



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

We live our lives like Jesus



Newsletter 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest 2024

Standing in Solidarity with our Neighbour



Catholic Social Teaching teaches us that we stand in solidarity with our neighbour. This means we walk the walk with our neighbours through our compassion and empathy. We may not experience the same hardship or challenges as our local and global neighbours but we do recognise that we stand up for others to ensure they can have the life

chances we have.

This term, we are standing in solidarity with our local neighbours, especially Bucklands Soup Kitchen, who provide a hot meal for local people every Wednesday. Our Mini-Vinnies will be launching our Harvest Appeal next week, asking children to donate either tinned or packaged foods or money (via Scopay—Charity Donations) for our Harvest Collection which will run until Thursday 24th October where we will celebrate with Mass at 2pm and hand over our donations to the Buckland Soup Kitchen. Parents are welcome to join us for Mass in the church. This year we are specifically asking that children donate through their own efforts. E.g. Complete a few chores and earn a packet of biscuits or tea bags. Give up sweets, crisps or biscuits for a day/week and donate any money saved to our Harvest appeal. By doing something, children will show they are standing in solidarity with our local neighbours.



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Drop off and Collection

Gates open from 8.35-8.45am and 3.15-.3.25pm

Please can I remind parents that children in Years R-4 and those in Year 5 and 6 must be brought to and collected from school by an adult. Children in Years 5 and 6 with permission from a parent can walk to and from home and school without an adult. However, they cannot bring younger brothers and sisters to school. Parents do need to wait with their child until the gate is open; we've spotted a number of children in years R-4 who are being left without adult supervision.

Due to the number of children who are being collected late (i.e after 3.25pm) we will be establishing a late policy, including fines for parents whose children are collected later from school on more than 3 occasions in the year.

Year R Welcome Liturgy

We are inviting you to join your child /children to our welcome liturgy on Wednesday 23rd October at 2:30pm in the church. It would be a great opportunity for staff, children and parents of our new children to gather together to celebrate the word of God.

Hair

Please can we remind parents of our expectations for hair and hair styles in school. It is really important that hair, longer than shoulder length is tied back, especially if fringes are covering eyes.

Children may wear small ribbons or bands but large bows, coloured beads and hair bands should be kept for the weekends and holidays and not for school. We have a number of children with braids containing beads—please can these be removed asap—I frequently see beads hitting other children when a child moves their head!

Hair should be of a natural colour hue and therefore we do not allow brightly dyed hair in school. We also do not allow extreme hair cuts and would expect hair cuts to be of a blended style without a significant distinction between the length of hair on the top and sides.

Uniform reminders.... Socks and Shoes

Polite reminder—girls may wear knee length, ankle socks or tights. Over the knee socks are not part of our uniform policy and girls will be asked to change them or roll them down so they are below the knee.

Shoes must be black and sensible for school.

GOOD SHEPHERD

BUMBLEBEES --- SAMUEL
 LADYBIRDS --- MARILYN
 OWLS --- OTTILIE
 HEDGEHOGS --- OLIVER.B
 BADGERS --- ZELINE
 DOLPHINS --- IVY
 ORCAS --- SERAH
 STARFISH --- AXEL
 KINGFISHERS --- GIUSEPPE
 KESTRELS --- MABEL
 STARLINGS --- SAMARA



BUMBLEBEES --- TEDDY
 LADYBIRDS --- KESTER
 OWLS --- ZUZANNA
 HEDGEHOGS --- POPPY
 BADGERS --- DOMINIK
 DOLPHINS --- NELA
 ORCAS --- RAISA
 STARFISH --- PHILIP
 KINGFISHERS --- BELLE
 KESTRELS --- NIKODEM
 STARLINGS --- TOMMY

GOLDEN BOOK

Aylin (Starfish) - Super Maths

Nicola (Starfish) - Super Maths

Cyprian (Starfish) - Working independently

Haizal (Ladybirds) - Super drawing and labelling

PE Days – Autumn Term

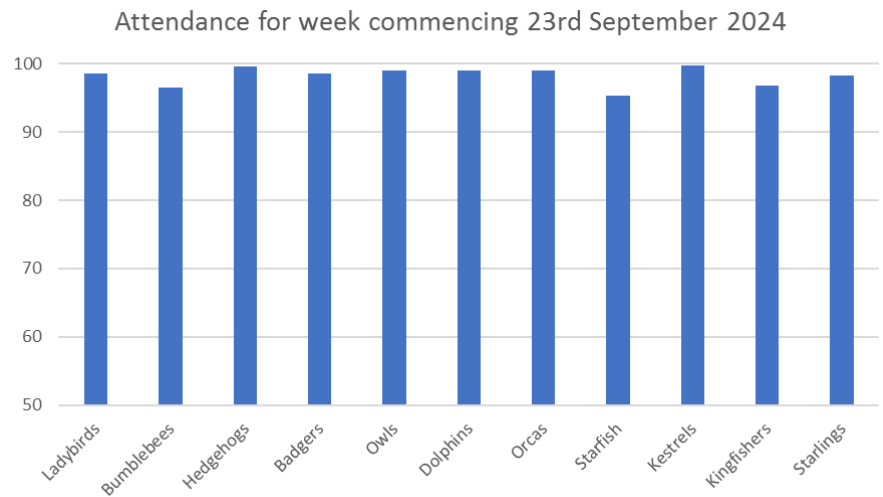
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins yr3.4 (Mrs Kelly)	Orcas yr3.4 (Mr Clark)	Bumblebees yrR (Mrs Miles)	Kestrels yr5.6 (Mrs Precious)	Owls yr1.2 (Ms Martinez)
Starfish yr3.4 (Mrs Hassana)		Ladybirds yrR (Miss Longyear)	Starlings yr5.6 (Mrs Gosney)	Hedgehogs yr1.2 (Mrs Thiba)
		Owls yr1.2 (Ms Martinez)	Kingfishers yr5.6 (Miss Dawson)	Badgers yr1.2 (Miss Elsom)
		Hedgehogs yr2 (Mrs Thiba)	Dolphins yr3.4 (Mrs Kelly)	Kestrels yr5.6 (Mrs Precious)
		Badgers yr1.2 (Miss Elsom)	Starfish yr3.4 (Mrs Hassana)	Starlings yr5.6 (Mrs Gosney)
			Orcas yr3.4 (Mr Clark)	Kingfishers yr5.6 (Miss Dawson)



