



Life at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

9 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest Thanksgiving

During Corpus Christi University, one of the Year 5/6 groups have been focusing on a Catholic Social Teaching Project. They have been working on the Preferential Option for the Poor and Solidarity, which means they've been thinking about how we can help others less fortunate than ourselves and through our actions show solidarity, care and respect for other people. This group will be selling the lavender bags they've made using lavender they harvested from the school grounds at the end of each day for a donation for each bag. All money collected will go to local charities to support the homeless.

At this time of year, we celebrate God's creation through gathering the harvest; bringing in the wheat and grain to feed us. Over the next 2 weeks, we will be organising a Harvest Collection to pass onto Portsmouth's food banks. This year especially, we know many people and families benefit from this type of support so we ask that we do what we can to put our faith into action by donating non-perishable food items to our collection. We are looking for packets of rice, pasta, sugar, tea, and cereals; jars of coffee, jam or tinned goods to be sent into school between now and half term which we will then pass onto the food bank. Children can place their donations next to their class prayer tables as their gift to God.

Miss Clark



GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS



Nick	Squirrels	For working really hard to achieve his target
Nancy	Kestrels	For working super hard at solving multiplication problems
Szymon	Swans	Lovely descriptive writing
Brooke	Swans	Great and imaginative descriptive writing
Ellen	Swans	Fantastic creative writing
Marlea	Ducks	Thoughtful RE work
Ruby Lily Janet	Ducks	Works as a team to solve their Maths questions

Parking

On Wednesday, the local Police and PCSO were around at the end of the day, viewing traffic around the site. They asked 4 parents to move on as they were parked on the zigzag and double yellow lines and reminded others of safe movement around the site. We've also received a complaint from a neighbour of cars reversing along Buckler's Court and parking there whilst they go off shopping. Traffic Enforcement teams will be targeting school drop offs and collections, so to avoid a fine or a confrontation please park sensibly and walk the distance to school.



Good Shepherd Award

Hedgehogs	Raisa
Rabbits	Emilia
Squirrels	Caitlin
Foxes	Soffia
Wildcats	Michelle
Swans	Jack
Ducks	Cohen
Otters	Luke
Kestrels	Tamya
Kites	Dominik
Puffins	Antony

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.

INSET DAY

Don't forget school will be closed to children for Staff Training on Friday 16th October



We are the Corpus Christi Stars and over the last two weeks we have been taking part in the Corpus Christi Children's University. This year for our harvest project, we have been making lavender bags which will be available from the rear gate. The lavender was handpicked by ourselves, dried and put into hand cut bags. There will be a collection box next to the lavender bags where we kindly ask you to make a small donation of £1.

All donations we gratefully receive will be sent to the local foodbank.

Yours sincerely Corpus Christi Stars



Changes to the Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

We continually review the arrangements for the beginning and end of the day and are very aware that as the weather changes waiting for lengthy periods is difficult. This week, I've spoken to a number of parents who are concerned about the lack of social distancing between parents especially at the end of the day, partly caused by having to wait for your child/ren to leave school but also as parents are chatting in groups. If you are having a catch up, please can I ask you move away from the entrances so that other children and their parents can leave the site safely.

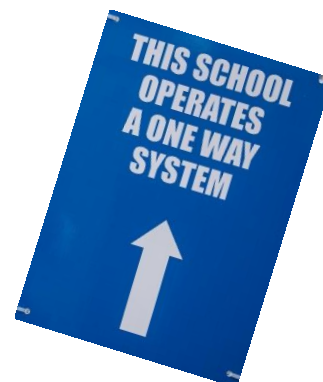
From **Monday 12th October** we are changing the drop off times as follows:

KS1 classes (Squirrels, Wildcats and Foxes)	8.35-8.45am	Children will walk to their classes using the Front Entrance.
EY classes (Hedgehogs and Rabbits)	8.45-8.50am	Children will walk to their classes using the Front Entrance (EY)

Staff will be located on the route to ensure they get to the right place!

LKS2 (Swans, Otters and Ducks)	8.35 -8.45am	Children will walk to their classes using the Rear Gate
UKS2 (Kestrels, Kites and Puffins)	8.45-8.55am	Children will walk to their classes using the Rear Gate

I am considering allowing parents to collect their children from the playgrounds with 1 way routes around the school site from Monday 19th October. More information will follow next week.



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.



Early Years

RE: Children will be finishing the topic of 'Creation'. They will be learning that the house God is the church and that we are the people of God that make the church.

Phonics: This week the children learnt the sounds K u b f and next week they will be learning e l h r. They are also focusing on hearing and writing final and end sounds in words. Please practise these sounds using their red folders at least 3 times a week.

Literacy: Our book focus for next week is 'Mog's birthday'. Children will be retelling the story, making birthday cards, writing party lists and making thank you cards.

Maths: The children will be working on repeating patterns in shape, colour and number. They will be making their own patterns and continuing patterns too.

YEAR 1 / 2

RE: The children will be continuing their creation learning. They will be exploring what it means to proclaim God's word. They will take our creation writing from last week (how we will protect God's creation) and will role play proclaiming this to the world.

Writing: The children will continue to explore our story; Traction Man. Next week they will be coming to the end of the text. They will be orally rehearsing our favourite part of the story. Year 1 children will then write clear explanations stating their favourite part using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and their phonics. Year 2 children will independently complete a reading comprehension, demonstrating their retrieval skills and understanding of the text.

They will extend our learning and begin to imagine what the sequel to this story might be about. The children will share ideas and role play possible sequels ready for story writing the following week!

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 the children will be assessing all of our pupils once again and determining their story book groups. Please keep practising the word sheets that are being sent home - thank you much for your support in this area.

YEAR 3 / 4

RE: As the last session of our Creation unit the children will be exploring the story of Abraham and Issac. In this story, Abraham trusted in God and they will be thinking about how we can also do this in our own lives.

English: Using all they have learnt about the story of 'Pebble in my Pocket' we will be writing our own stories about the adventures of a pebble through time. They will be applying our skills of including expanded noun phrases and descriptive language.

Maths: this week the children will start to use column addition to solve different addition problems. They will be adding 3 digit numbers and learning how to exchange. The children will be using these skills to spot the teachers mistakes towards the end of the week.

Please make sure you look on the google classroom each week for the children's homework. New homework is added every Friday afternoon.

YEAR 5 / 6

A huge well done to all the pupils (and supporting parents!) who have managed to access their homework online in our Google Classrooms. Please remember that homework does not HAVE to be completed online. If you have limited access to technology or the internet it can be completed on paper and handed to the teacher in school!

RE: To round off our 'Creation' unit, children will be exploring the big question: 'Is it always easy to be one of the People of God?'. They will consider what is asked and expected of us as part of this group and that challenges that come with this in their own lives before deciding on their answer!

English: Pupils will be putting the persuasion skills they have been developing to good use by creating their own persuasive speeches. They will be developing their editing and improvement skills before performing their speeches to a small group audience.

Maths: Children will be developing their division skills next week developing and refining their written methods. It is ESSENTIAL that children are continuing to practise their times table facts - this is currently really slowing the written process down for many children. Times Table Rockstars is a great way to do this - keep an eye out for year group tournaments between the classes!