



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'... MATTHEW 5



Newsletter November 2024

Dear Families

Welcome to our November Newsletter. In addition to our monthly newsletter, Class Teachers will post a 'Weekly Round Up' on Class Dojo, every Friday, where they will share news, photographs and information about what children have been learning during the week and any information you need for the following week. We will also be posting news of events on our new website, so please visit regularly.

www.corpuschristigateshead.bwcet.com

Visit from Bishop Stephen

It was a pleasure to welcome Bishop Stephen to our school this week. He enjoyed having a tour and popped in to each class to speak to all our children. Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Q&A session, where they were able to ask lots of questions to find out about his role and get to know him better – he was a barrister before he became a Priest.

Next, Bishop Stephen joined Years 2, 3 & 4 in a Celebration of the Word which reflected on Pope Francis' letter, Laudato 'Si. Bishop Stephen is passionate about caring for God's world; his reflection encouraged us each to do one small thing to make a big difference. Our Year 4 children each wrote a letter in response to Laudato 'Si in which they explained how they are trying to 'live wisely, think deeply and love generously.' Children in Years 2 and 3 each made their own promise to look after our common home.

Before he left us, Bishop Stephen was treated to several songs from our fabulous school choir whilst he enjoyed a cup of tea with some of our school community.

We really enjoyed our time with Bishop Stephen and we hope he comes back to see us again some time.



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Maths Lessons

Following the positive feedback from parents who joined in with Maths lessons last year, we have decided to offer this opportunity again. Parents are invited to join their children in class on the following dates:

Y2 Wednesday 13th November 9-9.30am

Y3 Wednesday 20th November 9-9.30am

Y4 Tuesday 26th November 9-9.30am

Y5 Thursday 21st November 9-9.30am

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how Maths is taught in school. If you would like to join, please dojo your class teacher as we can only accommodate a small number of parents at a time.

Christmas Fair

We are very excited to be holding a Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November from 3:30pm – 5pm. There will be a range of stalls including a Teddy Tombola, Non-alcoholic bottle stall, a cake stall, Christmas crafts, face painting and much more! Refreshments will also be available to buy and we will be treated to some festive tunes from our spectacular school choir. Rumour has it that Santa Claus will also pay us a visit (details to follow).

We would be very grateful for any donations of the following: Soft toys, Bottles e.g. juice, bubble bath (non-alcoholic), Books, Toys, Prizes for the raffle, Chocolate

Please send any donations in to school from **Monday 11th November**.

Thank you!

Christmas Shopping

In the run up to Christmas, you may want to consider purchasing a small musical instrument for your child as a present. Year 5 study the ukulele and Years 3 & 4 are learning to play the recorder. Here are some links that may be useful to you:

[Ukulele](#) and [Recorder](#)

There is also a useful list of suggested texts for all ages on Class Dojo, which you may also want to consider purchasing as Christmas gifts.

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Class Dojo

As you know, we use Class Dojo (alongside our 'official' Arbor system) as an everyday 'quick and easy', messaging app with parents. It is a great system and the translation options are particularly useful for parents where English is not their first language. Through this app, parents have the ability to directly contact class teachers at any time. Most of the time this works very well. However, this app must not be used as a means to make a complaint or express comments towards staff that could cause offense, worry or upset. Staff often access these messages via their own personal devices but please be aware that there is no expectation for them to respond outside of school hours. It is also important to note that as Teachers are teaching all day, they may not see or be able to respond to your message immediately. If you need an immediate response, please contact the School Office. Use of this app will need to be removed if it is not used appropriately or causes extra workload or distress.

