



# Life at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

Wow! This week lots of children have shared some fantastic writing inspired by their English reading texts. I have been so impressed with their lovely creative ideas, great description and vocabulary choice. More importantly, seeing the children's enthusiasm about their learning has been fabulous and I hope they are all really proud of what they have achieved this week.

It doesn't feel that we are still in the middle of September with only 2 weeks of the term completed! I am so proud of the way the children have embraced school routines and are keen to learn, work hard and do their best. We are finding that they are flagging by the afternoon and it will take a little bit of time to rebuild their learning stamina but I know we will get there.

Miss Ursula Clark

## Beginning and Start of the Day

Thank you for working with us as the children have returned to school. The morning routines seem to be working well with parents being able to drop and go, although the afternoon collection is more difficult due to the tight space around the school.

Over the last few weeks, adults have got used to wearing face masks/coverings in spaces where it is difficult to maintain 2m social distancing. As we know the virus is on the rise again and we need to work together for the safety of everyone, especially the most vulnerable members of our community. **I am now asking that parents, carers and other adults who drop off and collect their children from school wear a face covering or mask to do so.** Obviously, some adults are exempt from wearing a face covering and we fully respect this.



Since Monday, there has been a new law not allowing gatherings of 6 people in one place; please do your best to stay up to 2m apart and avoid standing around for a chat and catch up. I know this is difficult for us all but we are all in this together and can help each other.

From Monday 21st September we will be making the following adjustments to the drop off for KS1 and EY  
ALL KS1 children (Squirrels, Wildcats and Foxes) should be dropped off between 8.35 -8.45am and they will walk straight to their classroom. Staff will be there to show them the way and make sure they get there in one piece!  
Both EY classes (Rabbits and Hedgehogs) should be dropped off between 8.50-8.55am. They will continue to line up with their teachers and then walk to their classrooms.

The timings for the end of the day will remain the same for all classes but we will continue to follow advice and review our arrangements. Since September we have not needed a wet weather plan but will be looking into this next week.

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

### YEAR R

**RE** The children will be beginning the topic of 'Creation'. They will be exploring the Creation story from the bible and be finding examples of Gods creation in our school

**Phonics** The children have now learnt the sounds m a s d and next week we will be learning t i n p. They are also focusing on hearing and saying initial sounds for words.

**Literacy** Our book focus for next week is Elmer. They will be retelling the story and creating Elmer artwork by colour mixing.

**Maths** The children will be continuing our number focus of introducing a new number each day. They have been using the 'Number blocks long songs to introduce the numerals for 1-10. They will also be working on the maths and sorting objects, numbers and toys into different categories.

### YEAR 1 / 2

**RE** The children will be beginning their creation learning. They will be focussing on the story of Noah's Ark and sequencing the events within the story. They will be thinking about how God calls us to protect His creation. In our

**Writing** lessons the children will be exploring our new story; Traction Man. Next week they will be focussing on heroes and thinking about the many different heroes they have encountered in other stories. They will be writing a hero character description ensuring we use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, descriptive language and conjunctions.

**Maths** next week the children will continue to focus on place value. They will be counting and building numbers. In year 1 they will focus on numbers up to 20 and in year 2 they will focus on numbers up to 100. The children will build numbers using a variety of resources. Please practise counting at home - up to 50 for year 1 and up to 100 for year 2.

### YEAR 3 / 4

**RE** The children will be beginning our Creation unit. In this lesson they will be discussing the key question, how are we made in the image and likeness of God?

**English** The children will be continuing to explore the story of Ug The Stone Age Genius. They will be creating our own inventions for Ug and designing our own comic strips.

**Maths** The children will be looking at 1 more, 1 less, 100 more and 100 less before looking at rounding to the nearest 10 and 100.

### YEAR 5 / 6

**RE** In correctionn of last week's news letter, this week children have been continuing to learn about our school mission statement. Considering how they can show others that they are 'living like Jesus'. Next week children will be beginning our 'Creation' unit and learning about the life of Moses and what led him to become a great leader.

