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Life at Corpus Christi School

12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday. It was lovely to see our children returning on Monday, pleased to see their friends and teachers and so keen to talk about their holiday break and share their work or projects that they had completed during their time away.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHARACTERISTIC FOR LEARNING

This term launches our development of key characteristics for learning, the attitudes and behaviours that children can show in their learning. These characteristics will link to our school curriculum and encourage our children to reflect on **how** they are learning, not just **what** they are learning. Our six characteristics are: Confidence, Curiosity, Creativity, Collaboration, Challenge and Critical Thinking. As we go through the term, we shall look at each of the characteristics and what they look like in each year groups. Please ask your children about the characteristic they are learning about.

START OF SCHOOL DAY

Can we please remind parents/carers to ensure all children are in school **before** the gate closes at 8.50am, arriving late can unsettle a child as they can feel that they are having to catch up having missed the overview of the day and the beginning of their lessons which frequently provide opportunities to recall previous learning and the sharing of new learning. **Being late means a loss of learning:** 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year, 10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year, 15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year, 20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year, 30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year. **Being on time means not missing out! Thank you.** Mrs Tye (Family Support Officer)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we begin our new term can I please remind you that our school uniform requires our children to be wearing sensible black shoes, not trainers or boots. We also expect our children who wear trousers, to be wearing black/dark grey school trousers and not jeans. PE kits do need to be in school on a daily basis and during this cold weather jogging bottoms are advised.

What learning is happening next week?

YEAR R

The children really impressed us with their investigation skills in finding the Gruffalo this week! Next week we will be continuing our learning about this fantastic book! We will be writing descriptions of the characters in literacy and starting to work on subtraction in maths. In phonics we will be learning **ai**, **ee** and **igh**.

YEAR 1/2

We have started our English learning with the book "Where the Wild Things Are." The children have absolutely adored immersing themselves in the text. On Monday, they re-enacted their own version of the "Wild Rumpus" using a range of dances and musical instruments to become the different creatures. On Tuesday, the children used their reading skills to infer that actually all the settings were imaginary and made up in Max's head so they created their own imaginary creature masks. They were amazing at following simple instructions to create their masks. We will be using this learning next week because the children will be writing their own instructions using the coordinating conjunctions "and, but, or,"



YEAR 3/4

Next week we will be writing diary entries in English linked to our story "The Firework Makers Daughter". We will be using time conjunctions and fronted adverbial phrases. In maths we will be measuring, comparing, adding and subtracting units of measure linked to length.

YEAR 5/6

In writing next week children will finish their biography of Louis Sachar, the author of our new book 'Holes'. They will then create a biography for one of the characters in the book drawing on the skills already taught. In reading children will be distinguishing between fact and opinion, finding and writing examples of both. Towards the end of the week we will be practising comprehension skills using different text extracts in order to improve the children's reading stamina. In maths we will be examining area and algebra.

SATS INFORMATION EVENING – MONDAY 22nd JANUARY

Year six parents are invited to attend an information evening about SATs tests in Mrs Greenhalgh's room on Monday 22nd January at 5:15pm.

There will be information about when the tests are, what the tests will be like, how the tests are scored and what you can do to support your child at home.

Revision books will be on sale during the evening. There is no need to book, simply turn up. We would love as many parents as possible to attend.

REMINDER – STARTING SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Monday 15th January is the closing date for you to apply for your child to start school in September 2018.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

It's not too late to register your child for this programme. Please talk to Mrs Biddlecombe if you are interested.

INTERNATIONAL DAY (18TH JAN) – SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Please note there is a change to the menu for next Thursday. This is open to all pupils in the school so if you do not normally have school dinners but would like to try this special menu, please talk to Mrs Wilson in the school office.

THANK YOU FROM OUR LOLLIPOP MAN

Mr Ainsley has asked us to wish you a happy New Year and thank you all for your kindness at Christmas

**Best Class Attendance week commencing 18th
December 2017**

Mrs Bennett & Mrs Blowes 98.7%



Golden Book Entries

Tabby (Yr 5/6 SG)	For a high standard of presentation for his holiday homework
Kit (Yr 5/6 SG)	For an imaginative presentation of holiday research on Texas
Chance (Yr 1/2 CP)	For a detailed piece of writing from the point of view of a shepherd
Flynn (Y2 LJ)	For a detailed piece of writing from the point of view of Jesus
Bobby (Y2 LJ)	For a detailed piece of writing from the point of view of Jesus

Diary Dates – Please see website for further details

Tuesday 16 th January 1.30 p.m.	Year 3 swimming
Monday 22 nd January 5.15 p.m.	SATs information evening for Yr 6 parents

Thank you,

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