

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you. Ephesians Ch 4 vs 32

We have been learning more about the Christian Value of compassion this week through the words of St Paul. Paul tells us that one of the best ways of learning to be kind is to have compassion, and children have learnt about ways Jesus demonstrated compassion through healing the sick or feeding the hungry. Children have learnt that compassion is about putting ourselves in someone else's shoes, feeling their hurt and sadness and doing something to help them. The impact of covid continues to be felt amongst our school community and we ask for your compassion and prayers for all pupils, staff and parents.

# Sports' Days

Unfortunately, we have been informed by Perivale Athletics Track that they are not permitting any spectators at the track as this would be against the current Government guidelines. We will continue with our plans for the scheduled sports' days for our Broadway pupils but parents will not be invited to attend. I am sure many of you will be disappointed but this decision is out of our control and we ask parents to respect the risk assessment at Perivale and not turn up at the track as entry will be denied. Additionally, students who are not taking part in activities (for example if they have an injury) are not allowed to attend the facility and will not accompany their class to the track. We shall provide an alternative activity at school for these children.

# Information for Year 3,4,5 and 6 Sports' Days

- Pupils should come to school in their school PE kits, wearing their house t-shirts and sweatshirts with appropriate accessories for the weather (raincoats or hats and sunscreen if the weather improves after half term!)
- Pupils must wear appropriate footwear, black or white trainers. Football boots are not permitted.
- Pupils should bring a packed lunch which will be eaten at the track (pupils eligible for free school meals will be provided a lunch by the school)
- Coaches will leave at 9.05am so please ensure your child is at school promptly
- All pupils will be back at school by the end of the day

We will continue to update our plans for the Grove Site Sports' Days according to the latest Government guidance in July.

### International travel at half term

The easing of restrictions on the Government's roadmap includes a change to the measures in place for international travel. We are mindful of the proximity of half term and thought it would be useful to provide some guidance on international travel so that any families wishing to travel over half term are aware of the potential consequences for their child and their education. Travel abroad and then returning to the UK is

currently based on a system of lists (denoted by colour) depending on the country you are travelling to.

These are green, amber and red list countries. The rules on each is set out here Red, amber and green list rules for entering England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Current Government advice on international travel:

We continue to advise **against** all non-essential international travel to some countries and territories. You should <u>check the country page</u> for your destination. We also <u>currently advise against cruise ship travel</u>.

We ask that families do not plan travel to a country, for a non-essential reason, where they know that they will be required to follow strict quarantine rules upon return to the UK. If your child is required to self-isolate after half term following non-essential travel this will have a negative impact on your child's education and will be recorded as unauthorised absence. If you travel to a country where the rules change whilst abroad, the same is likely to apply as the chances of rules changing were a foreseeable risk.

### **Covid Risk Assessments**

We have had to manage almost 70 suspected covid cases this term. We are pleased that only one family reported a positive covid result but we ask parents to continue to respect and follow our school risk assessments as we continue to work hard to ensure minimal disruption for pupils in the event of a positive covid result. We ask parents to collect their child promptly if their child is displaying covid symptoms at school and we are really pleased that results of PCR tests are coming back very quickly (often within the same day.)

### Mass

It has been a real joy to be able to worship together again in Church. It has been a long tradition of the school for pupils, staff and parents to regularly celebrate Mass together and we have very much missed this aspect of our school worship. Dates for Mass for the remainder of the school year for both Broadway and Grove Site pupils are on our school calendar on the website. We politely request that parents do not upload any photos they take in Mass to social media to protect all our pupils.

### **Packed Lunch Guidelines**

Our medical and catering team work very closely with parents of pupils with severe food allergies. If you are providing a packed lunch for your child please remember that we are a nut free school and parents should be mindful of other allergies that children may have in their child's class. We ask that parents pack a healthy lunch for their child which does not include sweets or chocolate bars. If you are struggling for ideas for packing your lunch here is a helpful link:

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes

## Year 6 End of Year

We are planning a range of activities for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the end of their time at Primary School. As we do every year, we have liaised with the PTA who are supporting the Year 6 team to produce a wonderful year book which is always a lovely keepsake for each child and will be purchased by the school. We are also planning our Year 6 production, which will be announced to pupils before the end of this half term, with auditions and rehearsals after half term. Each class will perform the same production over 4 nights with parents from each class invited to their evening performance. We hope that the Government guidance for schools in July will permit such gatherings. If these gatherings cannot go ahead, we will live stream the performances. Provisional dates for these performances are in the last week of the summer term.

## **Red Cards**

We have been pleased to distribute red cards to pupils in Year 6 to support their growing independence and transition to secondary school. May I remind parents that children should travel straight home after school or meet an adult and should not be in the local shops or parks unsupervised as this often results in school staff having to deal with issues that take place off site. If your child is allowed to visit a park on their own after the school day they should go home to change out of their school uniform first if they are not going to the park with an adult.

Best wishes, Mrs Tramoni