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15th December 2017

Life at Corpus Christi

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual Grandparents' Christmas tea was held yesterday, a wonderful opportunity for our wider community to come and see life at Corpus Christi for themselves whilst enjoying a welcome cup of tea. The joy of Christmas spread through our school today with our Christmas lunch and such a wide range of Christmas jumpers! Everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch, with crackers, lemonade and good cheer. However, the fun doesn't stop there!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCOS – tonight

Please remember that children **must** be collected by an adult, they will not be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

FAREWELL MISS THORNE AND THANK YOU

As we approach the end of the Autumn term we will be saying farewell to Miss Thorne. It was a very difficult decision for Miss Thorne to take, but a wonderful opportunity presented itself. Miss Thorne will be taking up the post of Leader of Teaching and Learning at Cliffdale School, working with children with Special Educational Needs has always been a great area of interest for Miss Thorne, and one she could not turn down.

Our Reception children have had a strong start to their first year at Corpus Christi and although change can be unsettling, every step has been taken to put a clear plan in place to support the transition of Miss Thorne's leaving. We have been very fortunate to appoint Miss Hudson, an experienced Early Years Leader. Her knowledge and experience will help and support our Reception children during this period of change. Miss Hudson will be available to meet our Reception parents at 8.30 on Tuesday 19th December. We are obviously sad to see Miss Thorne leave us and I know that you will join us in wishing her well for the future. Miss Thorne has been with us for 9 years. She has supported so many of our children in their first steps of Primary Education and we thank her for her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

LEGO

We are collecting Lego sets for our Lego therapy group after Christmas. Any donations of pre-loved or unwanted Christmas gifts will be welcomed and hugely appreciated

What Learning is Happening Next Week?

YEAR R

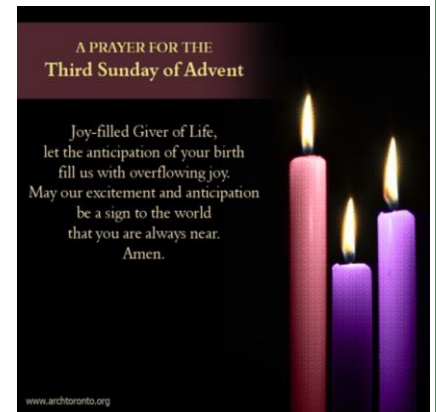
Our new sounds next week will be **y**, **z** and **q**. We will be getting ready for our performance on Wednesday and making lots of exciting gifts for our parents and families that will be shared with you next week. We will also be writing our lists for Father Christmas (let's hope we are all on the nice list!)

YEAR 1/2

All the Year 1/2 children are really excited to be taking part in the whole-school nativity next week and will be busy practising their songs. Mrs. Jones' Yr 2 children will be singing as angels. Is it possible for your children to bring in white clothing (possibly a large white t-shirt) and some tinsel for a halo? I apologise for the short notice.

YEAR 3/4

Next week in maths we will be applying our maths skills from this term to solve fun Christmas problems. In English we are looking forward to performing our snowman poems in a poetry recital to our friends. In RE we will be continuing to learn about Advent by exploring the parable of the goats and sheep.



YEAR 5/6

Next week we are looking at the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will then move on to converting between metric measurements e.g 124cm = ____ m. Children would benefit from revising their measure facts e.g 100cm = 1m, 10mm = 1cm and so on.

LAST WEEK'S KS2 MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Once again we would like to congratulate our KS2 children for an amazing performance last week (several of our teachers shed a quiet tear). Also a big thank you goes to all our wonderful parents for their support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Wednesday 20th December 3.30 at Corpus Christi School. There will be a meeting at school led by Father Claro to discuss the First Holy Communion programme which will start in the New Year. Whether you have already registered with the Parish or not, please do come along on Wednesday.

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to all of you who joined me for a welcome cup of tea or coffee last week to sign up for our Advent and Christmas celebrations; your help is much appreciated. If you are interested in helping within our classes – whether it is to hear readers, support art activities or you have another skill to share, please add your name to the list in the school office so that we can begin to have regular help across the school.



PARISH SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Sunday Obligation

Saturday, 23 December – 6 pm at St. Joseph's
Sunday, 24 December – 10 am at Corpus Christi

Christmas Obligation

Sunday, 24 December
5.30 Carols followed by Vigil Mass at 6 pm at St. Joseph's. The children (in costume) will act out the Gospel Story.
10 pm "Midnight" Mass at Corpus Christi (children may dress up for this Mass)

Best Class Attendance week commencing 4th December 2017

Mrs Knight 98.8%

Golden Book Entries	
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Jeremy Yr1 AK	For programing a super animation with a wintery theme.
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Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
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Wednesday 20 th Dec 9.30 a.m.	Reception Nativity
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Thursday 21 st Dec 9.15a.m. and 2.00 p.m.	Nativity Liturgy Years 1-6
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Friday 22 nd Dec 9.30 a.m.	Whole School Mass Last day of term
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Monday 8 th January	Back to school
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Thank you,

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