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Life at Corpus Christi School

8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy first week of Advent. This morning there was a wonderful music concert led by Mr Walsh, and earlier this week we held beautiful and reflective Penitential services for our children. This is always an important time in our school when the children can reflect on the way they interact with others and how the teachings of Jesus shape their lives.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

On Friday 15th December we have our school Christmas lunch and to get us in the Christmas mood, the children are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school cardigan or jumper. This means that the children will come to school wearing their school uniform, with the only change being their Christmas jumper. It is not a non-uniform day. Our school council ask that if you would like to make a donation for wearing your Christmas jumper, it would go to school council funds – for them to use as they see fit to support their ideas for our school.

SCHOOL ABSENCE

We would like to remind you that evidence letters must be given to the front office if children are attending medical appointments during the school day. Examples of medical evidence include appointment cards, prescriptions and doctors notes. School attendance is a very important aspect of our school and we do ask that you try to avoid making appointments during the school day as much as possible.

NATIVITY

Miss Thorne is still desperately looking for angel costumes for the Nativity. If anyone has an angel costume they could lend to Year R she would be very grateful.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCOS – 15th DECEMBER

Tickets (£2) are now on sale after school for the children's discos on Friday 15th December. Year R and KS1 is from 4.30 – 5.30 p.m. and KS2 is from 5.45 until 7.15 p.m. There will be a tuck shop available. Please note that children **must** be collected by an adult, they will not be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

What Learning is Happening Next Week?

YEAR R

We had great fun being detectives last week and investigating who had come to stay in our new ice cave. We think it is a visiting Polar Bear who wants to be our new friend. Next week we finally get to meet him and find out how to look after a Polar Bear using "The Bear" by Raymond Briggs to inspire us. Our new sounds next week are **j, v, w, x** and our keywords are **we** and **me**. In maths we will be continuing our learning on addition by reading and solving simple number sentences using our part, part, whole boards.

YEAR 1/2

During the next few weeks, in maths, the children will be learning how to add and subtract using the column method. This week they have begun by adding 2 digits and 1 digit, moving steadily on to add 2 digits and tens and then 2 digits add 2 digits. Initially the children will learn how to add without the need to regroup the units into tens. However we will be moving the learning forward to teach how to regroup and carry units into the tens column.

This week during RE we began our liturgical season of Advent. The children learnt the significance of the advent wreath and the four candles by designing their own wreath for our class display. They now understand the different meanings of each candle and the reason why an advent wreath is always circular.

YEAR 3/4

Next week in English we will be using 'Twas the Night Before Christmas poem to inspire our own narrative poetry about a snowman. We will be focussing on descriptive language and couplets. These poems will then be performed by the children to their peers. In maths we will be continuing with multiplication and beginning efficient written method for division. With this in mind, can children please practise their times tables at home because this will really benefit their learning.

YEAR 5/6



In reading children will be looking at the features and structure of information texts to support their writing in English. We will also be learning about figurative language including similes, metaphors, personification, onomatopoeia and alliteration. In writing children will be using Moz the monster from the John Lewis advert to design their own monster. Towards the end of the week, children will write an information text about their monster using their learning from guided reading to engage and captivate the writer. Next week year six will

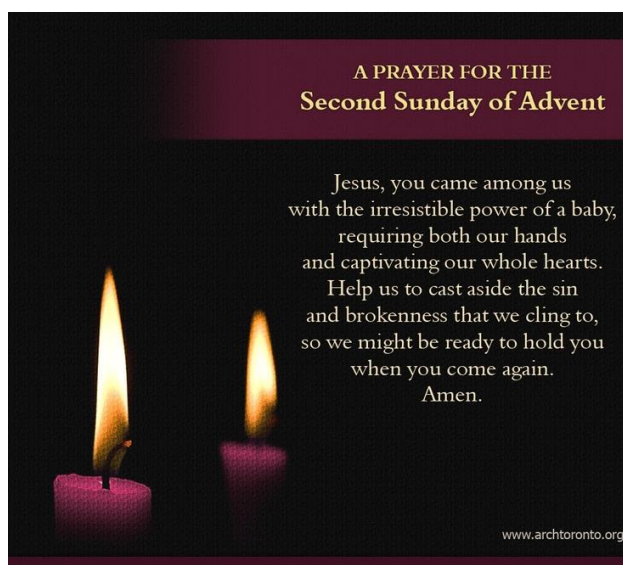
be sitting a full set of Mock SAT tests: three mathematics papers, spelling, grammar and punctuation and reading.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the four members of our badminton team Alphonse, Lino, Jaydon, and Fiona for winning gold medals at the recent festival.

CHANGE OF LUNCH MENU – WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

- Red - Fish and chips
- Green - Cheese and onion pasty and chips
- Yellow - Jacket potato with baked beans
- Desserts: Lemon drizzle cake, fruit or yogurt



Best Class Attendance week commencing 27th November 2017
Mrs Greenhalgh 100%

Golden Book Entries	
Lenny (Yr 6 FW)	For a very powerful and moving story
Albert (Yr 2 CP)	For writing clear sentences and using 'and' within each sentence

Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
Thursday 14 th Dec 1.30 p.m.	Grandparents tea party
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th Dec 4.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Christmas Disco Yr R, 1 and 2
Friday 15 th Dec 5.45 – 7.15 p.m.	Christmas Disco Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 20 th Dec 9.30 a.m.	Reception Nativity
Thursday 21 st Dec 9.15a.m. and 2.00 p.m.	Nativity Liturgy Years 1-6
Friday 22 nd Dec 9.30 a.m.	Whole School Mass

Thank you,

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