



# Trinity Church School

A Church of England Primary School



Friday 11th January 2019 Newsletter 15

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

## Friendship



At Trinity Church School, we believe it is important to develop core values by which to live and which help to develop a moral and spiritual awareness. We seek to explore the meanings of the core values and their significance through weekly acts of worship delivered by Reverend Izzard and members of staff. The gifts of compassion, trust, creativity, respect, friendship and courage are the values we want our children to leave with. Whilst these gifts are inclusive of human values, we try to anchor them into the Christian faith by relating them to the Bible through stories and readings.

The Christian Value we are particularly focusing on this term is Friendship. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised. Christians believe that God's friendship towards us will last forever. Friendship is a partnership of shared experiences, talents, interests and enthusiasms. In school we will be thinking about how we can be friends to others and how we receive another's friendship, including God's friendship.

We will be linking Friendship to the stories of 'Jesus heals a paralysed man' (Luke 5), 'The story of Jonathan and David' (1 Samuel 18-20) and 'The story of Ruth and Naomi' (Book of Ruth)

What does The Bible tell us about our value for this term?

The Bible tells us that Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.


*'You are better off having a friend than being all alone... If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble'* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

At Trinity Church School:

- We support and encourage friendships by providing opportunities for our children to work co-operatively and collaboratively in pairs and in groups
- We find ways to support and include children who might be left out of friendship groups
- We help our children to restore broken friendships and promote forgiveness and resolution
- We help our children to know where they might receive advice and support if they need it

Please take some time to look at the attached 'Home School Values leaflet with your child(ren). We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.






## Friendship



*'Encourage one another and build each other up.'*  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Friendship



### Free School Meals

Please register for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of benefits. Your registration could attract Pupil Premium benefit for our school.

Please contact [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 394317 or visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to download and complete a form online.

# School Guidelines

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that school opens at 7.45am for children who are attending breakfast club and at 8.30am for entry to the school grounds. The side gate will be opened at 8.40am where children can walk round to their class pods and enter the class to start their morning challenge. Parents should take full responsibility for their child/children until they enter the pod, remembering that there are many vehicles driving into the school car park or turning/parking close to the school.

Breakfast club opens from 7.45am (£3.00 including breakfast) and should be booked and paid for 24 hours in advance on ParentPay. Trinity after school club (TASC) runs from 3.10pm-4.10pm (£2.00) or from 3.10pm-6pm (£6.50 including a light tea) and should be booked and paid for 24 hours in advance on ParentPay. Please ensure you collect your child promptly to avoid paying an additional charge. Should you need to contact a member of the TASC team after office hours, please call the following number: 07495 127257.

If you need to make a last minute booking by calling the school office for TASC or Breakfast Club, we can only do this for you if you have credit on your account.

Our school office is run by Mrs Clayton and Mrs Ahmet and is open Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm and on Fridays from 8am-3.30pm.

In the event of severe weather, please check your phone for a text message or the Trinity school website:

<http://www.trinitychurchschool.com/>

For further information, you should refer to our severe weather policy which can be accessed by following the link below:

<http://www.trinitychurchschool.com/downloadfile/11882364>



## Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes - Thursday 17th January

This was such a successful and fun event for the children last year that we have decided to offer another opportunity for children to make their own Ice Cream Sundaes on Thursday 17th January. If your child would like to be involved, you will need to book a school lunch on ParentPay, this will be free for KS1 (YR-Y2) children as they are entitled to free school lunches but please ensure it is booked on ParentPay so that we have numbers for the chef. Please ignore the dessert on the menu for this day – if you have booked a school lunch, children will get the Ice Cream Sundae.



## Sports Fixtures

- MSN & District Y5/6 Gymnastics Competition @ Writhlington School – Monday 28th January 1-3pm

## Class Assemblies



Please come and join us at 2.30pm for our Class assemblies as follows:

Thursday 14th February 2019	<b>Cedar Class</b> - Term 3
Thursday 28th March 2019	<b>Maple Class</b> - Term 4
Thursday 23rd May 2019	<b>Chestnut Class</b> - Term 5
Thursday 13th June 2019	<b>Conker Class</b> - Term 6
Thursday 18th July 2019	<b>Redwood Leavers' Assembly</b>

## Important Reminder



Please ensure that your child does not bring to school, as a snack or in their lunch box, anything containing nuts, seeds or kiwi fruit. There are children and staff in the school who would be severely affected should they come into contact with any of these food items.

