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22nd December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of our Autumn term, and my first here at Corpus. Thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to all that the New Year brings us. What a wonderful Advent week it has been, with Year R performing their Nativity on Wednesday; Years 1-6 with their Nativity Liturgy on Thursday and Mass this morning. The spirit of Christmas has certainly been very present throughout the week. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful new year.

REVIEW OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

On Tuesday our Yr 6 children attended a performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Theatre Royal. Here are their reviews:-

"During the performance the children were entertained by dances, terrific tricks and silly songs. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed this trip and thought it was a great experience." (Lola)

"It was amazing, the actors and settings were awesome. It was an amazing experience." (Elsie)

What learning is happening after Christmas?

YEAR R

In the new term we will be exploring a new book written by Julia Donaldson, the children will follow a range of clues to discover the title of this book. In Maths we will be extending our learning of 2D and 3D shapes and in Phonics we will continue phase 3 with the diagraphs ch, sh, th and ng. We wish you all a happy Christmas.

YEAR 1/2

This week has been a delight, seeing our children perform in the Nativity and sing their beautiful songs. They have worked so hard. Thank you so much to our parents who provided costumes at such short notice, it was much appreciated.

Over the holidays, the children have homework to keep them busy! I have sent home phonic sounds for our year one children and spelling rules for our year two children. This is learning that our children have learnt throughout this half term in class. We want them to practise over the holidays to keep it fresh in their minds. Copies will be available on the website too.

This has been a fantastic half term for our children - they have worked so hard and as always made us all very proud. They thoroughly deserve a well-earned break. To all KS1 parents and children have a very merry, special Christmas.

YEAR 3/4

Firstly, I would like to wish all the children and parents of Year 3/4 a very Merry Christmas and to thank you for your on-going support this term.

After the holidays we will start our new topic of China. In English, we will be starting our class book 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' and focusing on writing grammatically correct sentences and learning about word families. In maths, we will be learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 and using this to convert units of measure, starting with pounds and pence.

Starting on the 9th January Year 3 children will be going swimming, so ensure swimming kits are in school on the Tuesday including swimming hats.

Homework: A reminder that children have all been set a creative curriculum project to complete over the holidays and it is due the first day back. Also please can parents continue to practise times tables with the children because this will be particularly beneficial for their learning after the holidays. Year 3 need to practise the 3, 4, and 8 times tables Year 4 – the 6, 7, 8, and 9 times tables.

YEAR 5/6

In maths children will be converting metric units to imperial units and vice versa. Children will be finding the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. In reading we will be starting our new class book 'Holes' where we will be looking at the author's choice of language and effect this has on the reader. In writing we will be writing a biography of the author of the book - Louis Sachar

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO STUBBINGTON

Year 4 parents are invited to an information meeting at 5.30 on Wednesday 10th January in the hall. At the meeting you will learn more about the arrangements for this exciting opportunity for our Year 4 pupils.

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 you 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.

Would you like to train to be a Primary School Teacher? Do you already have a degree?

You could train locally with the Primary Catholic Partnership either for a PGCE or through School Direct. Why not come along and find out more? We will be holding a short open afternoon at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School in Gladys Avenue, on Wednesday 17th January at 2.30 p.m. As well as hearing about routes into teaching, there will be an opportunity to meet the PCP Director, current trainees, and teachers who have completed the course and are working in Portsmouth. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 023 9266 1818 or admin@corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk

MEASLES

Please find below information from the Children's Public Health Information Team regarding recent measles outbreaks in other areas of the country:

The recent #measles outbreaks in Leeds, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester and Surrey are all linked to ongoing large outbreaks in Europe. We're urging anyone travelling this winter to make sure they are up to date with their MMR vaccines. More info: <http://bit.ly/2iYDIUP>

Best Class Attendance week commencing 11th December 2017
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Miss Offin 98.3 %

Golden Book Entries	
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Fiona (Yr 2 CP)	For using column addition to solve missing number problems
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Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
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Monday 8 th January	Back to school
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Wednesday 10 th January 5.30 p.m.	Stubbington trip meeting for Yr 4 parents
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Thursday 11 th January 9.30 a.m.	Whole school Mass – Baptism of the Lord
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Thank you,

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