



2015 Edition

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of a very long and busy term is almost upon us and we are really looking forward to our Easter Liturgy which will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st April in St. Peter's Church. Everybody is most welcome to attend and we thank the parish and clergy at St. Peter's for their welcome and hospitality. Being part of our Easter Liturgy is the most wonderful way to get ready for the Easter Triduum in our own parishes.

Preparations for our Estyn and Section 50 Inspection and the actual inspections themselves were focal points in school life this term. The Estyn report will be available on its website on 18th April. Nothing may be divulged about the findings at this stage but I would like to thank all the parents who attended the meeting and all the staff and pupils who worked so incredibly hard to let our visitors see us at our best. The Section 50 report has just been published and you will find it on our school website. I hope that you enjoy reading it. Mrs Pavlovic, Head of R.E., along with all the staff in the R.E. department and indeed everybody associated with the school have the right to celebrate! Indeed, this would be an opportune time to congratulate Mrs. Pavlovic upon her appointment as Deputy Headteacher.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Together we are the body of Christ

- In our school community we will
- show our love by helping and forgiving each other
- recognise that everyone is unique and celebrate their differences
- value ourselves, develop our talents and help others to develop theirs
- strive for excellence in everything we do
- grow closer to God in word, in Sacrament and in what we do
- live in partnership with all those around us
- respond to Christ's call to build His kingdom.

As well as having Estyn and Section 50 inspectors visit us, we have also recently had a number of surveys undertaken regarding the safety of our pupils as they arrive at and leave school. As a result of recommendations from these experts, it has been decided that parents will no longer be able to park on the school drive at the end of the school day. Double yellow lines will be painted on the drive during the Easter Holidays. Although this will cause inconvenience to the ten or twelve parents who park on the drive, it is for the safety of all the pupils.

There is already congestion outside the school gate so parents who drive their children home are advised to meet their children further away. On this point, I would like to point out that I have had a number of requests from local residents asking that cars are not parked across their driveways. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, but hope that you realise that the decision has been made for the benefit and safety of all pupils.

Another matter that has come to my attention recently is the number of pupils who have not got into the routine of looking after their bus passes and showing them to the driver on every journey. Drivers do not have to transport pupils without their passes and are quite within their rights not to. I would also encourage parents of pupils who catch school buses to make their children realise that this is a valuable service that should be appreciated. Hence behaviour on buses should be perfect. The Council is prepared to ban pupils who misbehave and I will always support this if the safety of other pupils is being put in jeopardy.

I hope that you read the "flyer" on the charity "Sight Zone" that forms part of this newsletter. As reported, £1200 was sent to as a result of our recent non-uniform day. It is wonderful to be able to support the work of a charity that draws its inspiration from people within our own community. Indeed, another photograph later on in the newsletter, shows two former pupils Hannah Wakeham and Callum Spiteri being presented with a donation to help them fund their visit to Tanzania, to work in a hospital and orphanage. The trip is being organised by St. David's College where Hannah & Callum are studying.

Moreover, as an 'erstwhile historian' I would like to draw your attention to the article, reproduced from a recent edition of the Western Mail. Please stop and admire our very own 'John Pett's' which resides in the entrance of Corpus Christi. It was commissioned by Sister Mary Peter, former Head Teacher of Corpus Christi, for Heathfield House in 1972, and was moved to Corpus Christi when re-organisation took place in 1986.

Finally I would like to invite anybody who is free to come along to the Millenium Stadium on 22nd April at 2.30pm to support our Under 16 Rugby Team in the Welsh Final. Preparations are in hand to transport the many pupils who want to go and it would be wonderful if parents and friends of the school came too. They are a wonderfully talented group of young sportsmen and it promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

In the meantime, may I wish you and you family a really happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Thomas,
Head Teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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Please check the school website for letters and newsletters.

