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8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term and a new school year. It was lovely to see your children looking so smart and ready to learn on Wednesday. All the children are very eager for me to learn their names and hopefully it won't take me too long to know everyone by their name.

SCHOOL MEALS

This week sees the start of our new online payment and ordering system for school meals. Meals can be ordered up to 6 weeks in advance for all year groups. To register please go online to <http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/edu/corpus-christi-catholic-primary-school/>

NUT FREE SCHOOL

May I remind parents that our aim is to have a nut-free school and we respectfully ask you not to give your children nut-based foods in their lunch boxes. Please can you help us to protect children with allergies by being vigilant when packing your child's food? Many thanks.

What Learning is happening next week?

YEAR R

Miss Offin, all the members of the Early Years Team and I have really enjoyed getting to know our new children and families this past week during our home visits. This is a really important time as we get the opportunity to spend time individually with the children and their families and welcome them to our community. It never ceases to amaze me the memories these visits create and how the children still talk about them for years to come. Hopefully many more memories have been made this week to prepare our youngest pupils for the excitement of starting school on Monday. (Miss Thorne)

YEAR 1/2

It has been so lovely having the children return to school this week. They have started to settle in well to their new classes. We have kicked off our learning with our new book called "Aliens Love Underpants", which links to our creative curriculum topic of space. The children had a shock when they walked into their classroom to be faced with a washing line full of knickers and pants! They instantly knew the title of their new book! Next week we will be having a visit from the alien spaceship to immerse the children in their sentence writing.

YEAR 3/4

Next week we will be learning about Henry VIII and will be using the Terry Deary book 'The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King' to inspire our writing. In maths, we will be learning about place value of numbers up to 10,000 and using the vocabulary thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. In science, we will be starting our topic of 'Electricity' and be exploring the components needed to make things work.

YEAR 5/6

In maths children will be focusing on larger numbers - up to 10 million. Children will be reading, writing, ordering and comparing these numbers. Then children will move on to rounding these numbers to a required degree of accuracy - for example to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

In English children will have a grammar focus working on word classes and their functions within texts including nouns (concrete and abstract), pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs. We will also be revising the differences between main and subordinate clauses within sentences; children will be identifying and writing their own sentences to include both.

In reading we will be learning to summarise effectively using a range of different stimuli including a short clip and our new text 'Fireweed' a story set in the Second World War which links to our new topic.

EDUCATION SUNDAY - 11.00 a.m. Sunday 10th Sept

This Sunday is Education Sunday. This is when the Catholic Church celebrates all of those involved within Catholic Education across the country. If you and your children are able to attend, it would be lovely to see you there as it is a wonderful opportunity for staff, parents, children, governors and parish to join together as one community. Children should wear their school uniform please.

MISSION STATEMENT

You may have noticed that we have updated our School Mission Statement. It states the driving force for all that we do at Corpus Christi. This week we have been spending time in class exploring what this means with the children. Please take the time this weekend to talk to your child about what it means to them.

WE LIVE OUR LIVES LIKE JESUS

This means we will:

Share the Gospel values of love, forgiveness and peace on our journey of faith.

Promote relationships based on trust and mutual respect for all.

Strive for excellence in all that we do.

Establish strong partnerships with our Parents, our Parish and the wider community.

Promote a welcoming, safe and secure environment.

Jesus is at the heart of all that we are and do together at Corpus Christi.

UNIFORM

It is part of our policy, that all children follow the school dress code when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School uniform is the hallmark of our school. We thank parents for their proactive support of this policy which has been agreed with parents, and is renewed regularly as part of our Home School Agreement.

Our uniform consists of:


- White school shirt
- School tie - compulsory
- Bottle green v necked woollen pullover and/or cardigan
- Black/dark grey school trousers (boys and girls)
- Black/dark grey school shorts
- Dark grey skirt/pinafore
- Green blazer
- White or grey socks
- Black or green tights

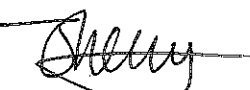
Footwear

- We require all children to wear sensible black shoes, no trainers, no heels, no boots

Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
Friday 8 th September 9.30 a.m.	Whole School Mass (Corpus Christi Church)
Sunday 10 th September 11.00 a.m.	Education Sunday Mass (Corpus Christi Church)
Friday 22 nd September 9.15 a.m.	MacMillan Coffee Morning – all welcome (School Hall)

Thank you,


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