

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Give thanks with a grateful heart 1 Thessalonians 5:18

As we come towards the end of our first half term I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school community. I am extremely thankful that we have remained open to all pupils this half term and that they have continued to enjoy coming to school to learn. We have remained open thanks to our truly dedicated staff team who have worked tirelessly to keep your children safe at school and to provide high quality teaching and learning each day. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and committed staff and I hope you will enjoy meeting with your child's class teacher online for Parents' Evening to share their work and progress this term and to give them thanks for the work they do.

# Parent Survey

Despite a few restrictions to our usual school offer we have tried hard to ensure that pupils have not been negatively impacted by the current restrictions and that school feels as normal and as engaging as always. We value feedback from parents and continue to strive to do our best for all pupils, We hope you will be able to spend a few moments completing this parent survey to support the leadership team in continuing to evaluate our provision at Christ the Saviour:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIpQLSc12L4nm-KRNadIRNIK8RIB4SxrI7ToNdLapIAfIJdgbaDg TQ/viewform

### **PTA**

It was wonderful to have so many parents at the PTA Annual General Meeting last week. Despite the reduced fundraising opportunities last year, the PTA continued to work hard throughout the school closure to raise much needed funds for the school and those that attended the AGM approved a generous donation of £25,000 to the school! Thank You!

## Non- uniform day

The PTA are organizing a non-uniform day this Friday to mark the end of half term. Pupils are invited to come to school in their home clothes and make a donation to the PTA on the gates or make an online donation here: <a href="http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CTSnonuniformday">http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CTSnonuniformday</a>

If your child has PE on Friday please ensure they bring in a pair of trainers if they are not wearing them to school.

### Foodbank and FSM

As you will have seen from the Remote Learning page on our website, if your child is self isolating due to coronavirus and is entitled to benefits related Free School Meals our admin team will contact you to let you know how you can access a food parcel during this period of self-isolation. We will continue to offer a foodbank each half term with support from the PTA for any families who may need this.

## Governors' Maintenance Fund

The Governing Body at Christ the Saviour manage their own fund to support the school with maintaining our beautiful school buildings and other resources. Parent contributions towards this fund have supported new roofing at the Broadway and Grove sites recently. Payment towards the Governor's Maintenance Fund is voluntary and remains at £72 per child per year. You will notice the maintenance fund in your ParentPay options and you can choose to pay in termly or monthly installments - if you pay UK taxes please record this in the notes on ParentPay so we can claim Gift Aid on your contribution. This fund will help support essential maintenance work on both sites over half term including an upgrade to our Fire Alarm system at the Grove Site. More information about the Governors' Maintenance Fund can be found on our school website.

# Half term Homelearning

Our pupils have been fantastically engaged in our Black History Month learning and have been focussing on hidden figures in our community. This week they have been introduced to a number of inspiring individuals and have been invited to ask them questions which we are thrilled to say will be answered by these individuals and children will receive a video response after half term! Black History is an important part of our curriculum. It teaches us about justice, the importance of equality and kindness in the world - all of which link to our school vision.

Your child might like to carry out their own home learning project that shines a light on a local black history hero. This might be a family member or friend or someone who is more well known eg a local councillor, sports person, teacher or someone from history who your child is interested in learning more about. Children can record their information in any form- video, poster, research project, rap, song, poem, interview. All projects will be displayed (where possible) and shared with their class or year group when they return to school after half term.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish you a restful half term break.

Best wishes, Mrs Tramoni