

Corpus Christi Nursery Newsletter

March 2021 Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Spring Break -
Friday 2nd April to
Friday 16th April
2021 (inclusive)

Good Friday - 2nd
April 2021

Easter Sunday - 4th
April 2021

Easter Monday - 5th
April 2021

May Day Holiday -
Monday 3rd May
2021

In-Service Day -
Thursday 6th May
2021

Online Wellbeing
and Progress
Appointments - 4th
and 5th May 2021

May Weekend
Holiday - Friday
28th May and
Monday 31st May
2021

Summer Holiday -
nursery closes
Thursday 24th June
2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your understanding, patience and support, particularly over the past couple of weeks when we have had to reduce our hours. It is the absolute last resort to reduce to 600 hours and something that I am always striving very hard to avoid.

Environment Update

Our nursery team continue to work extremely hard to improve our indoor and outdoor environment. We have recently had a new carpet fitted and work is continuing to lay new non-slip vinyl. New resources continue to be purchased to help create a calm, natural, and nurturing environment.



Our outdoor space is also going through some improvements. Fencing is being moved to extend the outdoor space and provide more grass areas for play. Our shed is being refurbished into an outdoor cosy area and new resources have been purchased to promote loose parts play and stimulate curiosity.

In addition to all of this, we as a team feel that the time has come to explore opportunities for a new nursery logo which reflects the environment we are creating. We will do this by way of a competition for the school and nursery children to design a new logo and the winning design will become our new Corpus Christi Nursery image. I will keep you updated with how this project is going.

Wellbeing and Progress Appointments

I can confirm that there will be an offer of an online wellbeing and progress appointment using video call on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May. An appointment time and instructions to join will be emailed to parents early next term and I kindly ask that, where possible, you respond via email if you are unable to attend. Please note that appointment times will be between 3pm and 4pm during staff working hours.



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



Easter

Our staff are organising an Easter party for the children on Thursday 1st April. Children are welcome to wear an Easter head piece or bring an Easter bonnet for this occasion. Please note that there is no expectation for parents to make an Easter bonnet, this is an option but not a requirement. All children will receive an Easter egg to take 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 our early years education.



Reminders again include:

- 🛡️ All adults must adhere to physical distancing at our school gates/infant playground.
- 🛡️ Face covering must be worn by all adults unless medically exempt.
- 🛡️ Please stand in our infant playground to drop off/collect your child rather than at the nursery door - this allows our staff to maintain safe distancing.
- 🛡️ **NO ACCESS to the nursery between 8:50am to 9:05am 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.**

If you intend on dropping off or collecting your child out with the

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set times then please phone our office on 01236 794843 to make arrangements and use the main entrance. Our gates are closed out with drop off and collection times and must not be opened by parents for security reasons. Our staff expect the gates to be closed when they bring children outside to play - we are doing this to keep your children safe.

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.

Absence/Sickness

Our nursery 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 on their own 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 nursery. If in nursery 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 nursery 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 nursery then please do so via telephone or email.

Please note that our nursery closes at 2:45pm on Thursday 1st April for spring break.

Again, I wish to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all a wonderful Easter and spring break when it comes.

Mary McCreery

Head Teacher