

'How can we repay the Lord for his goodness to us?'

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



Spring 2 Week 5
29th March 2018

Head Teacher : Mrs J Taylor

Chair of Governors : Ms K Mara

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for our school. We thank our amazing staff and governors for their continued dedication and hard work. Our school's mission statement is: 'Learning to love, Loving to learn whilst living together in Christ', this does not just apply to our children, but the whole school community, staff, governors and parents. There have been many opportunities for us to grow together this term. We only have to read our weekly newsletter to find examples of this. There will also be many opportunities in the term ahead. Finally, I would like to mention our children. As a school, we are blessed to have the most delightful children, visitors to our school always comment on how happy and well mannered the children are. I wish you all a happy, holy Easter with your families, God bless Mrs Taylor.



Thank you so much....For all of your donations during our Lenten charity fund raising. The non uniform days and all your efforts have raised a staggering £1253 for our good causes. This incredible amount will be shared between Father Hudson's, NSPCC, CAFOD and a child that we sponsor in Africa. Again we are living out the mission of the Church by giving to those who are in need and improving the lives of those around us who are suffering in any way. We keep them all in our prayers.

Easter Raffle : Many congratulations to Mustafa in Reception and Kimryn in Year 6, who were the winners of our amazing Easter baskets. Many thanks for your support . This raffle raised a fantastic £150. Thanks so much to the reception parent for their generous donation and for making this possible.

Easter Bonnets: Some amazing creations once again. Well done to all the children who entered. And the winners were....

Keegan & Poppy, Hunter & Aaliyah, Joey & Evie Rose, Liam & Ruby, Poppie Ann & Fabian, Lewis & Skye.

Decorate the Eggs Winners: Again Many thanks to all those who entered. The competition was tough but the eventual winners are :

Migle (3F), Miley (3H), Sahara (4F), Sophie (4M), Amina (5B), Faith, (5V), Harvey (6G), Mia N (6W) and in KS1 Michael (RS)

Thank you : to all of our wonderful children and families who attended the Stations of the cross on Monday after school.

It was a beautiful, simple and reverent start to Holy Week. I would like to thank our chaplain Emily for her hard work in preparing such a lovely service and to father Andrew for allowing us to use the Church. It was a touching service and I was a very proud head-teacher.



Well Done: Well done and many thanks to the children who represented the school in the Catholic Schools Swimming gala last Saturday evening. The children tried so hard and all did their very best. Well done to Hussain, Hassan, Kyle, Harris and Constanca. Thank you too, to Mr Martin and Mr Vencatachelum for giving up their Saturday evening and taking them.

Easter Gardens : Following our Easter tradition, we invite all of 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.

REMINDER : Teacher Days Thursday 7th & Friday 8th June 2018—Pupils NOT in school. (This replaces the original Teacher day planned for 4th June)

Summer Uniform : After Easter, the children can return to school in Summer Uniform. Can I remind parents of the uniform code :

BOYS : White polo shirt and grey shorts or trousers / Black school shoes / NO TRAINERS or Sports branded footwear

GIRLS : Yellow check summer dress or white polo shirt and grey skirt or trousers / Black school shoes / NO TRAINERS or Sports branded footwear

NB—Culottes are NOT allowed.

School Dinners : School Meal prices are increasing from 1st April to £2.30 per day ; £11.50 per week. (5p increase per day / 25p increases per week) . After Easter please send in the correct money in an envelope labelled with your child's name.

Parents Evening Responses: Thank you to all those parents who completed our Parent Response Survey on Parents' Evening. The responses were overwhelmingly positive. I can assure parents that we take your views seriously and the action points identified will be targeted. The main areas for development reported on the Questionnaires were: Reviewing arrangements for dismissal of year 1 pupils at the end of the day and reviewing our Homework Policy. These will be worked upon in the term ahead. Another key issue which was brought to my attention was that some parents reported examples of parents using foul or bad language (including swearing on the playground). Can I remind all parents that we must set a good example to our own and other children. We must be their role models and that bad or foul language on the playground is simply not acceptable.

A full breakdown of the results from the survey can be found on the parents area of the school website.

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

Provisional Dates for Academic Year 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September 2018

Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7 January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts Monday 29th April 2019

Half term : Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Term Ends : Monday 22nd July



Dates for your Diary:

Spring 2018

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

Return to School :

04-06-2018

Teacher Day 07-06-2018

& 08-06-2018

Confirmation Mass

17-06-2018



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.

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An Easter Blessing

We have experienced the blessings of walking through this week,

In the Lord's time and in our own lives.

We experience the blessings of the stillness and reflection that followed the Lord's death on the Cross.

We wait for the blessings that can only be experienced by sharing in Christ's suffering and death.

Amen



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

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 94% Sessions Lost 172

Year to date attendance stands at 96%

Sessions Lost 4340

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK: Well done to Y2B & Y3F

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 Outside of normal office hours call 0121 675 4806 for the Emergency Duty Team.

Holy Week : This is the most Sacred week in the Christian calendar . Catholics worldwide in union with Pope Francis, will recall the sufferings, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who once and for all conquered sin and death to bring us new life, peace and joy.

Holy Thursday 29th March Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm & Night Prayer 11.45pm

Good Friday 30th March—Fasting & Abstinence Confession 2pm , Service of the Lord's Passion 3pm, Stations of the cross 7pm

Holy Saturday Evening—Parish Easter Vigil begins at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 1st April Mass at 10.30am



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

Mass Times : Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10.30am

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL—All are welcome 15th—17th June 2018—Parish and school will be displaying

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.

