

Corpus Christi Primary Newsletter

October 2020 Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Dress Down/Crazy Hair Day- Friday
30th October 2020

Interim Reports -
Week beginning 9th
November 2020

Sacrament of First Holy Communion -
Saturday 7th and
14th November 2020
at 12pm

Flu Vaccine -
Tuesday 10th
November 2020

Sacrament of Reconciliation -
Wednesday 18th
November 2020 at
6:30pm

In-service Day
(School and Nursery
closed to children)
Monday 16th
November 2020

Book Week
Scotland - Week
beginning 16th
November 2020

St Andrew's Day -
Monday 30th
November 2020

Christmas Movie Afternoon and Dress Down Day -
Friday 18th
December 2020

Christmas and New Year Holidays -
School/Nursery
closed - Wednesday
23rd December to
Tuesday 5th
January 2021

Health and Safety

Once again I wish to thank all of you who continue to follow our very important health and safety measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and staff.

I will continue to include reminders in our monthly newsletters for as long as these measures remain in place, as we all must remain very aware of the negative impact that any potential COVID cluster could have on our community; both in terms of the impact on health and on schooling.

I must also add that all staff should now wear face coverings when entering/exiting and moving around council buildings. Teaching staff have explained this to the children.

Reminders again include:

- 🛡️ **All adults must adhere to physical distancing at our school gates.**
- 🛡️ **Where physical distancing amongst adults is not possible then face coverings should be worn.**
- 🛡️ **Please stand clear of our gates at all times to allow children the space they need to enter and exit school.**
- 🛡️ **Park away from the school where possible.**
- 🛡️ **No cars should be driven directly past our school gates (with particular attention paid to the Church gate) during times when children are entering or exiting the school grounds. I cannot stress enough the dangers of not adhering to this important safety measure.**
- 🛡️ **Once your child has entered our school grounds they are supervised by staff, therefore parents are **not required** to wait until the school bell rings.**
- 🛡️ **Please do not park on yellow zig zag lines at our main entrance.**
- 🛡️ **Please do not park on areas marked 'keep clear' at Crown Street gate.**
- 🛡️ **Please be mindful of our neighbours when deciding where to park your car**

Your support in these essential matters are vital in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all. Please ensure that anyone else involved in dropping off/collecting your child is fully aware of the above health and safety measures.

Absence/Sickness

Our August newsletter provided detailed information regarding absence/sickness. Please refer to this information if you are unsure of what to do. However, the main message is **please do not send your child to school if he/she is unwell**. All our newsletters are added to our school blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/corpuschristi/newsletters/>

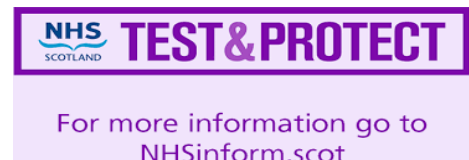
*****Please read the following guidance in relation to coronavirus.*****

Anyone with symptoms, or who has had contact with someone with symptoms, should not attend school. If in school at the time they will be asked to return home and be tested or, if you do not wish to carry out a test, isolate for 10 days.

The symptomatic person should remain at home and everyone in the household should self-isolate until they receive the test results. If the test is positive, they must isolate for 10 days and those in the household for 14 days.

The most common symptoms are:

- 🛡️ New, continuous cough
- 🛡️ Fever/high temperature
- 🛡️ Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste



Please **do not** send your child to school if showing **any** of the above symptoms.

Please phone the office to advise staff if your child is going to be absent from school and if the absence is related to any of the above symptoms, either for the child or for a household member. If a test takes place then please advise the office of the results, positive or negative, as soon as possible.



Spiritual Life of our School

I am delighted to say that dates have now been arranged for our P4 children to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and P5 children to receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**. The dates are as follows:

- 🛡️ First Communion - Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th November 2020 at 12pm
- 🛡️ Reconciliation - Wednesday 18th November at 6:30pm

Mrs Campbell will issue further information regarding specific details for both Sacraments.

As you know, the work of Missio Scotland is something that we care very deeply about in Corpus Christi Primary and the month of October is a month dedicated specifically to celebrating the Pope's official charity. We remind ourselves of the importance of praying for and helping the church in other parts of the world.

We were unable to have our annual Missio Mass this year but we have not let circumstances stand in our way of doing something special to recognise the important work of missionaries around the world. Mrs Stewart worked extremely hard, along with the support of Mrs Gallagher and P7, and Miss Wallace and P6, to create a Missio video to help others understand the important work of Missio, the Mission Rosary and how we can support the work of Missio. This video can be found on our Twitter feed, on our school TEAM and on the Missio Scotland website, where you will also find more information about the work of Missio Scotland.



