



Life at Corpus Christi



We live our lives like Jesus

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the month of February and the weather continues to be chilly, we will be focusing on a local issue in Portsmouth – Homelessness. On Monday, every class will be learning more about homelessness (at an age appropriate level) and will complete a range of topic work on this subject. Next week also sees Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February. Please take the time to talk to your child about how they use the internet and clarify the rules you have as a family regarding playing and searching on the Internet.



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018

There is a very useful video on Digital Parenting created for Safer Internet Day 2018, please take the time to view it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmPO6NkY2jQ> . Talking to your child – openly, and regularly – is the best way to help keep them safe online. The NSPCC has some very clear and useful advice on how to do this:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>



SCHOOL MASS – 4 February

All of our families are invited to attend the Parish Mass on Sunday 4 February at 11.00 a.m. in Corpus Christi Church. It is an important way in which we show parish and school as one large community. We ask that children come to the Mass wearing their school uniform. Children who are taking their First Holy Communion programme, together with their families, will be introduced to the Parish.

What learning is happening next week?

YEAR R



Next week we will be putting our baking skills to the test and making crumble for the Gruffalo. We will use scales to weigh the ingredients and focus on using language such as heavier and lighter. In Literacy we will be writing instructions to help others make the Gruffalo crumble. Miss Offin's phonics group will be doing a recap of all phase 3 sounds we have learnt so far whilst the rest of the children will be learning **ur** and the trigraphs **ear**, **air**, **ure**. Our big question will be focusing on healthy eating and exercise.

YEAR 1/2

For Homelessness Day on Monday, our children will be designing their own homeless shelter using different 2D shapes to embed their mathematical knowledge. We will be giving them a range of resources to construct their 2D/3D shapes such as pipe cleaners, art straws etc. To link our topic day to science we will be testing the insulating properties of various materials.

We have noticed that many of our children are not reading at home. Please ensure that your child reads to you at least three times a week, so that their reading fluency improves, and then ask them questions about what they have read. To support parents in targeting the questioning they give their children when reading to an adult we will be adding a specific book-banded target to their reading diary, which will clearly communicate key questions that you could ask. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jones



YEAR 3/4



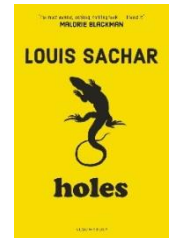
Next week in English we will be continuing our quest stories focusing on using inverted commas to punctuate speech and adding an additional subordinate clause eg "Help me!" *frantically cried the girl while her fingers began to slip from the cliff's edge.* In maths we will be continuing our work on fractions and finding fractions of shapes. We will also be comparing the size of fractions and using this to problem solve.

At the beginning of the week we will be working on our whole school focus of 'Homelessness' As part of this learning focus the children will be writing persuasive letters and creating their own TV adverts encouraging people to help those in need.

YEAR 5/6

In maths children will be focusing on shape, including properties of shapes and scaling shapes.

In writing children will be completing an independent write based on our class book Holes. In grammar we will be revising pronouns.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM:

We recently requested support in setting up a team of volunteers to support this special ministry. Unfortunately, we have not generated enough people for it to successfully run in future. Please consider volunteering, it is a valuable experience. If you would like to know more please see Christine Tye after Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi on 4 February or email ctye@corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk. You can also pop into school or call the office (92661818).

LEGO



Mrs. O'Brien would like to start a Lego therapy group and is hoping that some of you might have pre-loved or unwanted Lego sets that you would be prepared to donate to the school.

Best Class Attendance week commencing 23 January 2018
Mrs Knight 100%

Golden Book Entries	
Marcus (Yr 6 FW)	For showing what it means to be a positive example to others in work and in manners
Emilia (Yr R Caterpillars)	For amazing independent writing about the Gruffalo!
Nicholas (Yr 2 LJ)	Absolutely fantastic writing, brilliant handwriting and punctuation. What a star!
Francis (Yr 3/4 AM)	So proud – for facing his fears and getting in the swimming pool this week!

DIARY DATES	
Sunday 4 February 11.00 a.m.	School Mass in Corpus Christi Church
Monday 5 th February (all day)	Homelessness day
Thursday 8 th February 2.35 p.m.	Year 1 AK Class Assembly
Friday 9 th February 9.30 a.m.	Year 3/4 Mass



Kind regards

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Head of School

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Executive Headteacher

Reflective Thought



CANDLEMAS is a Christian festival celebrated annually on February 2nd. It celebrates three occasions according to Christian belief: The presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and the Virgin Mary's purification. This day is also known as 'Feast of Lights'. Candlemas Bells also known as Snowdrops, symbolise HOPE according to Christian belief.