**Thank you for your co-operation**

## Christian Values Awards

*The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values this week are:*

Friendship	Jessica, Kaity, Marcie, Ava, Sophia (Y6), Max (Y3) and Jessica (Y6)
Compassion	Sophia (Y6)
Courage	Sophia (Y6)

# Head Teacher's Award Winners



w/e 11th January

Conker	Ivy
Chestnut	Spencer
Cedar	Jahiro
Willow	Evie
Cherry	Thomas
Maple	Ruby
Redwood	Kim

## Best Class Attendance

Well done to **Willow** Class for best class attendance this week.



## House Winners Spring Term

House point winners this week are **Ruby & Emerald** - Congratulations!

## Starting School 2019-2020

Please remember to apply for a Reception place by 15th January 2019. You can apply by completing a paper Reception Application Form which you can return by post or email to B&NES or you can apply online via the admissions online website.

[https://capita.bathnes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2f](https://capita.bathnes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f)

All our Acorns children who are eligible to start Reception in September 2019 should have received a transfer letter advising them of the application process but if you require further information or require an application form please visit the B&NES website below.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools/admissions-starting-school-2012-2013%20>

**PLEASE NOTE: WHICHEVER METHOD YOU USE TO APPLY FOR A RECEPTION PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 2019, THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MIDNIGHT ON 15 JANUARY 2019.**

Date	Event	Notes
Tues 8th January 2019	Term 3 Starts	
Mon 14th January	PTA Meeting at school - 3.10pm	All parents/carers welcome
Mon 14th January	After School Clubs Start	YR - Y6
Wed 16th January	Y2 Swimming starts at MSN Swimming Centre	Cedar Class
Thurs 17th January	Make your own Ice Cream Sundae (to be included please book a school meal through ParentPay)	Whole School - lunchtime
Mon 21st January	Young Voices, Birmingham for Y5 and Y6	Maple and Redwood Class
Wed 6th February	Parent Workshop Conker Class - Reading Cafe	All YR parents/carers invited
Fri 15th February	End of Term 3	

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

“A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold.”

Anon

That’s a lot of gold!  
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



## FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term’s family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



## READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn’t walk. They’d heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn’t miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn’t give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.



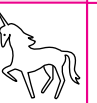





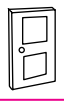





Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. “Take up your bed, and walk” he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua’s life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



## QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.

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## FASCINATING FACTS

### Friendship Bands

**Friendship bracelets** are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



### Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.



## HALL OF FAME



### A dog is a man's best Friend

Near the village of Beddgelert in North Wales is a beautiful sculpture of a very special **friend**.

According to legend, the monument marks the resting place of the faithful dog, Gelert, who once belonged to the medieval Welsh Prince, Llewelyn the Great. A tombstone tells the story of a fateful day when Llewelyn went out hunting leaving the faithful hound, Gelert, to guard his young son. On his return Gelert sprang to greet his master, but Llewelyn noticed some blood on his fur. He rushed inside his house. To his horror the first thing he saw was his son's cot. It was empty!

The frantic father turned on the dog, thinking he must have harmed the boy. He killed Gelert there and then with his sword. At that moment a child's cry rang out through the house. Llewelyn searched and discovered his boy unharmed, but nearby lay the body of a mighty wolf which Gelert had killed before it attacked the small child.

Prince Llewelyn is said never to have smiled again and with tears of sadness he buried Gelert in this place, which became known as "the grave of Gelert", or in Welsh, Beddgelert.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

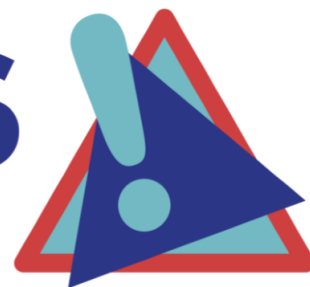
Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.

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