If you wish to raise an issue or concern, please do so through the school office - email/telephone or 'in person' are all appropriate. In addition, I am almost always present on the school gate in the mornings and able to discuss any concerns then or make an appointment to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

<i>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...</i>		
NOVEMBER 2024		
Monday 4th November	Children return to school after half term holiday	
w/c Monday 4th November	Parent Calls Y2-Y6 (to be arranged with Class Teachers)	
Wednesday 6th November	Visit from Bishop Stephen	All Parents welcome to join us at 11am for tea /coffee and to meet the Bishop
Wednesday 6th November	Y1 History Workshop – 'That History Bloke' – Toys	
Friday 8th November	Other Faiths assembly (Y1 to Y6)	
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Service led by Y5	10.30am in School Hall Y5 Families Welcome
w/c Monday 11th November	Y1 Parent Calls (to be arranged with class Teacher)	
Tuesday 12th November	Nursery Parent Meetings	
Wednesday 13th November	Y5 Storytelling Workshop	

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Wednesday 13 th November	Y2 Maths Lesson	Y2 Parents invited into school to participate in Maths Lesson 9.00am
Thursday 14 th November	Y2 History Workshop – 'That History Bloke' The Great Fire of Gateshead	
Friday 15 th November	Reception Parent Meetings	
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	
Monday 18 th November	Author Visit to school	
Wednesday 20 th November	Y5 Storytelling Workshop	Gateshead Library
Wednesday 20 th November	Y3 Maths Lesson	Y3 Parents invited into school to participate in Maths Lesson 9.00am
Thursday 21 st November	Y6 to SafetyWorks, Newcastle	
Thursday 21 st November	Y5 to Mass at Corpus Christi Church	10.00am
Friday 22 nd November	French Culture Day	
Monday 25 th November	KS2 Reconciliation Service	
Tuesday 26 th November	Parent Workshop – Online Safety	9.00am in School Hall All Parents Welcome
Tuesday 26 th November	Y6 Voice for Equality Workshop	
Tuesday 26 th November	Y4 Maths Lesson	Y4 Parents invited into school to participate in Maths Lesson 9.00am
Wednesday 27 th November	Y5 Storytelling Workshop	Gateshead Library
Wednesday 27 th November	Y6 Voice for Equality Workshop	
Wednesday 27 th November	Y5 Maths Lesson	Y5 Parents invited into school to participate in Maths Lesson 9.00am
Thursday 28 th November	Y6 History Workshop – 'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks	
Thursday 28 th November	Northern Landscapes Art Assembly	
Friday 29 th November	Advent Family Prayer All Families welcome to join us.	8.30am in Entrance to School and led by Mini Vinnies.
Friday 29 th November	School Christmas Fayre	3.30 to 4.45pm in School Hall All Families Welcome
DECEMBER 2024		
Tuesday 3 rd December	Mini Vinnies Meeting	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 4 th December	Y5 Storytelling Workshop	Gateshead Library

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Friday 6 th December	Advent Family Prayer All Families welcome to join us.	8.30am in Entrance to School and led by Mini Vinnies.
Friday 6 th December	Other Faiths Assembly	
Monday 9 th December	Y4 and Y6 Music Sharing Workshop	2.45pm in School Hall Y4 and Y6 parents Welcome
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Service	2.00pm in Corpus Christi Church All families Welcome
Thursday 12 th December	Early Years Nativity Play	9.15am Nursery and Reception Families Welcome
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity Play (Y1 and Y2)	10.30am Y1 and Y2 Families Welcome
Friday 13 th December	Advent Family Prayer All Families welcome to join us.	8.30am in Entrance to School and led by Mini Vinnies.
Monday 16 th December	Early Years Christmas Party	
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Disco (Y3,4,5 and 6)	Times TBC
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper and Crafts Day Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday 19 th December	KS1 Christmas Party (Y1 and 2)	
Friday 20 th December	Advent Family Prayer All Families welcome to join us.	8.30am in Entrance to School and led by Mini Vinnies.
Friday 20 th December	Last day at school before Christmas Holidays.	
Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January		

A Remembrance Service will be held in the School Hall on Monday 11th November at 10.30am and led by the children in Y5.

Parents and families of children in Y5 are welcome to join us.

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In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

