



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and enjoyable half term packed full of learning and curriculum enrichment across the school. During the Spring Term many year groups learn about Islam or Judaism in their RE lessons and recent visitors to the school have been incredibly impressed by the depth of knowledge pupils have gained about a comparative religion and the maturity in their ability to compare and contrast what they are learning with their own faith.

In our Christian Values assemblies we have been learning about the importance of wisdom. We learnt this through the Bible story of Solomon who asked God for wisdom. We learnt that wisdom can be described as the ability to make good choices that please God and that are good and right for ourselves and for others. Children discussed the wise choices they can make each day, for example being kind to those around them.

## **Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 11th February**

We applied our learning about wisdom as we marked safer internet week and children talked about how they use technology and the importance of using it in a safe and healthy way. Discussions in the classroom have shown that there are many children in the school who are accessing apps and games like Snapchat, Fortnite and TikTok which are not age appropriate. We would like to remind all parents that the age limit for those apps is 13 years old and they are not suitable for Primary aged pupils. The PEGI rating for Fortnite is 12 years and up; the strong recommendation is that children younger than that should not be playing the game without the robust use of very strict parental controls.

Our Broadway Site digital leaders shared the following advice to pupils this week:

- Always use age appropriate apps
- Have a screen time limit every day if you are a regular user of technology
- Make sure parental controls are on
- Less screen time, more play time!
- **1 hour** a day online is over **15 days** online a year.
- Always tell an adult if you see something that makes you sad or uncomfortable!

Our Year 5 cohort had a fantastic workshop called “Me and My Screen” which generated lots of excellent discussion and advice for our pupils, you can read the website article [here](#). This workshop will be repeated for Year 6 next half term.

## **Half Term Homework**

### **A challenge from the PE Team**

The PE Team would like to challenge the children to learn to tie their shoe (and trainer!) laces over the half term holiday. This important skill will enable them to be safer and more independent in PE if they wear trainers with laces, particularly when they need to put them back on after gymnastics and dance lessons. [This link](#) has some very helpful tips and a video showing how to tie the initial knot, as well as two different methods for tying the

bow. Please be aware that most children do not have the required hand dexterity to tie laces until they are 5-7 years old. Remember that this is a skill that will take quite a lot of practice to be able to perform it quickly and effectively - little and often is usually best. Good luck!

### **Science Homework**

Miss Song, our Head of Science, has set a Science challenge for all year groups to enter the British Science Week poster competition. The theme is “change or adapt” and details of the competition can be found on the attached flyer and in our website article [here](#). There will be certificates and prizes for each year group, we will create a display on each site and the top 5 posters will be entered into the national competition to represent the school.

### **School Gardener**

And finally, we are looking for a new school gardener (approximately two half days per week) as our fantastic gardener has had to move on to other things. This position involves caring for and managing our garden areas on both sites, recommending plants and equipment so the gardens can be cared for, managed and developed effectively and organising and leading activities for our lunchtime gardening clubs. This is not an employed role, the gardener would invoice the school directly and would be subject to full safeguarding checks. Please email the school office [admin@cts-school.org](mailto:admin@cts-school.org) if you have any questions or know someone who would be interested.

Wishing you a healthy and peaceful half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Tramoni

