

# Corpus Christi Primary Newsletter

March 2021 Newsletter



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## Diary Dates

Spring Break -  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
2021

Good Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 2021

Easter Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 2021

Easter Monday - 5<sup>th</sup>  
April 2021

May Day Holiday -  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
2021

In-Service Day -  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
2021

Online Parents  
Appointments -  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

May Weekend  
Holiday - Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> May and  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
2021

Summer Holiday -  
school closes  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
2021 at 1pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so very glad to be writing this newsletter in the knowledge that all children will be back at school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Once again we have experienced a very challenging school term but with the support from you as parents and from our school community, we are overcoming these challenges - so thank you!

## Lent

Our Lenten Calendar of fun activities is back this year!



We have been waiting for P4-7 children to return before starting any events, however, for the next three weeks there will be plenty of fun activities to help us raise some money for charity and also to have some time for prayer and reflection to help us continue our journey of strengthening our faith during this Lenten period. A calendar is attached for you so you and your child can keep track of what is coming up.

We wish to thank our Parent Council for their continuous support to our school and your children. Easter treat bags will be provided this term by our Parent Council. Thank you Parent Council for all that you do to make the current situation better for the children of Corpus Christi!

I know that Sacrament dates will be on the minds of some. Once plans have been discussed with Fr. Vincent I will ensure any relevant information is passed on to you.



## Improving our Indoor Environment

I am delighted to say that the school and nursery is being re-carpeted. Our rooms most certainly require freshening up and this has been given the go ahead. I am still awaiting a start date but it will be very soon.

## Reporting to Parents

Following a planning meeting with teaching staff I can confirm that there will be an offer of an online parents' appointment using video call on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. An appointment letter will be emailed to parents early next term and I kindly ask that, where possible, you respond via email. If you require a printed letter then please call the office to let our office staff know. Further details will be issued in due course.

A final written report detailing your child's progress will be issued in June.

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## Learning and Teaching

When the children return to school our focus will be on continuing to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy and also on ensuring the health and wellbeing of all. The health and wellbeing curriculum will have a significant focus to ensure that all children are achieving their full potential and are well supported. We will continue to give focus to our school values and encourage positive relationships and behaviours for the wellbeing of everyone.

Our usual assessment calendar will continue and if there are any concerns regarding your child's progress, we will discuss this with you.

There will be no formal homework before the Easter break. Our priority is to support children in their return to in school learning routines. However, we would always encourage reading for enjoyment at home.



## Dinner Money

Please ensure that you check your child has enough dinner money if ordering a school lunch and not eligible for free school meals. This can be checked by accessing Parent Portal. Please ensure any owing amounts are paid in full. If your child owes dinner money then a text will be sent to alert you. Following that, a letter or email will be sent to alert you to the amount owed and request that this be paid.



<https://parentsportal.scot/home/>

## Health and Safety

I would like to remind everyone of our important health and safety measures and ask that all parents comply with this.

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.



Reminders again include:

- 🛡️ **All adults must adhere to physical distancing at our school gates and wear face coverings, unless medically exempt.**
- 🛡️ **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.**
- 🛡️ **No cars should be driven directly past our school gates (with particular attention given 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.**

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- 🛡️ Please be mindful of our neighbours when deciding where to park your car
- 🛡️ Children should not arrive before 8:55am

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



## Allergies

A reminder that we continue to be a 'nut free zone'. We have children in our school with severe nut allergies therefore, to ensure the safety of all children, our school is a nut free zone. Please also note that we cannot accept birthday cakes being brought into school.

## Absence/Sickness

Our school pupil absence/sickness policy remains the same for non COVID-19 related illness which is as follows (based on NHS guidance):

- 🛡️ Any child who is unwell **should remain at home** until they are well again.
- 🛡️ Children with sickness/diarrhoea should stay at home until they have had no symptoms for 48 hours after an episode.
- 🛡️ Runny noses are not necessarily a reason to stay at home but if your child is unwell then they should stay at home until they are well again.
- 🛡️ Skin rashes should be professionally diagnosed and a child need only stay at home if advised by a health professional.

**However, the following COVID-19 guidance must be followed.**

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. They should remain at home and everyone in the household should self-isolate until they receive any test results. If the test is positive, they must isolate for 10 days and the close contact should now also book a PCR test, further information on this would be provided by Test and Protect Scotland.

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 your child is unwell and, in particular, if showing any of the above symptoms of coronavirus or a family member is getting a test for symptoms. If a household member has to book a test due to symptoms then the full household should isolate until the results are known.**

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