Attendance

Well done to Hedgehogs & Kestrels class for almost 100% attendance last week, also to Owls, Dolphins & Orcas classes for 99% attendance!

Amazing attendance for all classes!



Attendance Expectations

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence or alert us via the Studybugs app.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for your child's usual means of transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

In case you don't know already, we use an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. You can use it to tell us if your child's ill and unable to attend school. If your child has been off of school for a few days and we have only

had contact via the Studybugs app we may still contact you for further information.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th October	Ladybirds Height & Weight Checks
Wednesday 9th October	Bumblebees Height & Weight Checks
Thursday 17th October	School Nurse appointments (<i>booking required</i>)
Wednesday 23rd October	Year R Welcome Liturgy @ 2.30pm
Thursday 24th October	Harvest Mass @ 2pm
Friday 25th October	8.45/9am Drop-In/Coffee Morning hosted by Ms Fripp and Mrs Kirk
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	HALF TERM - school closed for all children
Wednesday 13th November - Friday 15th November	Yr 4 Stubbington Residential
Thursday 14th November	School Nurse appointments (<i>booking required</i>)
Monday 25th November	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fiesta 3.15pm - 4.45pm
Tuesday 10th December	YrR Nativity @ TBC
Thursday 12th December	School Nurse appointments (<i>booking required</i>) Yr3-6 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day Yr1-2 Nativity @ 2pm-3pm
Friday 13th December	YrR-2 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 17th December	Grandparents Tea Party @ 1.45pm
Friday 20th December	Yr3-6 Carol Service at 2.15pm
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children
Tuesday 11th February - Friday 14th February	Yr 6 Runways End Residential
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	HALF TERM - school closed for all children
Monday 24th February	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY - school closed for all children
Friday 23rd May	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	HALF TERM - school closed for all children
Friday 4th July	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Wednesday 23rd July - Tuesday 2nd September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children

Parents are warmly welcomed to join us for Mass and Liturgies.

Zoom Sleep Course for parents

*"Sleep is as important for survival as food and water;
yet most people know very little about this vitally important process.
80% of children with a special educational need or disability struggle to sleep."*



Join Nickie Sutton, experienced sleep practitioner and trainer, for sessions to learn more about sleep and how you can help children sleep better.

These sessions are specially written for parents of children with additional needs and disabilities and are interactive so that your specific questions and needs are answered.

Course

Session 1. How and Why we Sleep. What our brains need us to do to sleep well.

Session 2. SEND and Sleep. How sensory processing differences, autism, anxiety, ADHD and other conditions make sleep so much harder, and how you can help.

Both sessions are 90 minutes long with time at the end for questions.

You will need to commit to attend both sessions;
as the strategies discussed in session 2 relate back to what is covered in session 1.

NEXT COURSE



Mondays 28th & 30th September 2024, 10am 12pm
Tuesdays, 5th & 12th November 2024 7pm 9pm



RESERVE YOUR PLACE

www.portsmouthparentvoice.org/sleepcourse



Further information please email: ppvadmin@hportsmouth.org.uk

Nickie Sutton has been a sleep practitioner for 6 years and developed the successful and effective sleep courses for Space4Autism in Cheshire which have been running for over 8 years. Prior to this Nickie was a nurse for 34 years, most recently working as a Specialist Community Public Health School Nurse, and ADHD Nurse Specialist. Her background means that she is scrupulous about offering evidence based advice that is grounded in science. She is currently one of small team of experienced sleep practitioners working on the National Sleep Helpline and in 2022 was commissioned by the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (NH8) to run a new Cheshire East sleep service for neurodiverse children and young people.





Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL



Portsmouth Leisure Card

With the half term holidays approaching, why not see if you or your family are entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card. which offers residents to discounts of **up to 50%** at Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as some other services and attractions.

The Leisure Card is **free** and is available to residents who receive **means-tested benefits** living within the **PO1 to PO6** areas of the city (*and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay council tax to Portsmouth City Council*)

You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre as well as discount on beach hut rental and allotments. *Please note that discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent to you when you receive your Leisure Card.*

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

- **How to apply** :Visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online www.portsmouth.gov.uk or you can also apply via your local library, community centre or housing office. (*Please bring along proof of benefits to be checked*)

If you have any questions, then please do call **02392 688797** or email
CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Eligible benefits.

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Working tax credit
- Housing benefit
- Council Tax Support (excludes statutory 25% single persons discount)
- Pension credit (guarantee credit element only)
- Foster carers with foster children (use the online application link and upload a signed letter from your supervising social worker as evidence)
- Children in Supported Accommodation – (children aged 16-18 cared for by PCC - validated by their social worker or sponsors letter)
- Asylum Seekers – Please note you will be asked to reference your Home Office number supplied by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary

