



Life at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

16 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few weeks I have met and spoken to parents/carers about how we can maintain social distancing and keep everyone safe at the beginning and end of the school day. The mornings seem to be working better with parents/carers being able to drop the children and go and I would like to thank all parents who are wearing masks and avoiding clustering together for a chat.

From Monday the following changes are being made to the end of the day collection. EY classes (Hedgehogs and Rabbits) collected at **2.55pm** from the front office courtyard.

For all other classes we are setting up a one way route around school. The back gate (accessed via Bucklers Court) will be opened at 2.55pm and parents will be asked to queue on the Sports Playground at the back of the school. At 3pm the gate next to the hall will be opened and parents will then be able to walk on a one way route to exit the site via the front gate adjacent to the Office collecting their children as they go. Children will be ready for collection at 3pm from the following points and teachers will send your child to you as soon as they see you;

Kestrels and Puffins class from the hall.
Kites class from their classroom door.
Otters and Ducks from the Quiet or Middle Playground
Swans, Wildcats and Foxes from the KS1 Playground
Squirrels from the internal courtyard.

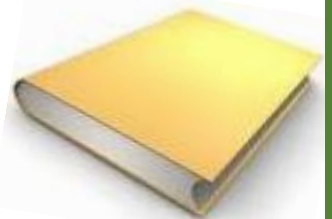
So that we can manage this as safely as possible and to avoid bottlenecks, about 25 parents/carers will be allowed in at a time and we would ask that parents leave the school site as quickly as you can and avoid gatherings within 30m of the school gates. If your child/ren are in KS2 parents can exit the site via the quiet playground. Parents/Carers in KS1 or Swans will need to exit the school via the passageway between the 2 buildings. Routes will be demarcated and staff on hand to support this.

We know this will take a few goes to run smoothly, so we do appreciate your patience and cooperation but we hope this will speed up the end of the day collection meaning children and parents will not have to wait around for quiet so long waiting for the different classes.

Best wishes

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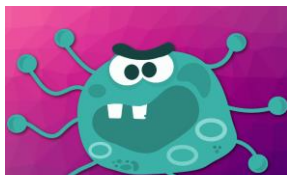
GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS



Emilia	Swans	A beautiful poem about a dragonfly
Hanna	Rabbits	Super RE work
Louis	Hedgehogs	Fabulous sentences with finger sentences
Monty	Wildcats	Being an absolute superstar

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination

Don't forget the school nurses will be in school on **Monday 19th October** for the flu vaccine. Only children who have returned a completed consent form will receive the vaccine.



Good Shepherd Award

Hedgehogs	Gabriela
Rabbits	Sonny
Squirrels	Ruby
Foxes	Isabel
Wildcats	Alan
Swans	Grace
Ducks	Nathan
Otters	Kenneth
Kestrels	Kornel
Kites	Liliana
Puffins	Patryk

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to join us for the Good Shepherd celebration. We are really proud of all the children's positive kindness and support of each other.

Hot Lunches

I am delighted to be able to confirm that from Wednesday 21st October we will be offering a hot meal to all children in KS1 and EY. This will give us the chance to iron out any issues so that from after half term all children across the school can have a hot meal. Caterlink have worked with us to ensure meals can be served safely and we will be using the menu that can be found on Scopay and also available from the school office. The cost of each meal for children in Years 3-6 is £2.15, however, it is free for all children in KS1.

Please remember that if your child is in KS2 and require a packed lunch on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday can they please order via their class.



CORPUS CHRISTI BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

An opportunity has arisen for a parent governor representative on the Governing Board of our school. We are entering a really exciting journey and this is an opportunity for you to be part of this process and see what happens 'behind the scenes'.

The Board is responsible for the strategic direction of the School, Parents are entitled to have two places on the Board.

Parent governors bring an important perspective to the Governing Board, your day to day interaction with the school helps the Board to monitor school performance.

