

Corpus Christi Primary Newsletter

March 2020 Newsletter



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Diary Dates

- ◆ Parents' Evening - Thursday 26th March
- ◆ P5 Eucharist Retreat - Thursday 19th March
- ◆ P1-3 Daffodil Tea - Thursday 19th March at 2:15pm
- ◆ P4-7 Opportunity for Confession - Tuesday 24th March
- ◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday 1st April at new time of 6:30pm
- ◆ End of Term Mass - Thursday 2nd April at 11am
- ◆ End of Term - Friday 3rd April with school closing at 2:30pm



Spring is hopefully around the corner!

This term is proving to be a very busy one with spring hopefully arriving soon for some much needed sunshine! We have a busy few weeks ahead with lots of events taking place so please keep this newsletter handy!

Congratulations!

Miss Houston has taken on the role as Acting Lead Practitioner in our nursery. Many of you know Miss Houston well and will know the years of service, dedication and hard work she has given to our nursery. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating her in her new role!



Spiritual Life of the School

Some of our Primary 4 children enrolled for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Mass on Sunday. We are keeping them in our prayers as they prepare for the next step in their spiritual journey. We also keep our Primary 3 children in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, **which takes place on Wednesday 1st April at 6:30pm.**

Primary 5 will attend a retreat with Motherwell Diocese on Thursday 19th March. This will take place in the Church Hall and the focus will be on the Eucharist. We are very grateful to Motherwell Diocese for providing such support to the spiritual formation of our pupils.

You will have received a Lenten fundraising calendar full of lots of exciting events that I know the children and staff are really looking forward to! Reminder, we have Morning Rosary on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. This will take place in the Church at 8:40am. Any children attending Breakfast Club who wish to attend Morning Prayer will be taken to the Church by a member of staff. A huge thank you to Mrs. Campbell and our Pope Francis Faith Award children for organising and leading this.

Fr. Keegan will provide an opportunity for P4 to 7 children to go to confession on Tuesday 24th March. He will also celebrate End of Term Mass for us on Thursday 2nd April at 11am. Please note the change of time for this Mass.

I wish to thank Fr. McGuinness, Fr. Keegan and Fr. Trench for their continued support during this time. We keep Fr. Vincent in our prayers daily.

Musical Theatre

Primary 4 to 7 are thoroughly enjoying the Musical Theatre lessons delivered by NL Leisure, which has been funded through our Pupil Equity Fund. The focus of this work is around the well-known story of Matilda by Roald Dahl and explores anti-bullying. At the end of the block of lessons the children will deliver a performance which you will be invited to. Please note that due to time constraints, this will now take place after Easter Break.

Daffodil Tea

Primary 1 to 3 will be hosting a Daffodil Tea in the lead up to Mothering Sunday, with a focus on Our Lady and the important role that Mary our Mother and all mothers/women play in the lives of us all. Further details will be issued shortly and you are all welcome to attend.



Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening is on Thursday 26th March. Appointment letters will be issued this week. Please return the appointment slip as soon as possible after receiving it to ensure we can accommodate as best we can. I will be available throughout this evening to answer any questions/provide any support as required.

Our Community Police Officer, Kerry Whelan, will also be attending. She has kindly offered to set up a stall with a focus on online safety. There will be leaflets available and you are welcome to ask her any questions. I appreciate that the workshops offered in the past have been during the day and this is not accessible for everyone due to work commitments, therefore I hope you find this offer of support useful.

Parent Portal

You may have received an email prompting you to sign up for our new Parent Portal which can be used for adding money to dinner cards, accessing school newsletters electronically and, in the future, making Parents' Evening appointments. Please do not worry if you have not received information as I will send more detail out in a separate letter shortly. I am aware that for those of you who have tried to sign up there may be some difficulty with adding address and name details and that not everyone has actually received the prompt email. Included in the separate letter will be all the details about this new portal and the specific information to use for registering.

Liz McPhie from NLC ICT Services will be available on Parent's Evening to provide support in registering and also to answer any questions you may have. She will be based in our Resource Room at the main entrance.

Parent Focus Group

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend our recent parents' focus group. During this session we discussed home/school communication, opportunities to build on partnership working and also our school values. The feedback was very supportive and helpful. I have now consulted with staff, children and parents on creating a set of shared values and I am now in the process of collating all the information. I will provide an update next term with the agreed values and an updated vision statement.

Staff Photograph Display Board

Wilson Photography will visit the school and nursery on Friday 6th March to take photographs of all staff and create a staff display board, one for the nursery and one for the school. I look forward to seeing the finished product!



Good Hygiene

During this week's assembly the children explored good hygiene practice with a focus on hand washing and what to do when coughing and sneezing. I have ordered hand gel dispensers, one for the nursery and one for outside the dinner hall. All children will be encouraged to clean their hands before entering the hall to eat lunch. If you do not wish your child to use the hand gel dispensers then please let me know in writing so I can ensure that this message is passed to the relevant teachers.

Comments for Improvement and Praise!

As always, I am very grateful for any feedback received. If you have any comments for improvement of comments of praise for the work of the school then please let me know by using the return slip attached. I will provide an end of term newsletter at the end of March.

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:-

Parent's Signature _____

Child's Name _____

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