Valentine's Cake Sale and competition.



Get your baking caps on and start your preparations. We are looking forward to seeing all your brilliant baking!

New laws on food labelling mean that a list of ingredients must be sent in with any homemade cakes or biscuits. Attached is a form to return with your bakes. Copies can also be collected from the Office or by

# <u>clicking here</u>.

More details to follow next week along with information about forthcoming meetings.

#### Language for the month of January is Chichewa



If you have anything you would like to share on our <u>Board of</u> <u>Languages</u>, send it into class with your child and we will take a copy, or alternatively, sent it to Mrs Tomoriova (Class 5) <u>mtomoriova@corpus-christi.org.uk</u>

Examples: a book, a screenshot of a book in Chichewa, music or your child singing in Chichewa, a photo in traditional clothes, or a recipe etc.

## **Reception Application September 2023**

If your child was born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 your child should be starting primary school in September 2023. Nursery parents need to apply online through your home borough for your child's primary school place. This is known as a Common Application Form. Please ensure you complete this by **midnight Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced therefore, apply online and apply on time.

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of any child at Corpus Christi School, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Safeguarding Officers. Any issue will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Mrs J Connery, Mr R Coyle, Mrs K Smart, Mrs S Cole or Ms S Ruiz