

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" I Peter I:3

It has been a real pleasure throughout Lent to see all the different ways our pupils have been using their gifts in service to raise money for our Lent Appeal 2021, NHS Charities Together. Do have a look at our <u>JustGiving page</u> and read the wonderful comments reflecting some of the gifts in our school community. We shall keep this fundraising page open throughout the Easter holiday if families would like to carry out this act of service over Easter.

Remote Learning Feedback from all stakeholders

We were very grateful for the feedback from parents following our recent remote learning survey. 74% of parents responded saying that the right amount of work had been set (15% felt too little had been set and 11% felt too much had been set). Daily video calls with the class teacher were identified as the aspect of remote learning that helped pupils most which showed that a familiar face was an important factor in our remote learning plan. The positive response to the daily video calls was matched in our pupil and staff survey. As always, we will continue to use these responses to drive our school improvement and teachers are already taking the positive experiences of remote learning and using these in their daily practice back in the classrooms.

Homework Trial

In order to build upon the successes of Google Classroom for Remote Learning, we will trial setting and handing in all homework through Google Classroom in the summer term. At the end of the Summer Term we will review this practice before making decisions about what homework will look like in the next academic year. Year groups will adhere to the current homework schedule that is published on each Year Group page of our website, so expectations of when homework is set and due in, stay the same as the Autumn Term. In the Summer Term the only homework that will still be brought into school will be reading records and reading books which should continue to come to school in book bags each day.

The comment function in the Google Classroom will be turned off for homework as children are expected to follow the usual expectations for homework and work independently of the class teacher. Homework set will be in line with the learning in class for that week and we hope parents will find the use of Google Classroom helpful to enable them to keep in touch with the curriculum for their child.

School vacancies and leavers

We are currently advertising for lunchtime supervisors to join our staff team. Information about this position and how to apply can be found on our school website within the "<u>Staff Vacancies</u>" page.

Max, who has been supporting us with caretaking duties at the Grove Site will be leaving at the end of this term to work closer to his home. We have been extremely grateful for his outstanding work keeping our site safe during the pandemic and for continuing to serve our school community despite his long commute to Ealing, he will be sorely missed.

Summer Celebrations

Those of you who have read "Our History" page of the school website will have noticed that this year marks a significant milestone for our school. Our Grove Site, formerly St Saviour's Infant School, is 160 years old this year. In 2011 St Saviour's celebrated its 150th anniversary just before the two schools amalgamated, and in 1961 St Saviour's celebrated 100 years with a three day celebration including a tea party, fancy dress and country dancing! We do not have records of any celebrations that have taken place at what was formerly Christ Church School to mark 100 years so we are very excited to plan for the 150th anniversary of our Broadway Site in the Summer Term. We know we have many former pupils and teachers are part of our school community and we welcome all our alumni to send in any photographs you may have of the school via the school office. We are collating our archives into decades so if you have old photographs that you are able to scan and email or hand in to the school office please date them so we can mark them accordingly. One of the celebrations we have planned is for us to share the school archives (including log books and attendance registers). We have been planning for other celebrations with the PTA and look forward to sharing these with you in the Summer Term.

It has been a tremendous joy to have all our pupils back at school for the last four weeks. This is testament to our fantastic teaching staff and the routines they embedded in the Autumn Term as to how quickly our pupils have readjusted to being back at school. Thank you also for your efforts in supporting the children to manage the changes.

We have been learning about the Christian Value of Hope in our collective worship over the last few weeks and as we come to the end of another term we hold on to the Hope that the Easter story gives us and the reassurance that God will fulfil his promises to us.

I wish you and your families a safe and restful Easter break.

Best wishes, Mrs Tramoni