

'Do Not be afraid to be Saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways'
Pope John II

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



Spring 2 Week 2
9th March 2018

Head Teacher : Mrs J Taylor

Chair of Governors : Ms K Mara

Dear Parents,

Thankyou for your support and patience following our school closure last Friday. I hope that we have seen the back of the cold weather now and we can look forward to the rest of what will be a very busy Spring term, the weeks are flying by! I would like to say a special thankyou to Miss Harkin and all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm in Science Week this week. The children have been treated to amazing assemblies and had lots of fun learning new things. Well done to you all especially those children who took their learning home and did some wonderful science experiments at home—Fantastic, I am really proud of you. Please keep Mrs Butler and all her family in your prayers, as they mourn the loss of May Butler, Mrs Butler's mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this sad time. Finally may I wish all you Mothers a very happy Mother's Day. I hope you are all spoilt rotten!

God Bless, Mrs Taylor.

Non Uniform Days for Lenten Almsgiving: During Lent every Friday, we will be asking children to wear their own clothes and contribute a £1.00 for our Lenten charity fund-raising. This Year we are collecting for Father Hudson's Homes and The NSPCC.

Friday 16th March—Wear Green for St Patrick's Day

Friday 23rd March—Own Clothes



KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade : 2.15pm Wednesday 28th March with Decorate the Easter Egg Competition in the morning. All children are encouraged to take part and parents are most welcome to attend the KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade in the hall. Prizes for those selected.

Easter Gardens : Following our Easter tradition, we invite all our children to prepare and make an Easter Garden which should be brought into school after the Easter Holidays. These will decorate the Church and winners will be awarded with special prizes.

Upcoming Dates....

Year 3 : Sacrament of Reconciliation—The pupils of Year 3 who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist later this year, are making their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 16th March at 11am in Church. All are most welcome to attend. It would be particularly lovely to see the parents of those children making this important sacrament there to share in this special time in the life of your child's faith journey.

Year 4 & 5 : will prepare and lead Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 18th March at the 10.30am Mass —All Pupils & families are welcome.

Stations of the Cross : All Children and Parents, are invited to attend our Stations of the Cross Service on Monday 26th March in Church. The Stations will begin at 3.45pm so we can all attend straight after school and there is no need then, for parents to make an extra journey later at night. Please come along and support your child in the service, so we can make it a special Whole School community and Parish event.

Many of the pupils are involved in the readings and mimes and all are most welcome.

Year 5 : Professor Mc Ginty in school—Ancient Greek Workshops 21st March

Trip to The Big Bang at NEC 15th March

Year 4 : An Artist is visiting school weekly, to work with the children on an Arts Community Project creating logos.

Year 3 : Trip to The Big Bang at NEC 14th March

Trip to Wroxeter Roman City 27th March

Our School Library :

Please encourage your children to use our library. Miss Johnstone runs a library club every Wednesday after school, so please come along and take the opportunity to share a book. We will be running after school 3.15—3.45pm.

Library sessions for children, their parents and teachers to share books and read together. Upcoming Dates.... Before half term

Wednesday 7th March—Miss Greaves' class : To be re-arranged after Easter

Wednesday 14th March—Mr Matysik's class

Wednesday 21st March—Miss Delaney's class

Wednesday 28th March—Miss Boughen's class

Swimming : There will no swimming the last week before Easter, the final session for Year 3 Group 1 will be 19th March. Group 2 sessions will start the week after Easter.



My School APP—SURVEY

In order to help us continually improve our school app, please could we ask you to complete our survey (will take less than a minute to complete). Simply use your phone/tablet's camera or 'QR code scanner' app to scan the QR code above and complete the questions. Your responses are anonymous unless you choose to leave your name. If you would like a paper copy of this survey, please ask Mrs Borriello.



Dates for your Diary:

Spring 2018

29-03-2018

Break for Easter

16-04-2018

Return to school

14-05-18—18-05-2018

KS2 SAT's week

19-05-18

First Holy Communion Mass

25-05-2018

Break up Half Term

Teacher Day **04-06-2018**

Return to School : **05-06-2018**

Confirmation Mass

17-06-2018



Reminders: Please remember any money sent into school must be sent with your child into class, in a labelled envelope with name, class and what the money is for on the front. Please do not hand in money at the main school office. Please may we once again ask our parents to park safely and responsibly and avoid causing unnecessary anxiety to our neighbours by not blocking their drives! Police have agreed to monitor parking outside of school. Please remember that school starts at 8.55am. Doors open at 8.45am. Too many pupils are arriving after this time and losing valuable learning time. If your child is late, they should enter through the main school office and their name will be recorded. We need to work together to be punctual, give our children a good start to the day and set the right example for life long lessons—the need to be on time

Race for Life: We have a request from one of our families for generous donations. Millie and her mom will be running the race for life on 20th May in memory of Millie's grandfather. If you would like to make a donation they will be gratefully received if you click on this link:
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/biancas-race-for-life-34>



Tootoot:

Pupils can access tootoot on any web-enable device (computers; laptops; tablets or mobiles) and can be downloaded to Apple devices via the [app store](#) and login by following these 4 simple steps:

Step 1: Type www.tootoot.co.uk into their web browser.

