

Corpus Christi Nursery Newsletter

October 2020 Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Dress Up Day- Friday
30th October 2020

Interim Reports -
Week beginning 16th
November 2020

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

Book Week Scotland -
Week beginning 16th
November 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 our nursery education.

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

Reminders again include:

- 🛡️ **All adults must adhere to physical distancing at our school gates / infant playground.**
- 🛡️ **Where physical distancing amongst adults is not possible then face coverings should be worn.**
- 🛡️ **Please stand in our infant playground to drop off/collect your child.**
- 🛡️ **NO ACCESS to the nursery between 8:50am to 9:10am due to school children entering.**
- 🛡️ **Park away from the school/nursery where possible and be mindful of our neighbours when parking cars.**
- 🛡️ **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.**



Unfortunately, there continues to be occasions where nursery parents are entering the school grounds in the mornings when the school children are starting school for the day. I appreciate the difficulties these time constraints may bring but it is vital that no adult enters our school grounds when the school children are lining up in the yard and awaiting entry to school or when school staff are collecting their class. Most of the time, children have entered the building by 9.05am and I must ask again that all nursery parents please wait until the grounds are clear before entering if dropping off later than 8:40am. **Also, if you intend on dropping off or collecting your child out with the set times then please phone our office on 01236 794843 to make arrangements. Our gates are closed during the day and must remain this way for security reasons. We also have children and staff out in our school grounds at various times throughout the day so please do not enter our school grounds out with these times unless you have made an arrangement and we are expecting you.**

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

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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 nursery if he/she is unwell**. All our newsletters are added to our school/nursery 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 nursery if showing **any** of the above symptoms.

Please phone the office to advise staff if your child is going to be absent from nursery 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.



Dress Up Day

It is very unfortunate that we will not be able to hold our annual Halloween Party this year. Circumstances are very different this year and we appreciate that families will have their own individual ways of approaching upcoming events. However, children are welcome to bring a 'dress up' costume in a bag on Friday 30th October 2020. Where possible, this should be something simple for staff to support children in putting on and even better if it is a 'dress up' type costume that can go over usual clothes. Our older children have been very familiar with dressing up in nursery in the past, as this is an activity we had regularly before Covid. Please do not include any props or loose items. The nursery staff will provide some fun Halloween activities for the children in the afternoon of that day.

Further events, such as Christmas, 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.

Nursery Environment

You may have seen on Twitter that our nursery staff have been working extremely hard on developing our nursery environment. This is part of our ongoing improvement work to create a natural feel to our indoor space and maximize the use of our outdoor space and to have a focus on 'loose parts play'. This work will continue throughout this session.



Exploring Autumn and 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. Our learning theme at the moment is autumn, therefore walks in our community would be perfect for enhancing learning.



Reporting

Due to our current restrictions relating to Covid 19, we are not in a position to have our regular face to face Wellbeing Meetings at this time. We have developed an interim report which will be issued to parents on the week beginning Monday 16th 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/or wellbeing then you can contact me or Miss Houston at any time throughout the nursery year to discuss further. It is always better to have any necessary conversations sooner rather than later. It is essential that we continue to work in partnership and keep channels of communication open, particularly during these very different circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mary McCreery
Head Teacher

