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6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week for us all with all the excitement of interviews for head boy and girl, school prefect and early years' mentors, a lot of hard work and heart went into the applications and interviews. Our year 6 children were incredibly proud of Corpus and eager to have an important role within our school.

### **GOODBYE TO Fr STEVEN!**

What a wonderful send-off you all gave him! We know he was very touched to see so many of you at his last Corpus Christi Mass on Sunday and read the good wishes in his farewell book. He has made a huge impact on our school, and our lives, and heartfelt thanks go to him from the children, staff and the community. He will be sorely missed by us all.

### **INSET DAY – 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding 10 minute slots across the day for you to meet with your child/ren's class teachers to discuss their learning and progress to date. You will be able to sign up for slots with appointments across the day from 8.30am to 5.50pm. We will be providing a crèche for siblings whilst you attend these important meetings regarding your child/ren's learning here at Corpus.

### **13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 – HEDGEHOG CLUB**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be once again running our very popular Hedgehog Club. This initiative is an important part of the school's commitment to help our parents combine their work and family responsibilities by offering quality childcare. This fun day for KS1 and KS2 children will run from 9.30am – 3pm. Please check bags for booking forms or see Mrs Tye for further information.

### **EARLY BIRD AND LATE OWL CLUBS**

Can we please remind parents to contact the school office if there are any changes to pre-booked care provision. It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school office of any changes to either collection or attendance.

### **HARVEST MASS – FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

We would greatly appreciate your donations of tins and packets for our Harvest Mass which will be distributed to the needy of the city. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

### **PARISH NEWS**

There will be tea, coffee and cakes after the 9am Mass this Sunday at St Joseph's and 11am Mass at Corpus Christi to welcome Father Claro Conde to the parish. Please take some time after Mass to come along and meet Fr Claro, all are welcome.

### **What Learning is happening next week?**

#### **YEAR R**

This week we have really enjoyed exploring our car wash. The children need to request a wash by signing up then paying with an appropriate number of pennies. All this hard work really helps to develop our shoulder elbow and wrist joints ready for writing.

Next week we are starting to learn our letter sounds beginning with s, a, t and p. There will also be plenty of opportunities to challenge our children who are phonically confident through reading and writing activities. Each day your child will come home with something they have made to support our phonics teaching. We would be very grateful if you support us by practising recognising and using these sounds at home.

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

Our children have been enraptured by our new Oliver Jeffers story "How to catch a Star" it is all about a little boy's quest to finally own his own star. We have used our text to teach the significant skill of inference which is being able to find clues in the text which tell us how the character is feeling or why they may have been acting a certain way. When reading with your children at home please question them on their

inference skills... why do you think the character is feeling that way? Has something happened in the text to make them feel like that? Is there a clue in the picture that tells us?

Please may I remind parents that children should be read with a minimum of three times a week.

### YEAR 3/4

Next week will be writing first person recounts as time travellers going back to a historical time period of their choice. To do this children will be applying all the new skills that they have learnt so far this year. In maths we will be learning the formal column method for addition.

On Thursday, the children will be taking part on 'Outdoor Learning Day'. As part of this we will be doing a bug hunt at Alexandra Park and using what we have found to design and make bug hotels. We will then be using this as a stimulus for writing the following week. Therefore, on Thursday children will need a waterproof coat and wellies if they wish.

**3/4 Homework:** The teachers have noticed that not all children are completing homework on a regular basis.

The expectation in year 3/4 is that children practise their spelling (ideally daily to ensure they learn all words within the 3 week period), read a minimum of 3 times a week with an adult and access DoodleMaths daily for 10 minutes every day.

### YEAR 5/6

Next week in English children will be writing a diary or narrative of their choice based on a short clip based on our topic. In grammar we will be reminding ourselves how to use paragraphs and will be editing several pieces of work to make sure that paragraphs have been placed in the correct places. In reading we will continue working on inference skills using texts; we will be focusing on not only inferring the hidden message but also justifying it with evidence.

### OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a powerful instrument for conversion and is the best method of honouring Mary. Within school we will be learning about and saying the rosary throughout this month. At lunchtimes, there will be a club open to all children who wish to visit the Church and pray the rosary together. Please take the time to pray the rosary together as a family or say the Hail Mary during this month.

### BAMENDA FUND RAISER LUNCH – ST JOSEPH'S

In support of the parish of St Joseph's who actively help fundraise for Bamenda, we have tickets on sale for their latest fundraiser. There is to be a lunch on **Sunday 5 November at 1 pm at St. Joseph's church hall**, Tangier Road, Copnor. This will comprise three courses, homemade soup and bread, a main course of chicken, fish or vegetarian option and a dessert; soft drinks also available. The cost is only £5. This event is always very popular and places are limited, so buy your tickets early! All proceeds to Bamenda, a Catholic diocese in Cameroon, West Africa where there is no clean water and drinking water is obtained from a polluted river. Please see Mrs Tye for tickets

<b>Best Class Attendance week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
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Mrs Packer 99.4%
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Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30 p.m.	Year 3/4 Liturgy
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30 p.m.	Year 5/6 Liturgy
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45 p.m.	Year 5/6 FW Class Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30 a.m.	Harvest Mass
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day

Thank you,

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