Step 2: Click 'Login to tootoot'

Step 3: Start typing the school name and select it from the box

Step 4: Enter their username and password, and log their concern with the school

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Remember our School Nurse is in school fortnightly on MONDAYS. if you would like an appointment to see her, please speak to Mrs Clifford. Our Family Support Worker is in school every Tuesday, again if you would like to see her book an appointment through Mrs Clifford.





Heroes of Faith

We will be featuring Heroes within our faith each week in our newsletter:

HEROES OF FAITH

Saint Patrick

Celebrated 17th March

Saint Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland. He was born in Britain around 385 but was taken to Ireland and sold as a slave. After 6 years he managed to escape where he became a monk and was ordained. He returned to Ireland to preach the Gospels. He used the shamrock to teach the mystery of the Holy Trinity

Saint Patrick Pray for Us



Other School News.

Breakfast Club: The children have a choice of cereals, toast, beans, spaghetti hoops, milk and juices and after breakfast play board games or read a book in the library. If you would like your child to attend please complete the Registration form from our website or collect one from the front office.



Pupil Absence: If your child is absent from school please remember to phone school before 9.15am

Punctuality: School starts at 8.45 am and finishes at 3.15pm each day. Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for us all.

Dinner Money: £2.25 per day / £11.25 per week. Please ensure it is paid on a Monday morning

A Reminder : Class Teachers are responsible for their classes from 8.45am so are unavailable to speak to parents in the morning. Myself, Mrs Clifford or Mr Logue are happy to pass on messages. However, if you would like to see the class teacher, after school is a better time or speak to the office and book an appointment.

Attendance : It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mrs Clifford, Mr Logue or Zoe Lynch our Attendance officer as part of our Safe and Well checks.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS : Our overall attendance this week stands at 95% **Sessions Lost 191**

Year to date attendance at 96% **Sessions Lost— 3760 ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK: Well done to RS & Y5V**

Safeguarding:

The school gates are opened at 8.30 am. Once children have been dropped off at school they must stay here. If you need to collect your child during the day please go to the main school office.

If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person please contact school first. Mrs Taylor is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Logue & Mrs Clifford are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Wilde our parent governor is the Safeguarding Governor. However if there is nobody available at school please telephone the Multi-Agency Safeguarding HUB (MASH) on 0121 303 1888 email MASH@birmingham.gov.uk

Catholic Life: Parish Priest : Fr Andrew, Father Vipin, Sister Maura & Sister Maureen.

Mass Times : Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10.30am

The Values and Virtues we are studying this term are : Prophetic and Intentional - This means we listen to our conscience and think carefully about the choices we make. We spread the word of God through how we live our lives and set a good example to others.



Label your child's Uniform : PLEASE

It is vitally important that you label every item of your child's clothing, including PE Kits. It is very difficult to track down lost items, if they are not named. Please remember to check names are still visible and re-do after washing, so they do not fade away.

Also try to encourage the younger children to dress independently, so that they are prepared for changing themselves in PE lessons. It may take a bit longer getting ready, but it will be worth it in the long run.

Packed Lunches and Snacks : Please be aware that if you are sending grapes or olives into school, in line with Health guidelines they must be cut up into quarters to avoid any choking hazards. May we also remind you that due to an increasing number of our children and staff having nut allergies, **we do NOT allow NUTS or NUTELLA** in school. Once again this decision is made in the interest and health of our whole school community. We also would like to remind you and ask you to adhere to our **Water only** policy.



Head-lice: Please make sure that you check your child's hair every week. We are experiencing a growing number of children who are suffering from head-lice and if it is not treated it will worsen and it is highly contagious, so will spread to others. Advice on how to treat your child can be found on-line or at your local pharmacy. Please ensure that if your child has long hair, that it is tied back.

Golden Book Certificates

Golden Book Certificates for Last Week and this week:

Poppie Ann S, Insha K, Katie B, Hajrah M, Inaya A, Kutenda P, Edwardas R, Tabassum N, Scarlett K, Suzi J, Scarlett A, Jacob S, Kion M, Kieanna C, Fabian R, Clayton-Rae H, Akshara P, Teeran K, Zakariyah J, Morgan S, Sahara M, Tymon G, Layton M, Mason K, Keenan R, Leah D, Sudais A, Madison C, Aadam Z, Aaron B, Inaya A, Kutenda P, Hannah C, Jahkeem Y.



Many Congratulations to:

Akshara P for her Creative Writing Certificate, Emily W for her Pony Care Day, Harry W and Rubie H for their football achievements.



Courtesy Cup Awards:

Y1D & Y4M

Happy Birthday last week and this week to :

Rihanna G, Ruby M, Rocco B, George M, Dylan O, Jasmine A, Zakariya Y.

