



# Prestbury Church of England Primary School

*Let your light shine that people may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5v16)*

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## *Value: Goodness*

### *Christian Calendar-Rogation Day: Care for the Earth*

Dear Parents

The theme for the worship this year is the Christian Calendar when we will celebrate the key Christian dates as they occur and look at other relevant areas in between. This week we are looking at Rogation Sunday.

Last week we looked at the background and traditions linked to Rogation Sunday. This week we will think about caring for the planet. The Bible says that we are to be stewards of the Earth and all the resources. This is an interesting and challenging idea - that we do not 'own' the earth, rather that we are to seek to look after it and to share God's blessings and resources. There has been a good deal of talk and information recently about caring for the environment and the amazing planet we live on - the challenge/encouragement for the Bible is to be good stewards and to carry out good deeds in all areas, including looking after God's creation

#### **Letting their light shine:**

The following children received the let your light shine certificate from their class teacher last week:

R Jamie and Henry

Y1 Diya

Y1/2 Isla

Y2 Ollie

Y3 George

Y3/4 Jodie

Y4 Aston

Y5 Emily

Y5/6 George

Y6 Lucy

**Date correction** –please note.

#### **Dates for the Summer term 2019**

Tuesday 23rd April	School re-opens
Wednesday 24th April	Y6 trip to Paradise Mill
Thursday 25th April	Y5 trip to Paradise Mill
Friday 26th April	Y5/6 trip to Paradise Mill
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Race for life
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday-School Closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Forum – Assessment.
Monday 13th-16th May	Y6 SATs
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 PGL Residential visit.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closes for the half-term holiday</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School re-starts</b> Arts Intake day for Y6 - Fallibroome
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket World Cup day

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 & KS2 Sports day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception drop-in 4-6pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Intake day for children going to Fallibroome
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	UKS2 Production at Fallibroome – afternoon & evening performances
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 & Reception Joint Trip PTA End of year KS1 and KS2 Parties tbc
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Children spend the morning in their new classes (this does NOT include the children who will be in Reception in September) Reports go home
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day 9.15
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Evening
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service End of the school year

### Cancer Research – Message from Lola, Aoife and Megan:

Thank you so much for your support for the Race for life organised by three of our Year 6 children and for your and generosity; it really is so humbling and encouraging to see how our school community responds to the various charity initiatives we have as a school.

The children enjoyed completing their laps and receiving their medals.

Thank you to Lola, Aoife and Megan for leading this charity initiative.

**Thank you so much to those who have donated. The total stands at £1845, far exceeding the £500 target**



### Parents' Forum

The next Parents' Forum is this Wednesday at **9.25am** and is then repeated at **2.15pm (note change in time)** and **6.00pm**. The focus of the meeting is Assessment and at the meeting I will outline the and current approaches in assessment, the changes in recent years and planned for the future, proposed changes in the Ofsted framework, look at school performance, and importantly put all of this in the idea context of our school values and a focus on the whole child.

### PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR VISITS PRIMARY SCHOOL



By our special reporters  
Jasmine Farooq and Erika Hodkinson  
(Year 4)

#### An author pays a visit

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Onjali Rauf payed a visit to our school, Prestbury CE Primary School, to talk to us about refugees and how we can help them. Onjali's book "The Boy at the Back of the Class" has won the Blue Peter Best Story Award 2019 and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019.

#### Her book and her story

On her visit, she explained the background of the story and how she has helped many refugees. Her mother was once a refugee but she put all that behind her and she started a new, wonderful life with Onjali and her brother. She explained that she met a young mother and her baby Raehan who were searching through the bins at the Refugee Camp in Calais for food to

survive. When Onjali saw this, she could not stand it and did the best she could to help them and that is why the story is about a 9 year old Syrian refugee boy who starts school in England in year 4. In the story, some children try to help him while others take advantage of him.

After the talk, Onjali answered our questions and read some of the book to us. Albie Rigby, aged 8, told us, " I found meeting Onjali inspiring and I learnt a lot." Tanvi Kutty, aged 9, agreed and said, "It made me realise how lucky I am to be living in a country that is safe."

Lots of children in our school bought the book and Onjali signed them for us. We are really enjoying the story and recommend it for primary school children. We are so happy that Onjali found time to come and visit us.



### **STAFF CAR PARK**

The message below was put in a newsletter before the Easter and I do appreciate that the vast majority of parents have taken note. However, we still have occasions when parents are using the Staff car park (without agreement) and this included one occasion last week when an ambulance was on site dealing with a serious situation and a parent used the car park blocking the Emergency Response and Ambulance.

I imagine most people will have noticed the new painted signs on the driveway, highlighting that the car park is for staff only. However, it would seem one or two parents have not noticed the bright yellow signs and are still using the staff car park. This is both a safeguarding and health and safety issue, parents are only allowed to use the car park with prior consent. Last week we still had one or two parents using the car park to collect/ drop children for appointments and also to collect following after school clubs...these are all times when there is ample parking space nearby. Please do not use the staff car park unless by prior agreement. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Parking – safety**

A number of parents witnessed the issue of parents –and in one case a childminder – parking on yellow lines and the problems it causes, as well as safety issues. One car was parked on a yellow line, preventing a coach from getting through, and then the attitude of the driver when asked to move their vehicle so the coach could get through was shocking.

Two vehicles have been mentioned to me for parking on yellow lines: YL17CDE and DN56PVA.

Please consider the safety of ALL children above convenience.

Thank you for your support.

### **Seeing a teacher at the start of the school day**

A reminder that unless it is an **emergency** it will not usually be possible to speak to your child's teacher after 8.55am, as the teacher will need to be with their class and is responsible for 30 children. If it is before the school day, at dropping off time in the morning, the Office staff will usually go and check with the teacher if they are available, as sometimes it is possible to meet them, but not always.

If a parent asks to see a teacher after 8.55am then the Office staff will ask if they can pass a message on – this is what has been agreed – and/or if you would like to you may complete a Meeting request slip. I know sometimes

one or two parents have found this frustrating, but would ask that all interactions with staff are polite and courteous. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Year 5 and 6 after school Cricket Club**

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the after school cricket club has been cancelled for this week only (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May). Please accept our apologies. Thank you

### **Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Worship Parents' Forum 9.25am, 2.15pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	

### **Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS Monday-Thursday.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>NO</b> Community Worship
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA film night
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	

*David J Capener*

**Headteacher**

### **PTA News**

Hello everyone, welcome to the start of another new week. We hope you've had a lovely long weekend. Our main news is our next film night. It's taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and we will announce the film as soon as we know it. We are looking for parent volunteers to help out on the night. Please let us know if you can be there.

We are also working on a date for a Fashion and Fizz night. News to follow once we have worked it all out, but we are hoping it will be in July. Watch this space!

Enjoy your week,  
PTA team xx