

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's Grace in its various forms" I Peter Ch4:10

Lent Giving

Our school bible verse encourages us all to use our gifts to serve others; during this time of Lent we are reflecting on the Christian value of service and encouraging the children to think particularly about how they can use their gifts to raise money for our CtS Lent Appeal 2021, NHS Charities Together.

We are aware that as we are still in national lockdown it is not possible for us to organise large fundraising events so we want the focus to be on each child using their gifts in just a small way within their household or support bubble.

Children have been discussing ideas in class; maybe they could read a story to a sibling every day in return for a small donation to our Lent Charity, maybe they could help with the chores at home, maybe they could bake a cake for a family meal or organise a family sponsored run, dance, sing or cycle? Older children might like to organise a Zoom quiz for their friends and ask each friend who takes part to donate a pound - the possibilities are endless!

We have set up a Just Giving page to receive donations for our Lent Appeal; NHS Charities Together is a fantastic organisation that is an umbrella organisation for many charities who are doing tremendous work supporting our NHS workers, patients and volunteers. The Just giving page will remain open all through Lent and to the end of the Easter holidays to enable the children to have as much time as possible to fund raise. Donations to our Lent appeal Just Giving page can be anonymous or if you would like to you can share in the comments section of your donation how the money was raised. Please send any photos of your child using their gifts to their class teacher so that they can be shared with the class and on our school website - that way they can inspire others and we can spur each other on in our acts of service.

Remote Learning Feedback from Parents

We were delighted to welcome pupils back to school this week and thrilled with over 98% attendance. We have all had to adapt to new ways of working and we are keen to use some of the positive outcomes of home learning so we can build on these for the future. We went into the second national lockdown in a much stronger position having already developed and put in place a Remote Learning plan during the Autumn Term and trialled this on a small scale as class bubbles and individual pupils were sent home to self-isolate. In the Autumn Term we were able to refine and improve our plan following feedback from parents, pupils and staff.

DfE guidance made it clear that there was no 'one-size' fits all for Remote Learning and schools are able to choose the remote learning offer that is most appropriate for their context and the needs of their families and pupils. At Christ the Saviour we chose to deliver the vast majority of our remote learning using a digital platform (Google Classroom) using pre-recorded lessons rather than live lessons. This model was chosen to allow families the flexibility to do their learning at any time during the day and to share devices more easily within the home. We continued to refine and improve our remote learning plan and introduced more ways to assess pupil progress and learning.

We are hopeful that all children will remain at school now until the end of the Summer term but there is a chance that individual class bubbles will need to self-isolate following a positive case of Covid-19 in their class and in an effort to continually improve our remote learning offer we would like to gather feedback from parents as we did in the Autumn Term.

Please complete the google form here:

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Best wishes, CtS Leadership Team