

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents.

So far this year we have reflected on the Christian Values of Friendship and Justice. This half term we are beginning to look at the Christian Value of Trust. This week, children learnt the story from the Gospels about how Peter learned to trust Jesus. Children might like to retell this story over the weekend (Peter walks on water with Jesus, Matthew Ch 14vs 22-23). The slides for our Christian Values assemblies can be found at the bottom of the collective worship page on our school website: https://ctsprimary.org.uk/about-us/our-school/worship/

Trust is at the centre of our community and our faith. As we enter into a second lockdown, I ask that parents trust the school to make sensible decisions based on the best interests of our children. We always welcome parent feedback and so it was disappointing to receive only 50 responses to our parent survey sent out last half term. We rely on feedback to continue to improve our school offer. Schools have remained open this half term at the cost of many other things and we have had to alter almost every school routine in light of the Government expectations of schools.

May I politely request that parents maintain a polite and respectful tone in their emails to staff. We acknowledge that email correspondence has increased as parents do not have an opportunity to chat to staff at the beginning and end of the day but our class teachers' inboxes can be overwhelming and an additional workload at the end of a busy day. If there are questions that can be answered by our admin team in the first instance, then please do email them who will be happy to help.

School Meals

Our wonderful catering team has worked exceptionally hard to provide a hot meal to children in their classrooms this half term. This major change has involved a new hot packed lunch menu, delivering meals to classrooms in disposable packaging, adhering to social distancing in small kitchens and so much more! As with all major changes to our routines we have now learnt more about portion size, menu choices, recycling and food packaging and we are now in a position to adapt our menu to provide a greater range of meals. We shall be emailing our new menu to parents next week and this new menu will start on Monday 16th November. Our catering and medical team will continue to work together to provide individual food parcels for our high number of pupils with significant food allergies.

FSM

The half term free school meal vouchers offer for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals (available through Ealing Council) remains open until midnight this evening.

The application process for families to complete can be accessed via the Ealing council website: https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201264/help for residents/2750/half term free school meal support/1

Foodbank

We are continuing to work with our PTA to provide a foodbank for families in need. This will take place on the following dates this half term and will be held in Christ the Saviour Church Hall to provide a bit more discretion for visiting families.

Wednesday, 11th November 11am-1pm Wednesday, 9th December 11am-1pm

Remote Learning

We are really pleased that all our children have stayed in school this week. In preparation for any classes needing to self isolate and follow our remote learning plan we will be sending every child home with a green remote learning exercise book next week. Please keep this in a safe place at home so it is ready to use in the event of your child's class being asked to self-isolate. This exercise book will be used alongside our online learning platforms.

We know that many of our children are disappointed with the restrictions of lockdown and we are continuing to work with our PTA to find ways to enable pupils to enjoy the approach to Christmas and class teachers have lots of wonderful treats to keep pupil motivation high.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mrs Tramoni