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19th January 2018

Life at Corpus Christi.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week of teaching and learning. Already this term several children have visited me to show their exceptional work and have their names entered in our 'Golden Book'. I look forward to seeing lots more in the weeks to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS MILES!

Mrs Miles is expecting her second child. It is a very exciting time for Mrs Miles and her family as they prepare to welcome a new member of their family. Mrs Miles will begin her maternity leave at the end of this half term. Mrs Comerford will remain attached to the class and will increase the amount of time that she spends with the children ensuring continuity and stability for the class. Mrs Comerford is joined by Miss Henshall who will share class teaching responsibility and will remain with the class for the rest of this academic year.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

As a school we really would like to welcome our community into the school through volunteer roles. 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.

PARKING

One of our local neighbours has contacted our school as parents from our school are parking across their garage doors, blocking their access at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can I ask for your support in observing the Highway Code when parking. I am aware that space is an issue; however please help us in working with our neighbours.

What learning is happening next week?

YEAR R

This week we have been busy writing about our favourite characters from the Gruffalo story. We tried our best to describe them so people can guess which character it is from our writing. Next week we are going to be writing as though we are our favourite character. We will be thinking about what they would say, and why, and then writing it in a speech bubble.

In maths our subtraction skills have really impressed the grown-ups and next week we are going to continue to build on these skills by using more resources and also trying to count back to find an answer.

In phonics some of us will be learning **oa**, **oo** (long and short sounds) and **ar**. Some of us will be revisiting and practising the sounds we have already learnt and will be using our phonics skills in a variety of activities.

YEAR 1/2

This term our topic is the rainforest. Over the last two weeks the children have been exploring this topic in geography and science. So far we have learnt about which animals suit different habitats and discovered what the four layers of the rainforest are. From this, the children were able to label a picture of the rainforest and write interesting facts about the animals in each layer. Over the next few weeks we will be looking into more detail of habitats and micro-habitats. Soon the children will get the opportunity to create their own micro-habitats by using old shoe boxes or empty bottles so they can discover how animals survive in different habitats.

YEAR 3/4

Next week we will be focusing on including prepositional phrases (**in** the jungle, **on** the river, **under** the dark clouds, **between** the branches etc) when writing a newspaper recount of a tiger attack. This links with the tiger attack in our reading text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' (chapter 3). We will be also applying

these skills in our creative curriculum writing linked with the river Yangtze in China. In maths, we will be continuing to compare, measure and convert units of measure. We will be focusing on mass and measuring in g and kg and applying these skills to follow a recipe.

YEAR 5/6

In reading children will be looking for the hidden messages in our class book 'Holes' using their inference skills. To support our writing we will then be looking at the features of a journalistic recount. In writing children will be creating their own journalistic recount based on Stanley Yelnat's court case. Next week, in maths, children will be focusing on algebra and linear number sequences.

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. No need to book.

SCHOOL TIES

There are two sizes of ties available from the office Long ties now £3.10 and the shorter, elastic, ones are £2.70. (still 10% cheaper than buying from Penelope Anne!)

REQUEST FOR HELP IN CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT CORPUS CHURCH - 11AM SUNDAY MASSES

Children's Liturgy – What is it? This is the practice of withdrawing children from the Sunday Eucharist during the adult celebration of Liturgy of the Word. We gather to celebrate our own specific Liturgy that maintains its liturgical character but is more appropriate to their level of understanding and concentration. This enables children to celebrate with full, conscious and active participation.

What can you do? We would like to develop a Children's Liturgy Team and would be really grateful for help from parents or parishioners. We desperately need volunteers who are willing to either lead a Liturgy, with training, or to be a helper and support the catechist. We would only need the commitment of 12 people to ensure a rota over 6 weeks; which would require giving up one hour of your time one Sunday in 6. Unfortunately, without volunteers, this important and valuable Ministry will be unable to grow in the new year. As a Catholic community we always look to see how we can ensure that our faith grows within our young parishioners and providing the opportunity for them to experience the Liturgy of the Word at their level is a vital way in which we can do this.

For more information pop in to Community hall after Mass on Sunday 21st January or see **Christine Tye**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Father Claro has asked us to remind you that there are still a few places for this year's programme. If you wish your child to take part you will need to register your interest with Mrs Biddlecombe by 27th January.

Best Class Attendance week commencing 8th January 2018
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Miss Knight 98.5%

Golden Book Entries	
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Olek (Yr R)	For tracing and writing the letter 's'
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Calum (Yr SF)	For superb concentration in maths today!
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Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
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Monday 22 nd January 5.15 p.m.	SATs information evening for Yr 6 parents
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Tuesday 23 rd January 1.30 p.m.	Year 3 swimming
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Thursday 25 th January 2.40 p.m.	CP class assembly
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Friday 2 nd February 9.30 a.m.	Year 5/6 Mass
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Year 5/6 Mass

Thank you,

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