

# Corpus Christi Primary Newsletter

January 2020 Newsletter



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## Diary Dates

- ◆ P5 to St Andrew's Hospice - **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**
- ◆ Sacraments Information Evening - **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm and 7pm**
- ◆ Parent Council Meeting - **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6:30pm**
- ◆ First Friday Mass - **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am**
- ◆ Holiday Weekend - **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**
- ◆ In-Service Days - **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Mass - **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am**
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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone, I hope the festive season went well for you and your family. We are off to a busy start here at Corpus Christi with lots to fit in this term!

## Attendance

As we start a new term, I would like to remind you of the importance of children attending school every day. It is also important that your child is on time for school every day and ready for lining up with his/her peers, as part of the class. Absences should be as a result of illness or extenuating circumstances and should be reported to the school office as soon as possible so the absence can be recorded.

Attendance at school is vital to ensure your child does not miss out on important aspects of their learning. In line with NLC Attendance Guidance, attendance rates which drop below 90% are considered a cause for concern and letters of concern will be sent out. Therefore, I appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school as much as they can.

## Sacraments Update

There will be an information evening on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January for parents/carers of children in P3 and P4 who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please note, it is necessary to communicate with Fr. Vincent to enrol your child for receiving Sacraments. Sacraments are Church celebrations which the school fully supports. Fr. Vincent will be available during the information evening. Please note the change of venue. This will take place in the school.

Important dates are as follows:

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation Information Session** - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 6:30-7pm
- **Sacrament of First Holy Communion Information Session** - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 7-7:30pm
- **Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion** - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10am
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm

## Uniform

A huge thank you for the effort given to ensuring children wear our school uniform. I appreciate it is a cold time of year and children need to wrap up warm. Please continue to support our school uniform policy with the use of school jumpers rather than other types of jumper/zippers for indoor wear.

Indoor shoes, particularly in this wetter weather, is important to ensuring our school environment remains clean and comfortable. Please check with your child if they have indoor shoes.





## Adverse Weather

A reminder that during periods of snow/icy weather the main entrance pathway will be treated with salt and all children should enter through the main entrance. I have amended the time to open the main entrance to those not attending Breakfast Club to 8:50am rather than 8:55am, as it is not ideal to have children waiting outside during adverse weather. However, this is very much dependent on staffing so please ensure your child does not arrive too early during wet, icy, snowy periods.

In the event of closure due to adverse weather, North Lanarkshire website will be updated from 7am onwards. Where possible and practical, we will send out a text to the first named contact to inform you of a school closure. We will also tweet out information regarding any closure. Twitter is probably the most effective way of letting you know quickly about access, changes and closures so please follow us @NLCorpusChristi and ensure notifications are turned on for school tweets. Please be aware that sometimes management staff are also stuck whilst travelling to school, which can cause unavoidable delays to communication.

## After School Learning

Similar to last term, we have a number of after school clubs beginning which includes Netball, Athletics and Football. There will also be a Sumdog, Eco and Football lunch time club. Many thanks to staff who are giving their time to provide these opportunities.



## P.E.

All classes will continue with Football on a Wednesday. Weather permitting, this P.E. session will be outdoors so please provide your child with a suitable outdoor P.E. kit. Please note that each class will also have an additional P.E. time at some point during the week. Please check your child's diary for information regarding this.

## NL Leisure

NL Leisure will continue to provide learning experiences every Thursday. The focus this term will be on Musical Theatre for P4 to P7. With regard to Curriculum for Excellence, this input will cover Music, Drama and Talking and Listening.

From April to June P1 to P3 will experience Bikability. This will involve experienced coaches teaching the children important skills for riding a bike and will be catered to suit all those involved. Bikes and helmets will be provided in school for each child. More information will be provided next term.

## Celebrating Success

We are keen to celebrate the success of all children both in and out of school. To mark these occasions, we ask that children who receive sporting, dancing or any other awards for their success in other pursuits bring these awards to school on a Monday at assembly times. Other achievements are also recognised and we are keen to celebrate them. This could be learning a new skill at home such as riding a bike, learning to swim etc. Children are also encouraged to share these successes at assembly.

## Diary Dates

Important dates for January and February have been included in this newsletter to help you plan ahead for specific events. Individual letters, where required, will be issued with further detail.

## Parent Council Meeting

Our Parent Council will hold their first meeting of the New Year on Monday 3rd February at 6:30pm. We look forward to welcoming all membership of our parent body.

## Sticker Cards

You may have heard your child talk about 'Sticker Time' in school. Every child has a sticker card. There is a weekly sticker time from the Head Teacher for demonstrating positive behaviours and engaging in the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence: being responsible citizens, successful learners, confident individuals and effective contributors. Praise and encouragement are used at all times and positive attitudes to school life are promoted in class, during assemblies and in the daily life of the school.



10 stickers - red merit badge

20 stickers - yellow merit badge

30 stickers - green merit badge

40 stickers - blue merit badge

Upon receiving a merit badge your child will be added to our recognition board. Each year children will be consulted on a preferred 'special event' for achieving all four merits in an academic year. This is **not a competitive system** but more an opportunity for children to have a one to one conversation with me each week to recognise and celebrate individual achievements and for me to keep track of ensuring all achievements are recognised for every child.

## Promoting Positive Play in the Playground

In recognition of positive playground interactions, children are nominated each month by support staff to join the Head Teacher for a tea party.



## St Andrew's Hospice

Primary 5 will visit St Andrew's Hospice on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to perform some Scottish songs and poems related to Robert Burns. A separate letter will be issued.

## Comments for Improvement and Praise!

Contributions from parents/carers regarding our school is vital to ensuring we continue to improve and continue to work in partnership with you. I would welcome any comments, whether this be areas for improvement or compliments of the work of the school. Please use the attached sheet to share your views.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. M. McCreery  
Head Teacher

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Parent/Carer Feedback

Please find my compliments/areas for improvement below:-

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