

Newsletter

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“Let your light shine brightly.” (Matthew 5:16)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

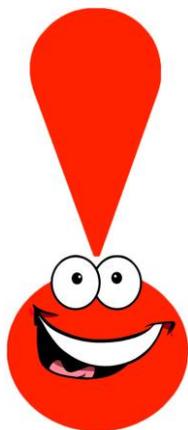
Keeping children safe in education

If you are worried about the safety or well-being of a child, you must speak to someone immediately about your concerns or suspicions. Do not delay.

If there is an IMMEDIATE RISK and/or if it is OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS, please call:

- Police on 999
- Somerset Children’s Social Care Emergency Duty Team: 0300 123 2224
- NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 (free helpline).

If there is NOT an immediate risk and/or it is during school hours (8am–4pm, term time), please contact **Rupert Kaye** (Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) or **Ali Bowden** (Deputy Head and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) at school on **01373 463781**.



Applying for a place at Selwood or Oakfield for September 2021?

Parents and carers of children due to go to middle school in September 2021 can apply now using the online application form at www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. If a paper application form is required, please phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

The deadline for applying for a middle school place is 15 January 2021.

Applying for a place at Christ Church C of E First School for September 2021?

Parents and carers of children due to go to first school in September 2021 can apply now using the online application form at www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. If a paper application form is required, please phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

The deadline for applying for a place at Christ Church is 15 January 2021.

Your PTFA needs you

We are actively seeking volunteers to join the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA).

We would like to run three big events each year – Christmas, Summer and Easter – but with more volunteers we could achieve much more. We’d love to hear from you if you can support us in supporting the school and nursery.

So, if you have a little time to spare, have some good ideas for raising money to support the school and nursery, and are committed to enhancing the school experience for all pupils, please email us at christchurchfromePTFA@gmail.com



Smoking free zone

Please do not smoke on or close to the school premises. No smoking by the school fence or Key Centre gates please, especially when you are lining up on the yellow 2m social distancing dots with children in the morning!

Our six core Christian values:



Kindness



Courage



Respect



Responsibility



Perseverance



Forgiveness

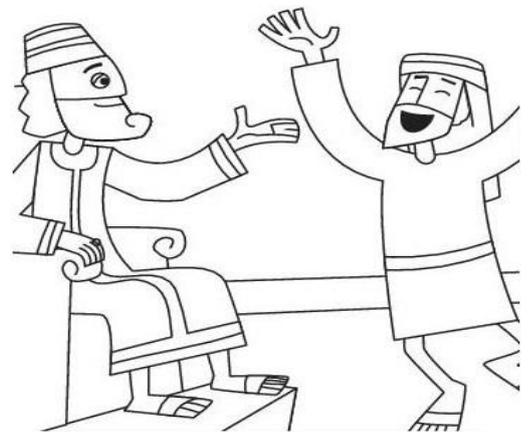
Parable of the week: The Unforgiving Servant

This term, in our class bubble Collective Worship times, we will be learning about some of the special stories (parables) told by Jesus. You may like to read and talk about these stories at home with your child(ren).

This week we are thinking about a parable about which – like The Parable of The Talents we looked at last week – is about money. But Jesus told his disciples that this story is *really* about forgiveness.

Important fact: one talent is a lot of money. In fact, some experts believe one talent was an amount of money equal to 20 years' wages. The story says one person owes 10,000 talents – in 2020 money, that's more than £5,000,000,000 (five billion pounds) and another person owes 100 denarii – in 2020 money, that's about £10,000 (ten thousand pounds). So, now let's hear the story Jesus told ...

One day a king was checking who owed him money. He realised that one man owed him 10,000 talents. He sent for the man and asked him to pay back the money. But the man told the king that he couldn't pay the money because he didn't have that much money. The king said that everything the man owned – every single possession – would have to be sold and then, if that still didn't cover the whole amount, the man would have to go to prison. But the man fell to his knees and begged, "Please give me a second chance. Have patience with me and I promise I will find a way to repay the 10,000 talents I owe you!" The king was so full of compassion he replied, "I forgive you the whole debt. You do not have to repay me any of the 10,000 talents you owe me!"



But then that same man (who had just been forgiven of his enormous debt) went straight over to another man who owed him a much smaller amount: 100 denarii. The second man begged, "Please give me a second chance. Have patience with me and I promise I will find a way to repay the 100 denarii that I owe you!" But the man who had just been forgiven his debt by the king, grabbed the man and shouted, "I won't give you a second chance. You must go to prison until you could repay every penny of the 100 denarii you owe me!"

When this news got back to the king, he was very angry! He said to the man he had forgiven, "You have made a very bad choice! I forgave you of all your debt! It was a lot of money. You begged me to give you a second chance and I forgave you every penny. But when someone owed you much less, you did not forgive them."

The king ordered that the man who owed 100 denarii should be set free from prison. The king said the man who he had forgiven but who had shown no forgiveness to another person should go to prison instead!

Jesus finished the parable by saying God expects us all to forgive others from the heart and really mean it. (Matthew 18:21–35)

Thank you!

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to protect our pupils, their families, our school and nursery staff, and the wider community.

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