



Corpus Christi Primary

Newsletter



September 2019

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as Head Teacher of Corpus Christi Primary School. We have so many exciting events coming up, many of which I hope will provide an opportunity for me to get to know more of our families. Our Primary 1 children have settled in very well to school life and it is lovely to see all our children looking so smart in their uniform. Full school uniform helps to create a sense of belonging in our school so I thank you for your support with this! Please ensure your child has indoor shoes for school as this helps to keep our school environment clean, particularly with autumn fast approaching.

❖ Road Safety

Today we had a road safety magic show for P1 to P7 at our school assembly. There will be a follow up road safety talk at assembly on Monday 7th October by Marion Creswell from NLC Road Safety Team. We hope that this input will help the support our children in keeping themselves safe within the community.

❖ Macmillan Coffee Morning

Primary 6 and Mrs Gallagher have been working very hard to prepare a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. As part of their preparation one of our parents, Mrs Kennedy, kindly gave a talk to the children about the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you so much Mrs Kennedy for your time!

Thank you for all the very kind donations handed in for the raffle. Our prizes include a family of four VIP tour of Celtic Park. If this is something you would enjoy then make sure you grab yourself a raffle ticket! Whilst we have had many donations for our coffee morning, unfortunately we have not sold many tickets. Primary 6 have put an outstanding amount of effort into preparing this event so if you can make it then please come along. Tickets are £3 per adult and £1 per child. Remember all proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support, plus this is also a great opportunity for a 'meet the Head Teacher'.

❖ Parents' Appointments

Our Parents' Appointments take place on Wednesday 2nd October from 3:30pm to 8pm. We have tried to accommodate requests made as best we can and appointment times have been issued.

Jotters were given home on Friday of last week and were due to be returned today. If your child has not returned their jotters please can you support them in doing this; non-return of jotters disrupts your child's day to day classroom work.



❖ Missio Mass

During October each year we celebrate Mission Month to pray for and help the Church in other parts of the world. However, this year Pope Francis has said that October 2019 is to be an "Extraordinary" one. To celebrate this work of the Church and to raise awareness of this special month, all children will be participating in a Missio Mass on Friday 4th October at 9:30am in Corpus Christi Church. Fr. Lockhart and all our staff are working hard in supporting the children to lead various parts of the mass where every child will be involved. We hope you can make it along and celebrate with us. This will be a mass like no other! There will be refreshments in the school hall afterwards and you are all very welcome.

❖ Dropping Off/Collecting Children

Primary 1-3: Enter through infant entrance and line up inside gated area at infant door. I would like to thank you for your co-operation in standing clear of the class lines. However, to ensure the safety of all children (school and nursery) I must insist that the path is kept clear both at 9am and at 3pm.

Please also refrain from using the staff car park as an entrance and/or waiting area. I cannot emphasise enough the dangers of walking across the staff car park for both you and your child. As mentioned, we are delivering road safety awareness sessions at assembly. Using our staff car park as a walkway contradicts the very clear safety message we are giving to your child. The staff car park is in use at all times by various staff members and can coincide with 9am and 3pm drop off and collection times, particularly when staff are attending training events or meetings. There is no time in the day where it is safe to walk through the car park.

Primary 4-7: All children should enter and exit through the main entrance independently. Thank you for your co-operation in waiting outside the main gate when dropping off and collecting your child. The children know where to line up at the main entrance.

Children should not arrive in the playground before 8:55am, as there is no supervision before that time.

❖ Allergies

Can we please remind you that we have children in our school with a severe nut allergy, therefore to ensure the safety of all children, our school is a nut free zone.

❖ Lunches

Please ensure your child has enough money with them for lunch. All school lunches are operated through the card system so it is important that you know how much is on your child's card.



Our catering service has started a new process of issuing reminder slips when money is owed. This new process will begin on Tuesday 1st October. If your child currently owes money then I will inform you of this before the new process begins.

❖ **Medical Needs**

We are happy to assist with administration of medication such as inhalers etc. however, medication can only be administered with a signed parental form and medicine that is in date. Please speak to the office staff in relation to these matters.

To ensure clear communication with parents/carers and sufficient record keeping of incidents, I will be introducing a revised process of managing times when a child requires any form of medical assistance. Starting on Tuesday 1st October, if your child requires attention for a fall, bump, feeling unwell etc. they will be given a medical slip to inform you that a member of staff has attended to their needs. This slip will provide very brief information however the opportunity to contact me to discuss further, should you wish to, is always there. I hope this new process will be supportive to you as parents/carers.

❖ **Toys in School**

Your support is very much appreciated in ensuring your child does not bring toys to school; including football cards etc. We have a very well-resourced playground and excellent staff who support the children in playground games. Bringing personal belongings to school can be unsettling and disruptive to learning, particularly when items are lost and conflict arises amongst friendships.

❖ **Communications with Parents**

As a result of text messages costing approx 3p per text from school, we continue looking for cost effective ways to improve our communication with parents. It was suggested at our Parent Council Meeting, and I am very much in agreement with, providing up to date information by email for those of you who feel this would be beneficial. If you would like communication by email then please return the slip attached with your email details.

Twitter is also a useful way of sharing information, achievements and celebrating success and is a common use of communication used across North Lanarkshire Council. We now have a Twitter account: **@NLCorpusChristi** where you can keep up to date with our school. Please follow us on Twitter so we can continue to raise the profile of our school.

In order to comply with Data Protection, particularly when using Twitter, please complete and return the letter regarding photography. However, please remember the purpose of our Twitter account. Twitter is not a suitable forum for raising any concerns or mentioning specific children/staff. If you have any concerns you wish to discuss then the most appropriate way would be to contact me by telephone or make an appointment. I am in the process of working on a school website and will notify you in due course.



School Improvement Priorities 2019/2020

- ❖ **Health and Wellbeing** - working towards a Nurturing School, including revised Vision, Values and Aims
- ❖ **Assessment and Moderation** - working in partnership with St Andrew's High Cluster
- ❖ **Making Thinking Visible** – thinking strategies being used consistently across all learning

There will be a continuous focus on raising attainment in Literacy and Numeracy and in ensuring we continue to meet the wellbeing needs of all children in line with Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC).

There will be opportunities throughout the session for parents to contribute to the improvement work of the school.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 27 th and Monday 30 th September	Holiday
Tuesday 1 st October (all week)	Maths Week Scotland
Wednesday 2 nd October	Parents' Appointments
Friday 4 th October	Missio Mass at 9:30 in Church/Refreshments in school hall

Our October newsletter will contain important dates for the remainder of the term and will be issued early October.

I wish to remind you that if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning and/or wellbeing then please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone or by making an appointment. If I am unavailable at the time I will make contact with you at the earliest possible opportunity.

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. M McCreery

Head Teacher