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hs.co.uk/](http://www.corpuschristihs.co.uk/)

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

Monday 20th April

Monday 27th April

Monday 4th May

Friday 8th May

Wednesday 13th May

Monday 18th May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

Thursday 23rd June

Easter Liturgy 7pm—8.30pm

Term Ends. School Close 1.30pm

Back to School

Year 7 & Year 8 Exam Fortnight

May Day Bank Holiday

GCSE Exams start

Year 10 Reports to Parents

Year 9 Geography Field Trip

Term Ends. School Closes at 3.25pm

Back to school

Leavers' Mass & Celebration

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S DIARY REGULARLY
AND SIGN WEEKLY**

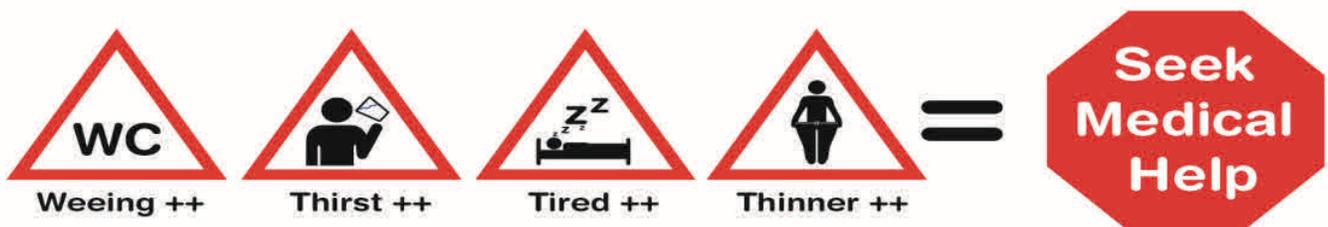
Early Detection of Type 1 Diabetes in Youth

THE EDDY STUDY

Early detection of Type 1 diabetes in Youth.

To raise awareness of the symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes, every school in Cardiff has been asked to hand out to every pupil a blue reusable shopping bag, together with information regarding the symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes.

These bags allow parents to become aware of the symptoms and be able to get medical advice quickly.





EASTER RAFFLE

Many thanks to pupils and staff who supported the appeal by buying the 'Knitted chicks' with a chocolate inside.

We have raised £200 for the charity who have expressed their thanks and have assured us that this money will be used to help people who are ill and in Velindre Hospital.





Sight should be a right
today ... not tomorrow!



HOW WE HELP

- Travel regularly to Africa
- Identify and treat cataract blindness
- Screen school children for refractive errors and provide glasses
- Teach medical and post graduate students
- Support MMed Ophthalmology Training Programme

We have raised an impressive £1200 for the Sight 2020 Direct Charity in Africa by holding a Non-Uniform Day at school. In addition Ben Moruzzi & Oliver Brain organised a cake sale. Well done!

To find out more about the charity visit:

WWW.sight2020direct.co.uk



Our interview with Mr Steven Thomas- Paralympian



Steven Thomas at the aged of 18 had his legs amputated. After watching the Paralympics he decided he wanted to get involved. He has participated in 3 Paralympic games representing GB in sailing and ice hockey.

We are so thankful that Mr. Steven Thomas came to visit our CoPE class and spoke about his experience. We also like to thank Mrs. F. Chidley for inviting him in. We wish you the best of luck Steven for your gold medal and we will be cheering you on in 2016 Paralympic games. From the year 11 CoPE group, Mrs. Chidley and our Headteacher, Mrs. Thomas

By Chloe King

Corpus Christi Paralympic Roadshow. 04.03.15



As part of our CoPE course Mrs. Chidley asked us to organise a Paralympics in school. We were inspired by our visit from Mr. Stephen Thomas, a current paralympian, who gave us lots of ideas. We held a planning meeting and all of us had different roles and responsibilities. Harrison was overall Chief Organiser and I was in charge of pupils. Chloe and I asked 30 pupils to take part and both abled bodied and wheelchair users were included.

Everybody had a great day and pupils had a chance to try out Wheelchair Basketball, Boccia and Table Tennis. All participants had a certificate at the end .

By Lianne Page.

NEW YORK SKI TRIP 2015

Skiing at Waterville Valley

We arrived on the mountain every morning at the same time and had our breakfast which was delicious in the café area. When we got into our ski groups we all went off and enjoyed the day doing lots of ski runs. I went skiing last year and it was so much fun I wanted to go again to challenge myself to see if I could ski harder slopes. The slopes that my group skied were Lower meadows, Valley run, Oblivion and we also skied through a black slope to get to the other side of the mountain. The mountains were really cold but we had a fab time!

We stayed at the Black Bear Lodge. The apartments were lovely and big, and included a bathroom with a shower, a big bedroom with two single beds and one double bed, a very large living room with a sofa, flat screen T.V and a table. During our stay we went out every night. First we went for food over the road. It was so nice and everyone loved it. Then one night we all went to see the fireworks in the town square. The fireworks were extremely pretty and everyone had a lot of fun. We explored the shops in the square, then on another night we went to a ice hockey match where the atmosphere was outstanding. It was cold but we all enjoyed ourselves.

