



Christian Value for this Half Term: Respect

TALK ABOUT RESPECT TOGETHER

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with **respect** even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Respect - to get it you must give it"
Anon



READ TOGETHER...

Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses led the sheep across the dry and dusty desert to Sinai, God's holy mountain. But in the stillness of the wilderness, while the sheep were grazing, Moses' thoughts were never far from the plight of his people the Israelites, who were suffering at the hand of the cruel Egyptian king. Moses had left Egypt years ago. He felt guilty and wished he could help his people, but what could he do? He was not brave, he was not a **respected** leader. Who would listen to him?

And then in the distance Moses noticed something very strange. A desert bush was on fire. The flames licked hungrily around the branches and yet, strangely, the bush did not burn up. He drew closer and as he did so, he clearly heard a voice call to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Yes, here I am" stammered Moses. "Take off your shoes", said the voice, "for you are standing on holy ground." Reverently, Moses untied his sandals and fell to his knees. "I am the Lord God of your ancestors and I have seen how my people suffer under Pharaoh. I have heard them call out to me to rescue them and now Moses, I am sending you to lead them to freedom." "But I am nobody, I am nothing. How can I go to the king and expect him to **respect** a simple shepherd? How can I ask him to let the people go?" But God replied, "Do not be frightened, I will be with you." "But what if the people will not listen to me?" said Moses. "What do you have in your hand?" "A stick," Moses replied. "Throw it on the ground." Moses did as he was asked. To his astonishment the stick turned into a writhing, angry snake. "Now bend down and pick it up by the tail." Nervously, Moses did as he was asked. Immediately, the snake once more became a stick. "When you perform this miracle," said God, "the people will believe that I have sent you. Take the stick with you for with it you will perform great miracles. Now go and do as I have commanded."

And so it was that on that ordinary day an extraordinary adventure began for Moses and for the people of Israel. It was a story that the world would never forget.

School Closures Update:

On Wednesday 27th January, the Prime Minister addressed the House of Commons to confirm that pupils will not return to school immediately after the February half term break. Mr Johnson 'hopes it will be safe to reopen schools in England from the 8th March' however there has been no information to indicate exactly when, or how, children will return to school. It appears that 8th March will be the earliest date by which the government would allow children to begin returning to school but this is dependent upon a number of variables.

We all want our children at school learning alongside their friends, however we must be guided by the government and scientists in relation to when and how this can be safely achieved. We are continually reviewing our remote learning offer to make it as accessible as possible to all families. We are in regular communication with families to enable us to offer additional pastoral support, where needed. Please ensure you keep communicating with us; we want to do all we can to support you and your family to remain safe and happy.



PTA FUNDRAISING

Christmas Movie Nights

TOTAL: £541.45

We are planning to spend the amount collectively to purchase provisions for the outdoor learning classroom and will keep you updated. Thank you for your support

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th: **School + Nursery Close for Half-Term**
Monday 22nd: **School + Nursery Re-Open** (for key worker/
vulnerable children)
Y3 whole class clarinet with Mr Duffy
Wednesday 24th Launch of our Lent Appeal
Friday 26th: Guitar lessons with Mr Coulthard

MARCH

Monday 1st: Y3 whole class clarinet with Mr Duffy
Nursery Consultation Evening 3:40-5:30pm
Tuesday 2nd: Y5 + Y6 Consultation Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Nursery Consultation Evening 3:40-5:30pm
Wednes. 3rd: Nursery Consultation Evening 3:40-5:00pm
Thursday 4th: World Book Day
Y5 + Y6 Consultation Evening 3:30-7pm
Friday 5th: Guitar lessons with Mr Coulthard
Monday 8th: Y3 whole class clarinet with Mr Duffy
Y3 Consultation Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 9th: Y3 Consultation Evening 3:30-7:00pm
Reception Consultation Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 11th: Reception Consultation Evening 3:30-7pm
Friday 12th: School + Nursery Closed (Training Day)
Monday 15th: Y3 whole class clarinet with Mr Duffy
Tuesday 16th: Y4 Consultation Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 18th: Y4 Consultation Evening 3:30-7:00pm
Friday 19th: Guitar lessons with Mr Coulthard
Monday 22nd: Y3 whole class clarinet with Mr Duffy
Tuesday 23rd: Y1 + Y2 Consultation Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 25th: Y1 + Y2 Consultation Evening 3:30-7:00pm
Friday 26th: Guitar lessons with Mr Coulthard
Monday 29th: Y3 whole class clarinet with Mr Duffy
Tuesday 30th: Virtual Easter Service on SeeSaw

APRIL

Friday 2nd: Virtual Peace Awards
School + Nursery Close for the Easter Break
Monday 19th: **School + Nursery Re-Open**

Live Lessons Update:

*Here's Year 5s verdict on Live lessons:
In Year 5, we are loving our daily Live Lessons using Microsoft TEAMS! We log in everyday - prepared and on time. Whether English, Maths or another subject, we use our Live Lessons to collaborate, participate and learn whilst at home. The Live Lessons also give us chance to show our independence, organisation and maturity as we know when to log in, what we need and how to get the most out of lessons. We're helped to ensure the school day is fun and productive wherever we're learning from.*



Health and Wellbeing:

Year 4 had a lovely day on Monday 1st February to launch **Children's Mental Health Week**. They had PE with a focus on dance, they got out in the sun for some vitamin D and then did their wellbeing lesson where they discussed the meaning of their names and the stories behind them. They also challenged themselves to learn a dance routine as part of their health challenge. It really was a lovely day. The children and Mrs Griffin went home very happy.

St Chads PTA Lottery

The PTA Lottery launched in November 2020 and has been a great success. It is £4 per month to play and over a 3rd of participants have already won a minimum of £11, whilst at the same time supporting the PTA! If you are interested in joining and would like full details please email stchadsptalotto@gmail.com. Thanks!

Art Gallery

We look forward to releasing our whole school virtual art gallery of work based on the topic of 'Land Art'. The gallery will showcase work from Nursery all the way through to Year Six, demonstrating the creative talent of the children at St Chad's working both at home and at school.



Art Competition

Mrs McMaster is also planning to launch an art competition over half term for all age groups. It's called 'A View from my Window'. You can use ANY media (pencils, crayons, pastels, paint, collage, clay etc) to create a piece of artwork which represents the view from your window. Look out for the details on Tapestry and SeeSaw.

