



# St Chad's C of E Primary School

## - Newsletter December 2020 -



### Christian Value: Trust: *This half term our Christian Value has been TRUST*

Trust is the very essence of faith; trust in the God who is trustworthy. 'Trust in the Lord' is a central theme in the Psalms. Time and time again, God is the acknowledged as the source of all true security and strength. This is contrasted with trust in chariots, horses, weapons, wealth or princes (Psalm 20:7; 118:8-9). We can easily think of the modern day equivalents. Trust placed in the wrong things is close to idolatry. Trust is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships. Trust entails vulnerability, putting yourself in others' hands. We have to trust experts – pilots, dentists, surgeons. Yet, within our society, there often seems to be mutual distrust between people and those responsible for governing them. Trust is central to civilised society, to living together in harmony, so it is to be valued and honoured. With wisdom and discernment, we can relearn to trust. We can begin to rebuild trust in our mistrustful society by being reliable ourselves, by not letting people down. Similarly, when we work with others, if we are willing to let go of control ourselves and trust in the abilities and integrity of others, everyone can be enriched. Jesus, after all, entrusted his ongoing work to his disciples and ultimately to us. The story of Jesus Calms the Storm (Luke 8: 22-25)

### TALK TOGETHER about Trust

**Trust** is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them.

Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team



### READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat. By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you not **trust** me?"

### Golden Ticket Tea Parties

We haven't let the Global Pandemic stop us from celebrating the achievements of our wonderful children at St. Chads. Here are some of our Golden Ticket achievers enjoying a well-deserved hot chocolate in our brand new outdoor classroom. Well done to all our Golden Ticket children.



### May we trust in the Lord this Christmas

**A huge thank you to all our school families for your support this term; there have been a lot of slips to complete and return, texts, emails and requests for support and donations. We are extremely grateful for your support. On behalf of all the Staff at St Chad's Church of England Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and all the very best for a happy and healthy New Year. Miss McHale**

## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup>: **School and Nursery Re-Open**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Virtual SATS Info Session – 3:20pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Swimming Resumes  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: Closing date for Reception 2021 Admissions  
Y1 Virtual Phonics Meeting – 3:20pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Y2 + Y6 Assessment Reports to Parents

### FEBRUARY

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Last Y4 Swimming Session  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>: School and Nursery Close for Half-Term**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>: School and Nursery Re-Open**  
Lent Appeal Launch  
Wednes. 24<sup>th</sup>: Tempest Class Photographs  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Swimming Starts

### MARCH

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day



## Children in Need

To raise money for the Children in Need charity this year we held a 'break the rules' day. We raised a whopping **£413.93**. Thank you to everyone for your support



**Christmas Construction**  
The children in Reception have shown they have an eye for detail and have well developed gross motor skills as they worked together to build this amazing structure. They informed their teachers that this was Jesus' house!



## New Outdoor Learning Classroom

We are thrilled to now have this in place and despite the cold and wet weather it has already been in use. A huge thank you to the PTA and all our families for all the fundraising efforts that made this possible.

## - Peace Awards -

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded their class Peace Award today in our virtual assembly:

Year 6: Rayyan

Year 5: Elijah

Year 4: Beatrice

Year 3: Archie

Year 2: Tobias

Year 1: Jacob

Reception: Miles



We are aware that once again irresponsible parking and driving around the roads adjacent to the school premises is becoming problematic, with reports of parents parking dangerously and approaching the school with undue care and attention. Please can we remind you to park sensibly and be mindful of speed restrictions and other people. Thank you for your co-operation.

