

Newsletter 27th November 2020 Issue 10

From the Headteachers

The pandemic period has been incredibly challenging for our families and our school. We have been incredibly fortunate so far with the absence of Covid 19 in our school. We have reduced risks through a whole variety of safety measures, as outlined in our risk assessment on our website. The risk assessment has considered government guidance and has been adapted to our school setting. Our school physical layout was designed when we were a 1 ½ form entry school (1 ½ classes per year group) and additional classrooms were built over many years to expand to 2 form entry (2 classes per year group). However, the communal areas have not expanded which means we have had to organise our bubbles for play and lunch into the phase groups, so as not to impact on lessons and PE. All schools across the country have worked hard to keep children in school and have an effective remote learning provision in place, in case children need to self-isolate where there is a positive case of Covid 19 either at home or at school. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to deliver this remote learning through the class Google pages as well as Google Classroom. We hope you have enjoyed

the learning journals which have show cased some of the children's learning.

We have been fortunate that the Covid infection has had limited impact within our school community since March, as other schools have fully or partially closed on many occasions. However, we have now experienced some transmissions in the Early Years and KS1. We made the decision, after consultation with Public Health and the Department of Education, to promptly move children's learning to remote learning at home, so as not to further spread the infection within school. Across KS1 and the Early Years Foundation Stage, there have been 5 children and a number of staff affected. We wish them all well and are pleased they are all recovering after generally mild symptoms. This has been a challenging time for the school and it is unfortunate that this transmission has occurred, however we continue to work hard to reduce the risks of Covid 19 transmission and will continue to review our risk assessment and make adaptions where necessary. It is, as always, vitally important that you inform the school if your child tests positive for Covid 19.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 30 th Nov	5.30pm Governors' AGM St Andrews day on 30th November and all children in St Andrews can wear something blue on that day to celebrate.
Fri 4 th Dec	Delivery of Christmas Trees Return of Year 1 & 2 children to school
Tues 15 th Dec	ABRSM Music Exams
Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Fri 18 th Dec	End of Term - School Closes at 2pm for all Children - NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB ON THIS DAY

Zoom AGM with Governors

On Monday 23rd November, we held the school's annual AGM. In it, we discussed the school's year 2019-2020– quite an unusual one! – and I went through my Chair's Report for the year. The school's accounts for the year were also presented. Due to an oversight the meeting was not publicised in last Friday's newsletter, so we are holding a school Zoom meeting at 5.30pm on Monday 30th November to run through the reports with parents.

Announcements

Meeting Link is <u>here</u>,

Meeting ID: 740 349 9901

Passcode: 9zr4qQ

I will be there, as will Andrew Godfrey, who is Chair of the Resources Committee. Any parents who would like to discuss my Chair's Report <u>(link here</u>), the school's accounts or the whole school year are very welcome to join us. Yours Miranda Sawyer (Chair of Governors)

Communication from School via ParentPay

It has come to our attention over the past few weeks that some parents have missed vital communications that have been sent from school. We use ParentPay to send information like this newsletter each week. If you have changed your email since you first logged into your account, you will need to make these changes yourself on your profile page, this is not something we can do from school. If you wish for add additional contact, please let the school office know and we can send an activation letter. ALL emails must be verified to ensure communications reach you. If you are having difficulties dong this please follow the guidance by clicking here.

Primary School Transfer

If your child was born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 your child should be starting primary school in September 2021. 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 Friday 15th January 2021. 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.

Merit Awards for the week ending 20th Nov 2020

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Nursery P/T	Mia C R
Nursery F/T	Daniella A
Class 1	Isla R
Class 2	Cecilla O A
Class 3	Marie-Lynn A
Class 4	Mateo A H
Class 5	Liam Q
Class 6	Matthew C
Class 7	Raffy McR
Class 8	Sorcha I
Class 9	Malachi R
Class 10	Nara M C
Class 11	Darcy Rae S F
Class 12	Dinari W
Class 13	Penelope H
Class 14	Serena A

Attendance

CLASS	%
2	100
3	100
5	100
8	100
14	100
9	99.7
Ν	99.5
4	99.3
1	99.0
10	98.9
7	98.6
11	98.6
13	98.5
6	97.8
12	96.3

Congratulations to Classes 2, 3, 5, 8 & 14 on their 100% attendance.

Parents' Zone

Bon Vélo Bicycles in Herne Hill and West Norwood

Will donate 5% of any scooter and accessories purchases during lockdown to our school. Just tell staff you are from Corpus Christi. Tell grandmas and uncles to name the school too!

Kinder La La Toys

We will donate 2% of all sales to Corpus Christi parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Our online shop is open for delivery or click and collect Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

kinder-la-la.myshopify.com

Email us with special wishes and we will try to fulfil them.

Do not forget to mention you are from Corpus Christi!

<u>Huddl – Support for the Parent</u> <u>Journey</u>

Huddl offers support for all parents and carers, giving them access to practical tools and inspirational events to help deal with their ever-changing role, creating a community of mutual support, compassion and learning. Huddl are launching a new online Huddl Parent Talks for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home. You can watch live on Monday mornings and join in the Q&A session or view a download of all content anytime that week.

For more information about Huddl click <u>website</u> and forthcoming events please click <u>here</u>.



Parents' Association

Christmas Window Trail

We are very excited to be running a CC Christmas Window Trail this year to cheer up our walks. A big thank you to all the families who have volunteered to jazz up their windows so far. They will be ready for us all to enjoy from the 7th of Dec and a trail map will be available then too (more info on how to purchase to follow). First, second and third prizes will be awarded for the best windows. If you would like to add your home to the trail there is still time. Anything goes as long as it is Christmassy! It will be great to have as many as we can. Please contact Di Simms (Isla Y5 and Flynn Y1) at

dianegilhenry@hotmail.com or 07746501945 before the 2nd of Dec.



POP Florist, owned by one of our parents, is going to offer handmade wreaths with a portion of proceeds benefitting our school. Wreaths will be collected in the playground. Details are forthcoming, but to register early interest and for planning purposes please email Victoria at popflorist@gmail.com ****

Outstanding Balances

Please ensure your child's Parentpay account is kept up to date. Dinner money is charged at £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week and can be paid in advance. Please make regular payments to avoid a debt accumulating. All music fees for Autumn Term 2 should now have been paid.

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