

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have been learning more about the Christian Value of Peace during Advent and reflecting particularly on these two verses from scripture:

'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God'. (Matthew 5:9)

'And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'. (Isaiah 9:6)

We have learnt that if we are peacemakers we are pleasing God and we learnt the difference between being a peacemaker and a peacebreaker. We have also reflected on the incarnation, when God decided to take on flesh, come to earth, be born as a humble baby in a stable and live among us, in turn, teaching us how to live. We all need this regular reminder of Jesus' teachings and the ways he helps us to demonstrate God's love to our family and friends. We hope that Christ the Saviour pupils will be able to share some of these teachings with friends and family over Christmas, as we all celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our wonderful, Prince of Peace.

Christmas Lunch

Staff will be serving children their Christmas lunch tomorrow on both sites. Do remember children can wear a Christmas jumper or accessory with their school uniform to school tomorrow. The PTA will be collecting donations at the gate.

Foodbank

This year during Advent we have supported Ealing Foodbank and we have been overwhelmed with the positive response from all our community. With your support, we have raised over £1,500 so far and would like to thank everyone for their generosity. We will continue taking donations at both Grove and Broadway offices until 9am on Tuesday 17th December. We also welcome donations on our website which can be made until the end of Tuesday 17th.

https://www.bankuet.co.uk/ctsforealing

https://www.bankuet.co.uk/cts-thermometer

Curriculum offer

At Christ the Saviour we teach a subject specific curriculum with specialist teachers enhancing the curriculum offer as pupils move through the school. We now have highly skilled specialist teachers in Music, Art, French, PE and Science. These specialists support the professional development of our class

teachers and we are seeing some fantastic outcomes in these subjects as our specialist teaching becomes embedded.

After School Clubs

We have been really pleased with the feedback from parents on our increased extra-curricular provision. We offer a wide range of clubs both before, during and after school and have added to our provision for the Spring term with a newly introduced Bible Story club, Inventors and Makers club, Chess club and Latin club. It was wonderful to see some of our pupils show off their gifts to parents last week with a Strings Ensemble performing beautifully and getting us in the Christmas spirit and our Skateboarding Club showing off their newly acquired skills to parents.

Eco-club

In very exciting news, our Eco-club representatives from Years 5 and 6, recently visited City Hall to give a five-minute presentation to a panel of judges from the Mayor's Young Ambassador Programme. The judges had five minutes to question pupils on their ideas and scrutinise the budget that our Eco-club proposed. The pupils did a fantastic job, thinking quickly on their feet and I am delighted to say as a result of their excellent presentation they have secured funding of £1,000 to improve the school's air pollution and environmental impact. Eco-club's budget includes; money towards growing a green wall between the playground and road at the Broadway Site, running a campaign to develop Walking Wednesdays for not only the school but also local businesses, running a stall for adults on how to be environmentally friendly, and implementing whole school recycling. These eco-champions are doing their part to make our school environment more sustainable.

PTA

Our amazing PTA team led by chairs Helen, Steph and Natalie have been working immensely hard to raise much needed funds for the school. Events this term have included Family Bingo, Quiz Night and our wonderfully attended Christingle Fair. A huge thank you to our PTA for all the work they do with fundraising as well as organising such engaging community events welcomed by both staff and parents.

Lost property

A gentle reminder to collect any lost property that your child may have left at school this term. Any unnamed items will be given to our PTA second hand uniform at the end of term. A number of pupils at the Grove Site are missing scooters. If you have taken the wrong scooter by mistake please ensure these are returned to school before the end of term. Going forward, please ensure that your child's scooter or bike is clearly named and is locked in the scooter/bike racks located in the playgrounds.

Payments

Please ensure that unpaid fees such as music lessons and Nursery fees as well as payment for lunch and breakfast club are cleared this week before the end of term to avoid any unnecessary phone calls for the admin team.

House Treat

Congratulations to St Peter and Paul who have won the house treat for this term with a grand total of 9,886 points!

Finally, I would like to wish you all the joy and peace of Christmas as we reflect on God's love for each one of us. May I ask you to continue to pray for members of our school community - parents, pupils, staff and Governors who may be experiencing ill health or hardship at this time. We are stronger together so let us rejoice in the peace we have available to all of us through Christ our Lord, Prince of Peace.

With best wishes,

Mrs Tramoni