We now have two vacancies, that we need to fill so please consider putting yourself forward.

Induction training will be given to new governors and we are a friendly bunch. Interested? then see reception for an application form.

The deadline is 6th November.

Should more than two parents apply then an election must be held.



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School September 2021—Year R Admissions



If your child turns 4 before September 2021, they can start school in September 2021. Applications for school open on 2nd November 2020 and close on 15th January 2021. Parents/Carers will be able to download a form from Portsmouth City Council website, paper copies will be available from 16th November and must be returned to school by 15th January 2021 with the relevant supporting information.

We are unable to hold open days as we usually would, however please do contact the school if you have any questions or would like to find out more about our current work and future ambitions for your family and child/ren.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Sunday Mass obligation has currently been suspended, therefore we are aware that demonstrating Mass attendance is challenging for parents. When applying for a school place for this school, parents/carers should supply a copy of their child/ren's Baptismal Certificate and any record of Mass attendance prior to the national lockdown in March 2021.



Early Years

RE: Next week is other faiths week. The children will be exploring the religion of Judaism. They will be learning that Jesus was a Jew and using artefacts to explore the faith.

Phonics: This week the children learnt the sounds e l h r and next week they will be learning j v y w. Please practise these sound in words using their red folders at least 3 times a week. Practising the sounds frequently at home really helps support children's progress in reading.

Literacy: Our book focus for next week is 'We are going on a bear hunt'. The children will be retelling the story, making story maps and using our sounds to write simple captions.

Maths: The children will be revisiting our number work but focusing on number recognition and 1:1 correspondence for counting. They will be counting a range of objects and recording the matching numeral.

YEAR 1 / 2

RE: The children will be learning about the Sikh faith. They will explore what it means to be a Sikh and who Sikhs follow and worship. They will compare Guru Nanak and Jesus and analyse their similarities and differences. They will explore the 3 Sikh duties; PRAY (keep God in mind), WORK (earn an honest living), GIVE (share with others). Pupils will identify what they can do, as children, to 'work' in their lives (put their washing away, clear the table etc.)

Writing: The children will continue to explore our story; Traction Man. Next week they will be exploring ideas for a sequel to the text using clues from the text. Children will share their plot ideas and create a storyboard to sequence this. They will then use these storyboards to write their own sequel ensuring that their targets are included as well as capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, phonics/spellings and conjunctions.

Maths: Next week the children will be continuing our new unit; addition and subtraction. Year 1 children will read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. They will also represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. Year 2 will recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100. They will add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally.

Phonics: Next week, our storybook lessons will begin with all children working in a small targeted group. I have also sent home an information letter for parents about the KS1 Phonic Screening Check this week.

YEAR 3 / 4

RE: As we have come to the end of our Creation unit, the children will be exploring other faiths as part of a wider knowledge of religious learning. Next week, pupils will be introduced to the Hindu faith. They will explore some of the symbolism and key beliefs.

English: The children will be continuing to use the book 'Pebble in my Pocket' to inform our learning. This week, they will also be using our science knowledge to write fact files about rocks. Our key grammar skill next week will be using conjunctions in our writing.

Maths: The children will be consolidating their addition knowledge, applying it to one step and two step problems. They will have lots of opportunities to use their mathematical vocabulary to explain reasoning problems.

Well done to Otter class for winning the times table rockstars battle last week. I wonder who will win next?

YEAR 5 / 6

RE next week, the children will be studying a different faith. They will be exploring Hinduism and the rites of passage that are important to their religion. They will focus on the sacred thread ceremony and make comparisons to other religions.

English: Next week the children will be focusing on developing their reading skills over a range of texts. They will be using skills from retrieving information to inferring meaning and exploring the choice of vocabulary made by an author.

Maths: Children will be continuing with their multiplication and division units. They will be learning about factors (Y6 - common and prime factors), multiples (Y6 - common multiples) and prime numbers and using this knowledge to problem solve and investigate.