I wish to thank Fr. Vincent for his continuous spiritual support offered to all children and staff.

<https://www.missioscotland.com/>

Compassion **Honesty** **Respect** **Inclusion** **Safety** **Trust**

Parent Council

As you know, we had some vacancies in our Parent Council. Due to the numbers of interest we had there was a ballot to fill these vacancies. Our Parent Council members are now as follows:

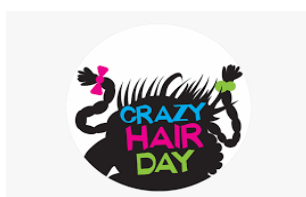
Mrs Laura McIllduff	Chairperson
Ms Kellyann McGraith	Vice Chairperson/Secretary
Mrs Claire McCusker	Parent Member
Ms Sharon McAllister	Parent Member
Mr Richie Brown	Parent Member
Mrs Mari Logan	Parent Member
Mrs Charlene Symington	Parent Member
Mrs Michelle Batchelor	Parent Member
Ms Kelly McGuinness	Parent Member
Mr Brian Skeffington	Co-opted Church Member
Mrs Kate Campbell	Staff Representative
Mrs Angela Ogilvie	Clerk to the Council

Our AGM will take place on Monday 2nd November. As we are unable to hold this event in school this year, we will provide an overview to all parents in the form of an AGM leaflet.

I wish to thank our dedicated Parent Council for all their hard work in being the voice of our parent forum and in finding new ways to ensure all children still experience some of the fun things we previously had before Covid.



Please remember, that as a member of our parent forum, all parents are welcome to share views and give feedback on our school. If you wish to discuss any matter regarding your child's education or any other aspect of our school then please contact me via telephone or email.



Dress Down/Crazy Hair Day

It is very unfortunate that our Parent Council will not be able to hold our annual Halloween Disco this year. Circumstances are very different this year and we appreciate that families will have their own individual ways of approaching upcoming events. However, our Parent Council have organised a Dress Down/Crazy Hair day on Friday 30th October 2020. Children are welcome to come to school out of uniform and make their hair crazy; this can be Halloween themed. Our Parent Council will provide a bag of treats for each child and class teachers will organise some fun Halloween themed activities for the children. There will be a cost of £1 per child on the day.



Christmas Movie Afternoon

More thanks are due to our Parent Council who are organising a Christmas Movie afternoon on Friday 18th December for all classes. This will replace the Movie Night we would usually have and combine the Christmas Parties, as we are unable to take the children into the hall for parties this year. On this day children can come to school wearing their Christmas Party clothes or dress down as they wish. There will be some classroom Christmas activities, Christmas treats and a movie afternoon. The Parent Council will organise movies for each class, therefore we are asking that each child brings £1 along on the day.

Further Christmas events are very much on our minds and we are still in the planning stages of what this might look like. I will provide updates in due course.

Reporting

Due to our current restrictions relating to Covid 19, we are not in a position to have our regular Parents Meetings at this time. We have developed an interim tracking report which will be issued to parents on the week beginning Monday 9th November 2020. If you require a follow up phone call to discuss matters further, this can be arranged by calling the main office for a suitable discussion time. However, again I wish to remind you that if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning and progress you can contact me at any time throughout the school year to discuss further. It is always better to have any necessary conversations sooner rather than later.



Exploring Calderbank

We are very fortunate to have such beautiful outdoor surroundings in Calderbank. We would like to provide opportunities for the children to explore their local area more often and also maximize our opportunities for outdoor learning. Therefore, you will receive a consent form requesting consent for your child to participate in outings within our local area as part of our regular planning of outdoor learning. It would be very helpful if you could return this as soon as possible as we will be unable to start doing this until we have received information regarding consent.



Flu Vaccine

Just a little reminder that our flu immunization programme takes place in school on Tuesday 10th November. Please note that your child will not receive this vaccine if you have not completed the consent paperwork previously issued.

There are other events coming up such as Book Week Scotland and St Andrew's Day. Again, we are very much still in the planning stages of what this may look like this year and will provide further information in due course.

Remember, if you wish to contact me regarding any aspect of your child's learning and wellbeing or the work of our school then please do so via telephone or email.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mary McCreery
Head Teacher