Lent is the most important liturgical season of the Church’s year - Easter. This Lent we will be focusing on the **virtue of CHARITY**.

In order to support local charities, each week every child will be asked to **donate one item** to give to those less fortunate than themselves. Throughout the week the Minnie Vinnies will visit every class and collect the item of the week. Starting on Monday 18th March and lasting all week we would like children to bring into school **1 tin of baked beans**. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Matthew 25:35
“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

**CAFOD's “Give it up” campaign.**

Has your child has managed to give up a treat and save their money? If so, please send the money saved into school for our CAFOD and our Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal. This money will be collected throughout Lent and then donated once Lent is completed.

To raise money for Lent, Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be hosting a cinema afternoon. The date and film choice will be confirmed at a later date.

Classes 10 and 11 have been selling juice and biscuits. So far they have raised **£55.00**.

*An amazing effort, keep going Classes 10 and 11, well done!*
This Sunday Corpus Christi Primary will be creating a special float to take part in the Leeds St. Patrick’s Day Parade around the city centre starting at 11.00am. If you would like to support Corpus Christi by taking part in the parade, either by walking with the banner or being on the float as it travels along the route then please come to the Millennium Square for 10.30am. We hope to see you there.

Abbie Ayer and the Shed of Science

Last week, Classes 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a wonderful performance about air quality in our area. Pupils learnt that polluted air can damage the lungs and make people ill. Pupils also discovered that there are many ways to help clean the air and by each of us stopping a tiny bit of pollution, together we can create beautiful, fresh, clean air. If we all make little changes, they add up to make a huge difference, for example trying to walk to school or turning the car engine off when parked outside school.

Team work makes the dream work!

Year 1 Multi-skills Competition.

On Monday, thirteen children from Year 1 took part in a multi-skills competition at Corpus College along with other catholic schools. All the children tried their best and displayed fabulous multi-skills. They scored so many points that they came 3rd!

A fantastic result. Well done!
Some pupils in Year 5 had the opportunity to create a new 'WET WOODLAND' at the junction of Roundhay Park Lane, here they helped Leeds City Council and Balfour Beatty to plant small trees. They had a great 'muddy' time. The children were very well behaved and a credit to the school as the Educational Skills Co-ordinator from Balfour Beatty commented below.

“All the children were so beautifully behaved and an absolute credit to their school.”
Cherie Paterson. Balfour Beatty

14th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The NSPCC’s Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I’m pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK’s leading children’s charity, who’ll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. programme on 21st March 2019. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they’ll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

“NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems.” Child’s feedback

What is the Speak out. Stay safe. programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we’re convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

“My daughter thought the volunteers were fantastic, really real people, very warm and friendly.” Sally, Prestatyn

If you would like any more information about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can come in to speak to me or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/buddy

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC’s work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes ‘Talk PANTS’, a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from abuse – without using scary words.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you’d like to know more about the NSPCC’s work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kilvington
Irish Dancing Workshop

On Wednesday Year 1 took part in an Irish dancing workshop. The children learnt some Irish dance moves and then put them together to form an Irish dance routine. Parents and carers were invited to watch and were very impressed with their dancing.

Well done!

Next week look out for the photos of Class 3’s Collective Worship.

Corpus Primary’s Under 11s Football Team

Two great results away from home for our Under 11s football team this week. A 12-2 win at Our Lady's has put us through to the quarter-finals of the Bishop's Cup and this was followed by a 1-1 draw away at St Patrick's in the league.

Fantastic results, well done!

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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If you are worried or concerned about the well-being of any of our pupils, please speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team: Mrs Walsh, Miss Horkan, Mrs Collins, Mrs Currie or Mr Doyle.