



Life at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

4th September 2020

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to this new school year and to the Corpus Christi family. We've missed you all and it was wonderful to see nearly all the children back in school yesterday; ready to learn, do their best and meet up with their friends and teachers. Thank you for preparing them for the return to school; all the children are looking smart and wearing their uniform with pride. Thank you for all the work you have done with your child/ren since March. Although, we will need to do some catching up, we don't under-estimate the skills and learning that the children have also gained during this period. They certainly seemed very independent today and determined to make a good start to the year.

I thought it might be helpful to introduce myself as your new Head teacher. My whole teaching career has been spent in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth, starting in Farnborough and then as a leader and Assistant Head teacher of a school in Southampton. For the last 16 years, I have been head teacher of St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School in Chandlers Ford. I also spent a year on a Commonwealth Teaching Exchange to Saskatchewan in Canada! I am very much looking forward to working with the staff, children and families to ensure Corpus Christi enables all children to be the best person they can be and we provide a whole variety of opportunities to excite and interest the children so that they can develop their God given talents and gifts and recognise that they can make a valuable difference to the world around them.

During assemblies, I have been very impressed with the children's understanding of our Mission Statement "To live our lives like Jesus" and commitment to treat each other with respect, kindness and tolerance and recognition that we are all part of God's family. I know we will build on this throughout the year to celebrate our differences and work together for the benefit of our community.

We also welcome Mr Clark (no relation!) to the teaching staff as he successfully completed his training with us last year.

Please do come and say hello – I will be out on one of the gates most mornings.

Best wishes

Ursula Clark

Head teacher.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT WE LIVE OUR LIVES LIKE JESUS

This means we will:

Share the Gospel values of love, forgiveness and peace on our journey of faith.

Promote relationships based on trust and mutual respect for all.

Strive for excellence in all that we do.

Establish strong partnerships with our Parents, our Parish and the wider community.

Promote a welcoming, safe and secure environment.

Jesus is at the heart of all that we are and do together at Corpus Christi.

Start and End of the Day Arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding and patience with the new drop off and collection routines. Although, the staggers are tricky, it is important that children had a calm and safe start to and end of the day. Our plans are continuously under-review and we will communicate any changes in a timely fashion.

Therefore, from Monday we are making the following changes to the beginning and end of day arrangements;

Class or Year Group	Start Time	Collection Time	Location
Once early years start full time:			
EY – Hedgehogs with Mrs Miles	8.50-9.00am	2.40-2.50pm	Front Gate
EY – Rabbits with Miss Hawthorn	9.00-9.10am	2.40-2.50pm	Front Gate
Yr1/2 Wildcats with Mr Clark	8.20-8.30am	2.55pm-3pm	Front Gate
Yr1/2 Squirrels with Mrs Cain	8.30am – 8.40am	3.00-3.05pm	Front Gate
Yr1/2 Foxes with Mrs Martinez	8.40-8.50am	3.05-3.10pm	Front Gate
Years 3 and 4	8.35-8.45am	2.55-3.10pm	Back Gate
Years 5 and 6	8.45-8.55am	3.10-3.20pm	Back Gate

This means EY and KS1 drop off and collection processes remain the same, but as the children become more familiar with routines we will make other adjustments.

KS2 children will be given hand sanitizer on arrival at school and then walk to their classrooms in the morning. At the end of the day, teachers will bring their classes out and line them up on the playground. They will then send each child to their parent or carer. This will require some patience and we would ask that parents/carers

PE and Games

Children should wear their PE kits to school on their allocated PE day. As the weather changes, children may wear a track suit as following Government guidance most PE will be outside. Children should also wear trainers.

Class	PE day
EY Hedgehogs	To be informed
EY Rabbits	To be informed
Yr1/2 Squirrels	Monday from 7 th September
Yr1/2 Foxes	Thursday from 10 th September
Yr1/2 Wildcats	Thursday from 10 th September
Yr3/4 Swans	Wednesday from 9 th September
Yr3/4 Ducks	Wednesday from 9 th September
Yr3/4 Otters	Friday from 11 th September
Yr5/6 Kestrels	Tuesday from 8 th September
Yr5/6 Puffins	Tuesday from 8 th September
Yr5/6 Kites	Monday from 7 th September