



## From the Headteachers

We trust all had an enjoyable summer break and were pleased to see your children return to school on Tuesday.

This summer has been interesting to say the least with the closure of our Junior Site at the beginning of the summer holidays and the search for a suitable site for our children throughout the summer holidays.

There has been much press interest around this issue especially in the last week which many of you experienced on the children's first day back. Presently, we are the only school in Lambeth who has had closure due to RAAC. However, there are many other schools across the country who have had to close their buildings with disruption to children's education and we suspect that there will be more closures as the new term continues. As we told you in our last letter, we were fortunate to have our survey conducted at the beginning of the school holidays and quickly organised an alternative arrangement to ensure we were able to continue children's face to face learning, at the St Martin in the Fields site.

Considering everything that has happened this week has been a great success. The feedback from staff and importantly the children has been positive and they have had an enjoyable week at the new site. We are pleased to see how many of you have supported each other, helping with drop offs/pickups, car shares, walking buses, etc. It is at times like these that our school community comes together for the benefit of the children.

We are fully committed to making this temporary new arrangement work. However, some minor adjustments may need to be made especially in relation to timings, which we will inform you of when we have these confirmed.

**One thing that is important to bear in mind is that the window at the beginning and end of the school day are meant to support parents who have children at both sites. If you have a child or children at one site, then they should be picked up and dropped off at the beginning of the window and not at the end.**

Thanking you in advance for your continued support and co-operation, it is much appreciated.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

|                                                       |                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> September                        | New Reception Children join us.                                    |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Nursery Children begin to join us.                                 |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept                            | Year 4 Band commences 2:30pm - 3:30pm, pick from Trinity Rise Gate |

## Announcements

### Corpus Christi Junior Site

Parents of Junior children needing to contact the school office can telephone 0204 534 2581.

### Secondary School Transfer

Year 6 parents need to apply online through your home borough for your child's secondary school place. Please ensure you complete this by midnight Tuesday 31st October 2023. Please check the secondary school's websites for details of open days. If your child is going to attend any open days and/or exams, please let the school office know.

You can email [office@corpus-christi.org.uk](mailto:office@corpus-christi.org.uk)

### Communications

Please ensure the school office has up-to-date contact details for yourselves and other family members whom we may have to contact. If you have recently moved home, you must update your address with the school too. Please send an email with to [office@corpus-christi.org.uk](mailto:office@corpus-christi.org.uk) with a proof of address.

### WhatsApp Groups

Parent WhatsApp groups can be very useful and help you all to keep in touch. Please do not share on these groups information about the school that is not correct. If you are unsure about something that is taking place in your child's class, please contact the school office in the first instance.

### Child of the Week for the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Nursery P/T | ALL       |
| Nursery F/T | CHILDREN  |
| Class 1     | ACROSS    |
| Class 2     | THE       |
| Class 3     | SCHOOL    |
| Class 4     | FOR       |
| Class 5     | SETTLING  |
| Class 6     | IN        |
| Class 7     | WELL      |
| Class 8     | TO        |
| Class 9     | THEIR     |
| Class 10    | NEW       |
| Class 11    | CLASSES ! |
| Class 12    |           |
| Class 13    |           |
| Class 14    |           |

### Attendance

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

| CLASS | %    |
|-------|------|
| 5     | 100  |
| 11    | 100  |
| 6     | 99.5 |
| 8     | 98.8 |
| 10    | 98.6 |
| 12    | 98.6 |
| 7     | 96.6 |
| 14    | 96.2 |
| 13    | 95.7 |
| 9     | 95.1 |
| 3     | 94.8 |
| 4     | 94.6 |
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Congratulations to Classes 5 & 11 on their 100% attendance.  
Whole school average 97.4%

## Parents' Association

Dear Parents and Carers

It's lovely to see everyone back, and welcome to all our new families. We plan to start meeting again soon and running PA events and activities. Details will be in the newsletter and all parents and carers are encouraged to get involved.

The Parents' Association

Term dates for 2023 -2024 are published on the school website, please follow the link below.

<https://www.corpuschristischool.co.uk/termdates>

You can follow Corpus Christi School on Instagram and X, formally twitter, @CC Brixton. Keep up to date with the latest news, trips and events that happen during the school year.

## Parents' Zone

### After School Activity Clubs Autumn Term 2023

**Commence Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

We are very pleased that we are able to provide after school activities clubs again and we know the children are looking forward to attending these.

All the clubs operate from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Your child does not need to be collected from school at 3.15pm, they will be supervised in school and then taken to their activity at 3.30pm. If your child then goes onto After School Care Club, they will be brought there by CC Staff.

### Violin Lessons

We have availability for children from Year 2 to learn the violin. If you are interested, please email [office@corpus-christi.org.uk](mailto:office@corpus-christi.org.uk)

Fr Matthew writes:

Firstly, please know of my prayers as you begin this new school year. Amidst the upheaval caused by the fabric issues I know staff and Governors have worked so hard to ensure learning continues face-to-face and I am so grateful to them for this. Let us continue to pray for our whole school community: may we be given the graces of patience and perseverance to face these challenging times together 🙏

We are looking for a Parish Secretary: required to work 20 hours a week on a salary of £13-£14 p.h. depending on experience. If you are interested in applying for the role, please [email emailhr@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:emailhr@rcaos.org.uk). The full job description can be found on the parish website or by clicking [here](#). Deadline for applications: Friday 22nd September 2023.

FAO Year 6 Parents - Sunday 17th September - Youth Group - 4:00-5:45pm: Your child is now welcome to join our Youth Group! We meet every Sunday in term time and go on trips throughout the year. It's an opportunity for your son / daughter to grow in their faith as they learn each week, pray, get some food and have fun together with their friends. [This consent form](#) will need to be completed before arrival.

FAO Year 3 Parents - Tuesday 12th September: This Tuesday - at 7:45pm in the Church Hall - is the first of three consecutive Tuesday evening meetings for parents who wish their child to make their First Holy Communion next Summer. At least one parent is expected to attend and attendance at all sessions is necessary to receive the application form.

God bless, Fr Matthew

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