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Dear Parents and Carers.

20<sup>th</sup> October

Half term already! I would like to thank parents, children and staff for the warm welcome they have given me in my first half term as Head of School. In our School Mission Statement we refer to Corpus Christi as promoting a welcome, safe and secure environment and this has certainly been evident to me.

We wish you all a happy and safe half term.

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, NEIL GALBRAITH**

It is always pleasing to see our children making great achievements in their learning. And it is reassuring when the Department for Education's own figures evidence this. Governors have been delighted to note that the school performance indicators released in September recorded the following achievements for last year by Corpus Christi pupils.

- The proportion of our KS1 pupils who achieved the government's "expected" standard for the individual subjects of Reading and Maths was 84% and 82% respectively. In both cases, this represents at least 7% better than typical national schools.
- The proportion of our KS2 pupils who achieved the "expected" standard for the same subjects was 84% and 91% respectively. This represents at least 12% better than typical national schools.

These results are testament to the hard work of the pupils concerned, and also to the dedication and professionalism of teaching staff and Leadership team. I hope you will join Governors in commending every member of the school community who helped contribute to these great results.

### **PE KITS**

Please can we have PE kits in school after half term, for all Reception children.

### **WARM CLOTHING**

Now that winter is truly upon us can we remind parents that children need to bring a coat to school because, unless it is raining, they all go out to play at break and lunch times every day.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS**

Please remember that, if your child is in Year 6 and going to secondary school next September, the closing date for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

### **What Learning is happening the week after half term?**

#### **YEAR R**

The children have had an exciting end to their very first half term at school by enjoying senses week. This has inspired some wonderful writing and we are so pleased to see so many of the children using their new phonic sounds successfully. Please check your child's book bag as there are sound cards in there today to practise at home.

After half term we will be learning **g, o, c and k** and the keywords **l** and **to**. We will also be starting our new topic "bears." There will be exciting preparations in place for a teddy bears' picnic the first Friday back.



#### **YEAR 1/2**

Our children have had an amazing first half term settling into year 1 and 2. We are really proud with their hard work and progress so far. To build on the progress that has already been made in maths, we are sending home homework for our year 2 children. They will need to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. This is learning that the children have already practised in lessons. Please can this homework be returned first day back after the half term.

#### **YEAR 3/4**

In English we will be starting our new focus book of George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be examining Roald Dahl use of language to describe the Grandma and applying this learning to write our own character

descriptions of Henry VIII. In Maths we will be learning how to use formal written method for subtraction of numbers up to 10,000.

### YEAR 5/6

After half term the focus in maths will be on ordering and rounding decimals. In English we will be starting our new book "Goodnight Mister Tom." We will be learning about relative clauses including identifying them within the text and writing our own. In reading we will be revisiting our summarising skills.

### NETBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Congratulations to the school's netball team for winning their first tournament last week at Portsmouth University. Thank you, parents, for your amazing support.

### ONE WORLD WEEK CELEBRATION – ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

All are welcome to come together for fun, food and friendship next Wednesday (25th October) in St John's Cathedral Discovery Centre, 12noon-3pm. Just turn up for this free, family friendly event celebrating what it means to be 'Good Neighbours' in our city.

**FREE School Meals**

Don't forget, Key Stage 1 pupils get their lunchtime meals for free, and if your family receive certain benefits you may also be entitled to free school meals for your child at any age! Whether your child is in KS1 or KS2, please remember to register for free school meals if you think you are entitled. Doing this helps your family and your school! For more details, please contact your school reception.

**We WANT You!**

*Would you like to be part of a passionate team?*

Look no further! If you're looking for a career change, getting back into work or a term-time only job then ISS Education would love to hear from you. We're looking for people to fill roles from Head of Kitchen to General Assistant. If you are interested please get in touch to find out more about job opportunities.

Tel - 023 9265 8319

### ALLERGIES

We would be most grateful if you could ensure that your child's school medical records are up to date. This includes things such as food allergies, skin allergies (i.e. soaps, plasters) and permission for food tasting. This is particularly important as Mrs Guidon will be teaching Food and Nutrition as part of Design Technology.

<b>Best Class Attendance week commencing 9th October 2017</b>
<b>Miss Thorne 100%</b>

<b>Golden Book Entries</b>	
Daniel (Yr 5 LB)	For excellent use of dialogue within clauses. Strong vocabulary Daniel!
Nathan and Yashmi (Yr 1 AK)	Creating a fabulous Apollo 11 which separates into 8 parts!
Alexis (Yr 3 AM)	For showing great perseverance when using column addition.

<b>Diary Dates – Please see website for further details</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2.45 p.m.	Year 3/4 AM/GC Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 6 to Little Canada
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Travelling Books
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R to Foxes Forest
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Sleeping Beauty performance by M&M Productions
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thank you,

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