**English:** Children will be continuing to study our class text, 'Varmints'. They will be exploring how the author represents a damaged and disrespected planet through their use of imagery and language before attempting to create their own dystopian land using the vocabulary and imagery they have developed. Next Friday will be the final text on our **RED** spelling card!

**Maths:** Pupils will be moving on to our second block of learning: addition and subtraction. They will be recapping on key skills from previous learning such as regrouping, using estimation skills and inverse operations and applying all of these to solving mathematical problems.

## GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS



Otters Class	Ruby	Great language and vocabulary in her writing
	Ronnie	Trying really hard with your writing
	Sophie	Remembering to write brilliant sentences
Kestrels Class	Alexis	Super job of working together to create a fabulous poem, using fantastic vocabulary.
	Finlay	
	Tenli	
	Kormel	
Ducks Class	Jasmine	Lovely story writing
	Natan	
	Ruby	



## Good Shepherd Award

Squirrels	Anya
Foxes	Teddy
Wildcats	Sienna
Swans	Hannah
Ducks	Alice
Otters	Maria
Kestrels	Christine
Kites	Marcelina
Puffins	Nia

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.

A reminder, please can all children bring a named water bottle into school each day.

All water fountains are turned off for hygiene reasons. While the children are eating their lunch in the classrooms, can you ensure you send a spoon in if needed as we don't have any available.



## Early Bird and Late Owl Club:

We have taken into consideration national and local guidance regarding spacing and grouping measures and we feel we are now able to open the before school and after school provision to our reception children, if required, from September 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child is not registered with the club please contact the school office for a parent pack that includes all information regarding booking, costing and registration details. We will maintain appropriate ratios and adhere strictly to the maximum number of pupils, this is dependent on the space available. Numbers are restricted so we do suggest you book in advance as we are unable to guarantee places. We provide wraparound care in support of our working parents, these arrangements are constantly under review and may be changed at any time following the appropriate risk assessments. Parents need to register their child on [scopay.com](http://scopay.com) to make payments, a letter will be sent out on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> with the instructions on how to do this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please ensure that all items of school clothing are clearly labelled with a permanent pen or permanent label

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

As Thursday is PE day for Squirrels and Foxes class the school photographer will be returning to school on Friday the 25th September, to take their photographs

## SCHOOL DINNERS

We have been notified by Caterlink our school dinner provider, that the cost of lunches have increased from **£2.10 to £2.15**

## Corpus Christi University

This year, we are introducing Corpus Christi University on Friday afternoon for all children in Years 1-6. Each phase team will be running a range of enrichment activities and children will choose which one they do for 3 weeks before they swap to a different activity. Children might not always get their first choice each time but we know they are going to love the projects, which will range from Garageband music, Art, Computing, Catholic Social Teaching Charity Project plus others. As the year goes on we will be celebrating and sharing what we've been doing but our aim is to encourage children to develop their talents, stickability and learn new skills.

## PLEA FROM EARLY YEARS

If you have any **good quality** scooters or bikes that would be suitable for our early years children, we would be grateful for donations!



## ADMISSIONS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2021



St Edmund's still require the supplementary form to be completed. However, it does not need to be signed by the Priest but a copy of your child's baptismal certificate will need to be enclosed with the form.

Oaklands They too require supplementary information form, baptismal certificate is the most important. You are asked to get the Priest to either sign the form or email the school to say the family is known to him.

Their email address is [admissions@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@oaklandscatholicschool.org)



## CENSUS DAY

Every year all schools in the Country take part in the Government Census Day, where data is collected and submitted to the DfE. This determines the level of funding received in schools. Part of the data is the amount of children who have a school meal on this day, which this year will be 1 October 2020. Caterlink our catering company always prepare a special lunch this day to encourage children to order a meal. This year as an extra treat each child will also receive an ice lolly. Watch out next week for the menu for this fun day!"