



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE... MATTHEW 5



Dear Families

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Corpus Christi for the academic year 2024 to 2025. It is so lovely to walk around our school and see all of the children's happy faces as they settle back into their new classes with their friends and new teachers. A very special welcome to our new parents and children who have joined our Corpus Christi family. We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your precious child's nursery and primary education.

The children look extremely smart in their school uniforms and black school shoes. They must wear their full uniform every day unless it is a PE day. Unfortunately, I have noticed a variety of coloured trainers in PE – a gentle reminder that these must also be plain and black.

As we enter the season of Autumn and it becomes colder, please make sure your child has a warm coat in school every day. All coats and clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name. It is almost impossible for staff to help with finding lost items if they are not labelled.

During the Summer holidays, all our classrooms were decorated and now look very clean and modern, creating a calm and fresh learning environment for the children to work in.

As a result of her marriage over the Summer, Miss Taylor (Early Years) has now changed her name to Mrs Evans.

Over the next few weeks we will be confirming key dates for the Autumn term – especially for Christmas events – and I will pass these onto you as soon as possible.

Warmest Wishes

Mrs Maxwell

Parent and Toddler Group

We are currently investigating the possibility of setting up a regular Parent and Toddler group in school. In order to do this, we would need some parent volunteers to help us to organise and operate this.



If you feel able to support us with this, please contact Mrs Clarke or Mrs Simpson in Early Years.

Sport and PE Update

We have made some exciting changes to our PE this year. Firstly, we will be following a new curriculum called **GetSet4PE**. This curriculum focuses on fundamental skills, encourages healthy competition, contains many different sports and most importantly ensures our children are as active as possible! Secondly, Mr Hudson and Mrs Evans will be leading PE for Key Stage 2 this year and the first couple of weeks have been very successful with our children enjoying every minute. Finally, in every PE lesson we will be focusing on an Olympic and Paralympic value and handing a certificate out to a child who has demonstrated one of these very important values.



Throughout school, we use Ten:Ten Resources to support our Prayer and Liturgy sessions. Each month, they publish a parent newsletter which shares the themes covered in school with parents. Here is the link to this month's newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Corpus Christi Nursery Admissions 2024

We currently have spaces in our Nursery for September 2024 and January 2025.

We can offer the following:

- A newly refurbished and well-equipped Early Years Unit
- Flexible provision to suit your needs – 15 or 30 hours.
- Recently graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted (November 2023)
- A caring and supportive environment with an engaging curriculum and skilled staff team.

Our brand new school website is now live. Please check it out on :

<https://corpuschristigateshead.bwcet.com/>

Parental Survey – July 2024

Thank you to all the parents who completed our parental survey which we sent out at the end of the summer term. We were thrilled with the outcomes.

Here are the results:

1. **100% of parents stated that overall their child's experience of the school was good or very good.**
2. **93% of parents stated that their child had an adult in school that they trusted.**
3. **100% of parents agreed that their child learned a lot in school.**
4. **83% of parents felt the amount of homework they received was about right.**
5. **98% of parents felt that school helped their child to grow as a person, not just academically.**

In light of these results, we will review our homework programme this year. Class Teachers welcome comments from parents, via class dojo, regarding the amount of homework provided. We will also continue our focus on 'trusted adults' to ensure all children feel they have at least one adult they can always turn to for help and support.

Parents made many positive comments about our school.

'Teachers are fantastic. They are great with the kids and have great relationships with everyone. The quality of education is good and the school educates the whole child.'

'It is a small school therefore everyone is looking after each other and support each other, everyone knows each other by name and they are close to each other, it gives a feeling of security and it feels like one big family.'

We also welcome the comments that will help us to improve. These comments generally focussed on increasing the variety of after school clubs, arrangements at the gates and homework. We will do our best to consider these and implement changes where necessary.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with trips etc. If this is something you feel you could help us with, please contact our School Office.

We are also very keen to develop our 'Friends of Corpus Christi' group next year – please get involved and help us plan some great activities for your children.