New York

When our stay was over we made a trip down to New York. WOW! What a lovely city! During our stay in New York we visited a lot of monuments that really moved me. We visited Ground Zero where the Twin Towers once stood. This was an amazing experience. After the Twin Towers we went to Battery Park to see the statue of Liberty, and then hopped on the subway to Central Park. The scenery was beautiful, with all the snow on the ground. We took a trip down Fifth Avenue; we went to Macys the biggest shop ever, in my opinion. Macys is an amazing shop to buy things from and although it was expensive everything was really good quality. It included brands like Mac, JD and lots of other chain stores. After this exiting day out in New York we went for food at Ellen's Stardust diner. The food was amazing. While we were enjoying our food people who wanted to "make it" as singers would come round serving the food, singing songs from musicals. This experience was incredible and I wish I could go back. The voices of the singers were amazing and they deserve to make it as singers.

In New York we stayed at the Holland hotel. The bedrooms were amazingly pretty, with two double beds and a clean big shower. This is where we enjoyed our two night stay. On the last day we went to the Mall where we had free time to shop around and enjoy the day. This was a magnificent experience that I will never forget. I am so thankful to all the teachers for taking us. It was such a fabulous holiday and all of us would love to return there one day..

By Paige Harrington





When I first heard that the Disneyland Paris trip was open for children in Year 9 I was so excited and delighted that my parents gave me permission to go. As the trip drew nearer I was so happy but was dreading the long journey there. My group of friends, however, made it fun and I really enjoyed the travelling, singing songs, sharing food, playing games and watching movies.

We got to the hotel early in the morning, after sleeping through the night on the coach. Hotel Cheyenne was the hotel we were staying in and it was only a short journey away from the main park. My first impression of Disney was the number of long queues! The first ride I went on was the "Tea Cups" and it was such fun! That first day my friends and I stayed in the main park and gained a basic idea of our surroundings and the rides.

My favourite ride in Disney was Thunder Mountain. I had my picture taken whilst on the rollercoaster and purchased it. It was really funny seeing our facial expressions in the picture, as it was really terrifying! There was a Welsh Festival on the Saturday which we really enjoyed and we saw other Welsh Schools there.

Overall my experience in Disneyland Paris was wonderful and I am glad I had this time with my friends. The Welsh Department Staff are definitely my favourite department in school and Mrs. Love was fabulous!

By Amy Tilley

JOHN PETTS



JOHN PETTS WAS AN ARTIST FROM LLANSTEFFAN WHO DESIGNED AND MADE A STAINED GLASS WINDOW THAT BECAME AN ICON OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 15TH 1963, FOLLOWING A BOMB BLAST AT THE BAPIST CHURCH IN ALABAMA FOUR CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND 22 OTHERS INJURED.

AFTER AN APPEAL BY THE WESTERN MAIL THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW KNOWN AS "THE WALES WINDOW", WAS DONATED BY THE PEOPLE OF WALES TO THE PEOPLE OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND SENT OUT 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

CORPUS CHRISTI'S OWN JOHN PETTS



This statue was commissioned by Sister Mary Peter, former Headteacher of Corpus Christi for Heathfield House in 1972 and was moved to Corpus Christi in 1986.

Corpus 'Sprouting' on the Web!

The Anti-bullying mentors and pupils from the Digital Club would like to thank 'The Sprout' for coming in and showing us how to publish good articles online. Their lunchtime sessions on web journalism helped to show pupils the different ways in which they can post online. Pupils have already submitted articles and reviews and these can be seen on their website www.thesprout.co.uk. The Sprout is an interactive website that encourages creativity and direct involvement while providing information on activities and services available to the good young people of Cardiff.



TERM DATES 2014—2015

Term Dates 2014-2015

Autumn

1 September 2014
27 October 2014 (Half Term Begins)
31 October 2014 (Half Term Ends)
19 December 2014 (End of Term)

Summer

20 April 2015
25 May 2015 (Half Term Begins)
29 May 2015 (Half Term Ends)
21 July 2015 (End of Term)

Spring

5 January 2015
16 February 2015 (Half Term Begins)
20 February 2015 (Half Term Ends)
2 April 2015 (End of Term)

Girls & Boys PE Newsletters can be found on Friday at
<http://www.joomag.com/magazine/corpus-christi-sporting-times-april-2014/0609765001396371278>