



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulder.  
And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6)*

Our school vision recognises that ‘we are an aspirational community loving and serving God’. Our achievement in keeping the school open this term, despite the very significant challenges we have faced, is a credit to all members of our community working together. We are particularly thankful to our pupils who have adapted so well to the very large number of changes to their routines, to parents for negotiating different drop off and collection times and for supporting their children at home whilst processing their own changes and challenges. And finally, thank you to our fantastic staff team who have worked tirelessly, putting the pupils at the heart of all the decision making, and keeping them safe and learning throughout the term!

## **Nursery, Reception and Advent Concert**

We are delighted to be able to share the links to our Advent Concert and Christmas Nativity performances later this week. The continuation of our music lessons and our focus on pupil wellbeing has been a key part of our Recovery Curriculum this term, and we are very pleased to have been able to put in strict safety measures to continue this important aspect of our curriculum. We have always loved musical performances at Christ the Saviour, seeing our children flourish and grow in confidence as they perform in front of others each year as they move through the school. Pupils enjoyed the new experience of performing in front of the cameras this year and certainly rose to the challenge for which we are really proud.

If you would like to contribute to our Production Fund to support the additional costs of filming the performances this year please login to ParentPay to make a contribution. A polite reminder that parents are asked not to upload any recordings onto social media sites for the protection of all our pupils.

## **Celebrating some fantastic learning!**

Despite a large number of changes to our school routines we have continued to review our curriculum this academic year and we are extremely pleased with the impact of these changes. After using Read Write Inc phonics as a successful intervention for many years we rolled this out in September 2020 as our primary phonics teaching method and the impact of this scheme is seen in the excellent results achieved in the phonics screener our Year 2 pupils completed at the end of November. We are also extremely pleased with the learning our pupils are showing in their books as a result of our blended reading and writing curriculum based around key texts. Further information about our subject specific curriculum can be found on our school website in the [curriculum pages](#) and the curriculum maps for each year group, including the key English texts, can be found on the individual [year group pages](#).

After trialing a new PE scheme in 2019/20 we introduced our new PE curriculum fully in September 2020 which supported our Recovery Curriculum and our focus on pupil wellbeing and keeping pupils both

physically and mentally active. Splitting the PE sessions into two shorter sessions, rather than one longer session each week has been a deliberate strategy to support PE learning and help keep children active throughout the week and the PE team have been really pleased with the positive feedback from both pupils and parents.

### **PTA Christmas Fundraising**

We would like to thank our PTA for all their support this term in raising much-needed funds for the school. The PTA are aware how stretched our school finances have been since March due to the significant restrictions on our private fundraising and increased Covid-19 costs. As always, the PTA have come up with some fantastic and creative fundraising ideas which the children and staff have absolutely loved!

We would also like to thank the families who have baked cakes for staff during this half term. They have been really well received and staff have been so grateful for this generous gesture!

### **Reporting Covid cases over the Christmas period**

We have been asked to support NHS test and trace for six days after the school closure. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 and developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school** then you should inform the school in the usual way and we will assist in identifying close contacts and advise self-isolation as necessary. Please email the admin team: [admin@cts-school.org](mailto:admin@cts-school.org) with the following information included:

Subject: **Covid test result**

Child's name:

Class:

The date your child developed symptoms:

The date your child took the test and the result:

These emails will be monitored by senior staff until Thursday, 24th December. If your child develops symptoms **more than 48 hours** after being in school we do not need to be contacted. In this case parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS test and trace.

### **Social Media and Online gaming**

As children spend more time at home over Christmas and perhaps more time on devices or social media we would like to draw your attention to the following helpful parent guides:

Parent guide for Youtube

<https://www.common sense media.org/parents-decision-guide-to-youtube-for-young-kids>

TikTok update parental controls (a reminder that the minimum age for TikTok is 13 years)

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

We look forward to seeing children back at school on Monday, 4th January 2021. If your child is unable to attend school at the beginning of term because they are self-isolating after travelling overseas for Christmas, parents should follow our plans for short term absences on the remote learning page of our school website as class teachers will not set individual work in these instances.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful Christmas,

Best wishes,  
Mrs Tramoni