

## Good morning everybody!

**Thank you** for all your amazing rainbow pictures last week. It was wonderful to think that we are all part of hopeful **community** of home learners at the moment.

The pictures of all the rainbows are on the website <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/home-learning-news/>

They were all beautiful but here are some of my favourites: (I have got one in my window at home, too!)



Miss Foster's rainbow



James' rainbow



Isabella's rainbow



Marta's rainbow Christ Church picture



Rika's rainbow



Stella's rainbow



Rudy's rainbow

I also asked you for other ideas about how we can stay together as school community, even though we are at home. Thank you if you sent in your ideas – you might see us trying these in the weeks to come!

One family suggested they would like to know more about what is still going on at school, so here is the latest news from there:

A small group of children, whose parents are doctors, nurses or who work in hospitals, are still coming to school each day. Two different school adults come in to look after them and help them with their home learning activities each day. They are based in the Year 5 classroom, which we have turned into a classroom for all ages, and they also spend lots of time in the playground, too. They have all been doing the Joe Wicks PE lesson each day (even the adults!) and they looked at last week's assembly as a little group all together. Some of them were very proud of creating their own chalk rainbow outside the school gate! The group will continue to come to school on any day they need to, even over the 'holiday', and you can see news from them on the website, too.



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?



## This week we are thinking about **Simplicity**

Our value of simplicity is about being grateful for all the good things we have, not worrying too much about what might happen tomorrow and making time to be calm and still.

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

- Remind yourself about how our value is rooted in the Bible in a text from Matthew 6.
- As you listen to the song, **take time to be silent and still** and look carefully at all the beautiful images of Hampstead Heath. (Well done Y6 for filming these last year!)
- When do **you** get a chance to be silent and still at home or at school?
- When do **your family members** get a chance to be silent and still?

You can watch the film here:

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

Choose the Simplicity film

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

## What are you grateful for?

Think about all the good things you are grateful for – try to come up with a list of five things.

Try not to just include things you own (like your toys or your clothes). You can be thankful for very simple things.

**I would love to see some of your lists if you would like to send them back to your class teachers – you can draw or write them.** I'll share some of your ideas and my list in the next assembly.

## 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 all to find the time for silence, stillness and prayer in our busy houses and help us all to appreciate the simple thing around us and be grateful for what we have.

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

Amen