

Good morning everybody!

Well done so far on some amazing learning at home – all your teachers are very impressed and I'm really looking forward to giving out some golden certificates on Friday!

I am really missing our whole school assemblies so I thought I would try to send out one assembly each week for the whole school (all children and all staff members) to read and look at while we are all at home.

I always ask lots of questions in assemblies so it would be great to get some answers back from some of you – you can send them to your class teachers who will send them on to me. This is completely optional. These bits are highlighted in **yellow**. Thank you very much! Mrs Forsdyke

Each week I'm going to get us all to think about one of the Christian values of our school and how these are still important to us all, even when we can't all be in school together.

Can you remember all five of our values?

They are:

Compassion

Simplicity

Courage

Creativity and

Community



This week we are thinking about **Community**

I'm going to ask you to watch our school film about our Christian value of community. While you watch, think about these things:

- Remind yourself about how our value is rooted in the Bible in the passage from Corinthians
- How are all the different parts of a community, such as our school community, like all the different parts of a body?
- What part do you play in our school community?

You can watch the film here:

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/christian-value-films/>

Or under the 'About us' tab on the school website.

Choose the Community film

How can we still be a community even though we are not at school together?

Things we are already doing:

- Teachers are staying in touch with children in their classes with emails through the week.
- We are going to put lots of photo pages on our website sharing the learning you have been doing at home so you will be able to see and celebrate other people's successes.
- We will share things like these weekly assemblies and our golden certificates each week.
- Families in some classes are setting a particular time to light a candle together or for the children to meet up online to stay connected.

What else could we do together to keep our community strong while we all at home?

I'd love to hear children's ideas about this – please email them to class teachers to send on to me.

A community of children across the country learning at home

You are all part of a much bigger community, too!

Across the country, millions of children are learning at home for the moment. Lots of them have been drawing and painting rainbows to put in their windows to show everyone who walks past that children are learning there and as a symbol of hope for the future. (Do you all remember that the rainbow is the symbol of hope which God sends to Noah after the great flood?)

Perhaps some of you might like to do make a rainbow for your window, too?

If you do, please send your teacher a photo so we can share some of these. I would love to see them!

There is more information about the rainbow drawings in this news story:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-51988671>



Finally, we will finish our assembly, as usual, with a prayer:

Dear Lord,

Please keep us all safe and happy in this time while we are away from each other.

Thank you for our families and help us all to use this time to make our connections to our families, near and far, stronger than ever.

Help us to keep our school community strong and together by sharing and celebrating our successes and by helping and supporting each other when times are tough.

We pray for all those who are ill and all those who are caring for them all around the world.

Amen