



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

YOUR LIGHT SHINE... MATTHEW 5



Dear Parents

I would like to welcome all our children and families back to school after the summer break. All our children have returned 'full of beans' and eager for the year ahead. They have settled well into their new classes and look very smart in their uniforms. A very special welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery parents. We are thrilled that you have chosen Corpus Christi for your child's primary education.

Our school is currently in an extremely strong position. We are part of a flourishing and developing Academy Trust (BWCET) with expertise and support we can utilize. Admission numbers have risen significantly and we are now almost full in each year group with waiting lists for practically every class. We have a stable team of skilled and experienced staff and governors. Across school our children achieved excellent academic results and progress was outstanding. You can view these in more detail here <https://www.corpuschristigateshead.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Corpus-Christi-Results-2023.pdf>

Our building and environment have also improved each year. This summer, we have had a new library installed and have plans for new outside gates and the upstairs classrooms to be decorated.

We could not achieve this without the support of all our wonderful families who continue to work closely with the school to secure the best outcomes for all our children.

Each new year brings new challenges and new opportunities. I am excited about the plans we have developed this year to continue to move our school forward – constantly improving and developing in all areas. I will share these with you as the year progresses. However, we always welcome your views on all areas of school life and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them. I am keen to find solutions that will work for everyone.

Warmest Wishes

Mrs Maxwell

Head Teacher



Changes to the School Day...

As from September all schools across the Bishop Wilkinson Trust will deliver a school week of 32.5 hours. In response to this, we have made some slight changes to our school day as from September.

Early Years and KS1 (Y1/2) - Start of the school day 8.45am and end of the school day 3.15pm.

KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) - Start of the school day 8.50am and end of the school day 3.20pm.

Please make sure you have downloaded the ARBOR APP to pay for and book clubs, trips, dinner money etc.

We would be grateful if all parents could check their personal details on Arbor and update any changes in addresses, telephone numbers etc.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS (For Y6 Parents)

The online school admissions application system opens on Friday 8 September 2023, for parents to apply for their child's secondary school place. You will receive a letter about this today. Parents have until 31 October 2023 to apply for a place. It is absolutely essential that you apply before this date or risk missing out on the school of your choice. It is also important to put down more than one choice – otherwise, if you are not successful at your first-choice school you will be randomly allocated a school with places left.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS (For Nursery parents)

The online school admissions application system opens on Friday 8 September 2023, for parents to apply for their child's primary school place. Parents have until 15th January 2024 to apply for a place.

New School Library

Over the summer holidays, we had a brand-new library fitted in school.

My vision is that this will be a 'Curriculum Library' full of wonderful non-fiction books linked to and expanding on our topic areas throughout school. As a result, our children will have unlimited access to a wide range of information texts to expand their thinking and knowledge in all different areas. Children will continue to have their high-quality reading books but will also have their information book to read alongside and both will be changed regularly.

Obviously, this will require a significant financial investment in books. All of our fundraising activities next year will be dedicated to developing our 'Curriculum Library'. We will keep you posted on the progress...

We hope to have our new library up and running within the next two weeks.



How to... book Breakfast and Tea Time Club places on Arbor. Scan the QR code in Reception Area to get step by step instructions.

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

W/c 11th September – Y5 Bikeability

28th November – Year 6 History Workshop

4th December – Year 2 History Workshop

Friday 20th October – School closes for half term holiday

Monday 30th October – School opens after half term holiday.

School Gates

Thank you for your patience and cooperation regarding the school gates and entry into school. I understand how frustrating it can be as we are so restricted with only two narrow entrances into our school and the need to safely welcome 236 children within the space of 5/10 minutes.

As I'm sure you appreciate, all our Early Years and KS1 children need to be handed over individually from parent to teacher. For this to happen safely and effectively, it is essential that we form a queue either side of the gates. If you are escorting a Junior child to school, we ask that you stay well back from the gates until our younger children have entered school. Please refrain from standing either side of the barriers in front of the gates.

Reception, Nursery, Y1, Y3 and Y4 enter school via the Dunsmuir Grove gates.

Y2, Y5 and Y6 enter school via the Kelvin Grove gates.

We will continue to review this system.