

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."
— Mother Teresa

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



Autumn 2 Week 8
22nd December 2017

Head Teacher : Mrs J Taylor

Chair of Governors : Ms K Mara

Dear Parents,

Christmas does seem to have crept upon us once again this year—this is a time of year that makes me feel how lucky and privileged I am to be able to work with such wonderful children. Working in a school is always lovely but it is particularly enjoyable at this time of year.



We have seen our newest members of our school take part in their first primary school nativity and what a wonderful performance it was too—well done to all of the Reception children who were so brave to perform in front of so many people. Thanks also to the staff for organising the children so well.

On Monday evening in church we were treated to our annual carol service where each year group in KS2 played a very important role in retelling the Nativity story through prayer, song and art—the occasion was a great success and, once again, the children were fantastic. Thank you in particular to Mrs Borriello who takes on this enormous task of directing the service with the help of the other teachers.



On Tuesday KS1 performed their version of the Nativity and we were in no doubt as to what Christmas was really all about. The singing, acting and dancing really brought to life this wondrous story of hope, joy and salvation.

Last Sunday our guitarists, lead by Mr Porter our guitar teacher, took part in a performance in the centre of Birmingham—as usual our children's performance, behaviour and politeness was commented on by the members of the audience as being exemplary—thank you to those children for being outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Despite the closure of the school due to the weather last week the children and staff put in a sterling effort to make this all come together. Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to our children.



Christmas is incredibly busy in school and never has the term "team work" been more apparent. Everyone plays a part in that team so EVERYONE thank you. On behalf of our governors I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Holy Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you back in 2018!

God bless, Mrs Taylor

Thank you!

On behalf of the staff may I thank you for all of your incredibly generous gifts and cards—we really do appreciate your words of kindness and charity.

Congratulations...

...to Mr Cotton who has now been appointed as the schools Building Services Manager. Mr Cotton has been acting as BSM for the past few months now. Mr Cotton works as our BSM on a full time basis and stands down as a lunchtime supervisor to fulfil his new role.

Congratulations also to Mrs Cathy McCarthy who is the winner of our Lucky Numbers draw.



Dates for your Diary:
Spring 2018

09-01-2018

The new spring term begins as school opens after the Christmas holidays.

15-01-2018

Last swimming session for Y3H

30-01-2018

Reception children's height, weight and hearing to be completed by nurse.



We're going paperless!!!

As the heading suggests this will be our last paper newsletter as we attempt to do our bit to go a little greener. But don't panic if you have no other means of getting your fix of weekly school news as we will save a few 'hard' copies that can be picked up from the school office. The newsletter can be found on the front page of our website or you can leave your email address with our office staff and you can be added to the existing distribution list.

Theatre Trip:

The children were treated to a fantastic rendition of Jack and the Beanstalk at the theatre in Solihull. This trip was subsidised by our Christmas fayre and the children, as per usual, were excellent ambassadors for Corpus Christi. Well done also to those children who got up on stage to celebrate their birthdays—we even had someone brave enough to sing to the audience.



Adverse weather:

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding when the snow arrived last Monday and Tuesday—to close the school is a decision that isn't taken lightly but one that is made with the best of intentions and with the safety of our children, parents and staff in mind.

Spring Term:

Just a gentle reminder that there is a teacher training day on Monday 8th January 2018 therefore school opens for the children on **Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8:45am**



Prayer for Advent



Other School News.

God, our dayspring and our dawn, We turn to you when we fear the dark And all around us weep. We pray you greet us with your shining light That we may spread your warm embrace And kindle the hope of Christmas In all whose lives remain in shadow. Come and be our strength O Lord, our hope and our salvation.

Amen



Breakfast Club: The children have a choice of cereals, toast, beans, spaghetti hoops, milk and juices and after breakfast play board games or read a book in the library. If you would like your child to attend please complete the Registration form from our website or collect one from the front office.



Pupil Absence: If your child is absent from school please remember to phone school before 9.15am

Punctuality: School starts at 8.45 am and finishes at 3.15pm each day. Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for us all.

Dinner Money: £2.25 per day / £11.25 per week. Please ensure it is paid on a Monday morning

A Reminder : Class Teachers are responsible for their classes from 8.45am so are unavailable to speak to parents in the morning. Myself, Mrs Clifford or Mr Logue are happy to pass on messages. However , if you would like to see the class teacher, after school is a better time or speak to the office and book an appointment.

Attendance : It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mrs Clifford, Mr Logue or Zoe Lynch our Attendance officer as part of our Safe and Well checks.

Safeguarding:

The school gates are opened at 8.30 am. Once children have been dropped off at school they must stay here. If you need to collect your child during the day please go to the main school office. If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person please contact school first. Mrs Taylor is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Logue & Mrs Clifford are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Wilde our parent governor is the Safeguarding Governor. However if there is nobody available at school please telephone the Multi-Agency Safeguarding HUB (MASH) on 0121 303 1888 email MASH@birmingham.gov.uk

Outside of normal office hours call 0121 675 4806 for the Emergency Duty Team.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS : Our overall attendance this week stands at 93% **Sessions Lost— 258**
Year to date attendance at 96% **Sessions Lost - 2148** **ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK: Well done to Y1M and Y5V**

Catholic Life: Parish Priest : Fr Andrew, Father Vipin, Sister Maura & Sister Maureen. **Christmas Services:**

Father Andrew has asked me to remind you that the services for Christmas in church will be as follows:
Christmas Eve—6pm Children's Mass; 11:30pm Carols by Candlelight & 12pm midnight mass.
Christmas Day—10:30 am mass



Packed Lunches and Snacks : Please be aware that if you are sending grapes or olives into school, in line with Health guidelines they must be cut up into quarters to avoid any choking hazards. May we also remind you that due to an increasing number of our children and staff having nut allergies, **we do NOT allow NUTS or NUTELLA** in school. Once again this decision is made in the interest and health of our whole school community. We also would like to remind you and ask you to adhere to our **Water only** policy

Label your child's Uniform : PLEASE

It is vitally important that you label every item of your child's clothing, including PE Kits. It is very difficult to track down lost items, if they are not named. Please remember to check names are still visible and re-do after washing, so they do not fade away. Also try to encourage the younger children to dress independently, so that they are prepared for changing themselves in PE lessons. It may take a bit longer getting ready, but it will be worth it in the long run.



Achievements & Awards

Golden Book Certificates

Mustafa M, Iyla J, Hamza M, the whole of RS, Aaliyah C, Olimpia O, Y1M, Lex T, Emma R, Harvey S, Leah G, Rabia N, Poppy-Leigh S, Harley C, the whole of KS1, Neshawn H, Jack P, Elesha L, Dominic A, Reece B, Molly W, Sahara M, Connie R, Tristan T, John W, Theresa-Leigh D, Layton M, Kyle G, supporters of the Carol Service, readers and helpers who participated in the Carol service.



Congratulations to



Courtesy Cup Awards:

Reception & Y4F

Happy Birthday this week and over the holidays to :



Adam M, Ummayyah K, Brooke C, Bailey D, Insha K, Harley C, Maynard-Selvyn C, Atif I, Ayah E, Clayton-Rae H, Caleb B, Bailey T, Keira G, Emmanuel A, Jacob C, Tyrone M, Zeeshan K, Ana M, Jamie D, Archie I, Malachy J, :Lacey W, Leon R, Faith-Liezel B, Harry W, Rion B, Rhoda A, Ismail S, Jack P, Zaki H, Amandeep K, Kayden H, Caleb L, Hamzah-Hadi S.