



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Reflection

This week we celebrated the feast of Epiphany which marks the visit of the wise men, sometimes called kings or magi, to the holy family sometime after the birth of Jesus. The word 'epiphany' means a revelation from above and this feast is so called because through this visit our eyes are opened to deep truths about who the baby born in the manger is. Through them we see that Jesus came for all people – these 'wise men' represent you and I being welcomed into God's family. We must also make mention of the gifts they present to the child. Like every detail mentioned in the bible, these gifts hold huge significance. Gold, a symbol of royalty, represents Jesus' kingship, that He will reign over the whole Universe and is Lord of all things; frankincense, used in worship, points to Jesus' divinity, that He is God and worthy of our worship; and myrrh is an oil used both to consecrate priests and as a burial ointment representing both Jesus' priestly ministry interceding for us all and the manner in which He will sacrifice Himself for us through His passion and death. It challenges us to give gifts to our King, Jesus. Not just what we think we can spare but to give the most wonderful things we can, to honour our God who came down to be with us.

**Lord, Jesus, like the wise men we bow down in worship before You and we recognise that you truly are 'Emmanuel' God with us. Help us to give everything we have in honour and service of You. Amen**

## Epiphany Mass

On Thursday morning all pupils and staff attended our Mass of Epiphany in the school sports hall, celebrated with our priestly Chaplain Fr. Mario. There were two services which began with a procession of pupils displaying items purchased with proceeds from our Advent Rucksack Appeal, accompanied by the hymn 'Here I am to worship'. Fr. Mario wished the congregation a happy new year and talked of the significance of the Epiphany, that wise people today still search for Jesus in our world. Pupils participated in the service by giving readings, bidding prayers and singing in the choir. All pupils came forward at communion to receive the Eucharist, a blessing or a "peace be with you" depending on their faith background. 'We three kings' was the final hymn to end the service. All our pupils are to be commended for their impeccable behaviour and respectful participation in the celebration of Mass.

## Rewards Assemblies

On the final day of last term, we held our customary rewards assemblies for each year group, with large numbers of pupils receiving a range of different awards in recognition of their excellent attendance, homework, progress scores and improvements made, together with special 'Head of Year' awards. The assemblies were appreciated by both pupils and staff, especially because the awards proved again how hard working and determined so many of our pupils had been throughout the Autumn term.

### **Author Visit**

As part of our drive to promote literacy and a love of reading across our school, we have invited [Chris Martin](#), author of children's crime novels 'Inky Stevens, the Great School Detective' to visit year 7 pupils on Friday 21 January. Chris will explain a little about his life and work, deliver a 'read-a-long' performance of one of his dramatic plays and encourage the pupils to become detectives to promote critical thinking. The event will be free but if your child wishes to purchase his latest book 'Inky Stevens- The Case of the Caretaker's Keys', signed copies will be available for the discounted price of £7. Your child will need to bring in £7 cash on the day to buy the book.

### **Covid Safety**

We continue to follow procedures to lessen the spread of coronavirus, with pupils sanitising their hands when entering classrooms and now wearing masks in classrooms and in corridors. As the temperature has dropped, our heating system is on but windows in classrooms remain open for ventilation purposes. We have therefore advised students that they may wear a t-shirt/ vest underneath their shirt for extra warmth.

### **Covid Self Isolation**

*Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19:* Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Just to clarify, if someone in the household tests positive, it is recommended that those living with them tests via lateral flow tests daily. Pupils who test negative will still be expected to attend school. The only scenario where a child under the age of 18 will need to self-isolate is if they test positive themselves. For more details of the new rules on self-isolation and testing, please see the [Government website](#). If you are unsure, please call school.

### **Assisted on site Covid Testing**

We completed on site testing for all pupils with parental consent on Tuesday. Pupils are asked to continue to test at home.

### **Rucksack Appeal**

Pupils made a huge effort on the last week of term fundraising for 'The Rucksack Appeal', raising an incredible £1,713.46. These funds have been used to purchase a total of 30 rucksacks, each containing a sleeping bag, toiletries, socks and underwear. These rucksacks will soon be gifted to the homeless.

### **Mock Results Day**

Pupils in Year 11 will receive their mock examination results during parents' evening on Thursday 20 January. Mock results provide an important opportunity for pupils to reflect on the progress that they are making towards their targets and make any changes that need to be made in order to achieve success. We will confirm whether this is to be virtual or in school closer to the event.

## Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at [www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

### Important Dates

Thursday 20 January	Year 9 DTP Immunisations	9.00am - 1.30pm
Thursday 20 January	Year 11 Mock Results and Parents' Evening	4.00 - 6.30pm
Friday 28 January	Extended Learning Day 3	8.30am - 2.30pm
Friday 11 February	School closes for half term holiday	2.30pm
Monday 21 February	All pupils return to school	8.30am
Tuesday 1 March	Revision Plan Parents' Evening	6.00 - 7.00pm

Yours sincerely



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