

Cheshire House

Prayer and thought for the week-

Dear God,

Help us to be more like you and not judge people by the way they look.

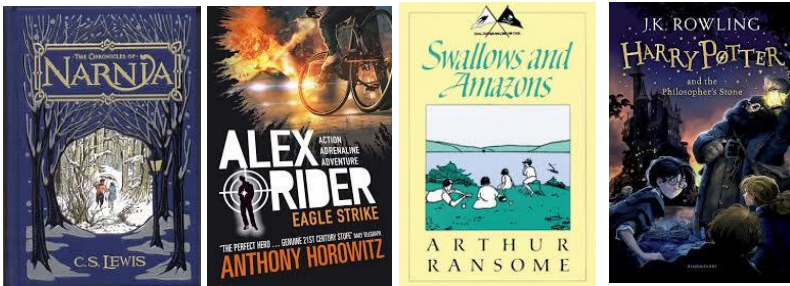
Help us to treat people who are different in size, shape, age, ethnicity, religion or any other difference with respect.

Help us to not be taken in by outward appearance but to consider the real person.

Amen.



One of shops I am most looking forward to being able to go in to, once they are fully open, is Waterstones. Now I realise that may not be the same for most of you, but as a book lover, I have always loved book shops. The quietness, the smell of the paper, the choice, even the colour all give me a sense of excitement about finding out things I didn't know, or reading about lives that will enrich my own. There is something about getting lost in a story that can transport you away from the things that are going on in your own life.



But how do you choose your new book? I have to say I am dreadful for making a first decision based on the cover. Then, I might turn it over and read the blurb on the back. Sometimes I'll put a book back because it doesn't seem to attract my attention. But what if the inside was

much more exciting than the cover made me think?

Have I missed something amazing by judging on first impressions!

Thinking about all the issues in the news over the last couple of weeks about Black Lives Matter and issues surrounding equality made me think about how all of us tend to judge on appearance, even without meaning too. For sighted people, a visual element is often the first impression we ever get. We may change our minds as we get to know more about people, but an initial judgement is always made.

In the Bible, Galatians, Chapter 3, verse 28 says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Jesus Christ." We should try to see beyond the surface!

The 2:6 challenge continues to run as an inter-house competition. So, if you haven't already then it could be time to think about what you could be doing to support the 2.6 challenge for many charities the lockdown has significantly reduced their incomes and our school charity St. Michael's hospice is no different. So, if the school work is done and you need a new challenge then get busy.

It could be a cooking or baking challenge, something sporty, something creative, or something funny. Anything goes!

Remember

Each house will have a Just Giving page set up.

You can search for your individual house page by following this link and clicking on the search icon at the top of the page <https://www.justgiving.com/>

Search for your house i.e. - BHBS Cheshire House or follow the links on the school website or Facebook page. You can set up your own challenge (make sure it is safe and appropriate), follow this link for more information and some inspiration!

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Your tutors will be ringing, if they haven't already, to find out how you are doing. Please let them know what you have found positive about the lockdown and working remotely, but also what you have found more challenging. If they haven't rung, they might have missed you, so please email your tutor with the best number to reach you on.