

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents.

Over the last few weeks we have been learning more about the Christian Value of Wisdom. Pupils have learnt that wisdom is being able to make choices that please God and that are right and good for ourselves and others. We have also discussed that if we want to learn more about how to be wise a great place to look is the Bible because God's words are full of wisdom!

If you listen to advice and are willing to learn, one day you will be wise Proverbs Chapter 19 vs 20

We talked about the importance of *listening* to help us gain wisdom from those around us including our teachers, parents and others who care for us.

Safer Internet Week

We have linked our learning about wisdom this week to Safer Internet Day and children have been reminded about the importance of staying safe online and being wise in their online choices and behaviour. Using the internet safely is a key message that we promote linked to our school rule "Be Safe." At school, we have secure filtering and monitoring systems in place and when it is flagged that children are searching for or communicating about topics that are unsafe we will always have a conversation with them and when appropriate alert parents also. We have lots of information about keeping children safe online on our school website here.

Safeguarding

We were extremely proud of our pupils who witnessed some unsafe behaviour from a member of the public on their way to school earlier this week, particularly our pupils in Year 6 who travel to school on their own. These children knew to come quickly to school, they did not stop and observe when emergency services were dealing with the incident and they did not share information with other children when they got to school but chose to speak to school adults instead to ensure there was no gossip or unnecessary fear within school. We are so proud of them for showing wisdom in their choices when dealing with an unpredictable situation.

A reminder that staff are responsible for pupils after 8.30am once they have come through the school gates. We are mindful of children in Year 6 traveling to school on their own and try to keep an eye on the Year 5 and Year 6 gate before the school day starts but younger year groups **must** be supervised by an adult before the school day and should not wait on their own in the Churchyard at the Broadway site.

Lunch Menu

Our admin team recently shared a letter with information about the Mayor of London's provision of free lunch meals for all year groups (except Nursery). This has been extended for another year. The introduction of this offer, whilst warmly welcomed by the school, has had a financial impact through increased staffing costs and kitchen appliances at the same time as an increase in food and utility costs. Our catering team has managed the increased number of lunches really well and we have established new lunchtime routines on both sites.

There will be small changes to the lunch menu after half term following feedback from staff and pupils across both sites with other changes to the menu coming in the Summer Term. At the Broadway site we are pleased to be re-introducing the popular sandwich bar with a choice of fillings and a variety of different salads. This will replace Thursday's hot meal option. An updated menu for both sites will be sent out next half term.

Governors' Maintenance Fund

Our Governors' Maintenance Fund helps to support many aspects of health and safety around the school and we are hugely grateful for the termly contributions from many parents. These are voluntary contributions. If you are able to do so please login to ParentPay to make your Spring Term payment and remember to gift aid your donation.

Term Dates

Please find attached our term dates for the academic year 2024/2025. We would like to remind parents that term time holidays are not authorised and cause significant disruption to your child's education as well as the education of the other children in the class. Attendance data is shared with the local authority and secondary schools and poor attendance including term time holidays can impact some of the services available to your child.

Cost of Living - support for children and families from Ealing Council

Ealing Council website has lots of information about the different sources of help, benefits, grants and money-saving discounts the council has on offer. Visit the website here for more information. Parents might also be interested in the free data sim cards available from Ealing libraries for students. The council's four community hubs (Acton Library, Ealing Central Library, Northolt Library and Southall Library) are registered data banks and can provide free data sims cards for those who do not have online access or are struggling to pay for mobile data.

British Science Week

In honour of this year's British Science Week, which will take place in March, we are running a science challenge over half term to get pupils thinking about the theme of British Science week 2024: **Time**. We would like pupils to think of a place in the world that is in a different time zone to the UK, children should then try and work out what time it is in that part of the world when it is 9.00am in the UK and draw a picture to show what people in that country would be doing at 9am when we are starting our lessons in school! Please email a photograph of your child's picture to our science lead Ms Song song@cts-school.org, including in the email subject line: BSW Challenge and your child's name and class. Children may also bring their finished pictures to school and hand them into the office so that we can create a display on time to celebrate British Science Week. For more details do see our website and the flyer attached.

And finally.....

We are *delighted* to let you know that Mrs Smith, our Assistant Headteacher for Year 5 and Year 6, has given birth to a baby boy! Miss Kelly has taken on the role as Acting Head of Year 6 and Mrs Larson is covering Mrs Smith's responsibilities during her maternity leave.

Very best wishes,

Katie Tramoni Headteacher