



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)

15th & 22nd July 2019

Value: Faithfulness

Christian Calendar- God's plans

Dear Parents,

Well, we are nearly there – the end of another school year. It is probably something to do with age, but it seems to come around earlier and earlier each year and time just whizzes by. As a family, our eldest child will be starting Year 13, with A levels imminent as well as University open days etc, our next child will be starting Year 11 and therefore GCSEs...so two children with major exams next year... I feel my hints of grey hair may flourish –and our next child will be starting Year 9 and choosing her options...our youngest will start Year 8...pew... at least one without exams/choices etc. It reminds me how precious time with our children is and how we want them to flourish in all areas to become the people God wants them to be and the primary school years are the foundation for all that follows.

I know for a number of families, this is also a time of change and probably like me, you often have the desire to freeze or pause time, but it is also wonderful to grow as a family. I always remember what one teacher said to me, 'The age your children are at, is the best age.' a reminder to enjoy the current and not wish for the past or the future. Therefore, I hope that in the busyness of life, you are able to enjoy 'the current' this summer.

There is quite a lot in this newsletter, so you may want to make a coffee and grab your family calendar before you sit down to read it.

Goodbye Year 6

It is that time of the year when we say goodbye to our Year 6. We do this with a sense of sadness but also pride in all that they have achieved and how they are as individuals as they move to high school. We pray they all make a smooth transition and that they achieve all that they are capable of and we look forward to hearing their news. We also say good-bye to some families who have been involved in the school for a number of years as their children leave the school; thank you for your support and partnership.

Safe and Successful

I am pleased that our school continues to be guided and driven by our school verse and our mission statement, with a focus on the whole child and we avoid narrowing down to league tables and one or two subjects. We believe that each child in our school is of equal value and worth as we are all made in God's image, we want to celebrate all achievements in all areas, including where our children display and live out our school values. We are an inclusive school and welcome all children of differing abilities, and indeed a number of families choose or move their children to our school due to our reputation for support and care, for example in the area of Special Educational Needs and many choose our school for our clear Christian values. We seek to be about the whole child, their talents and skills across all areas and about character development, equipping them to live out our Christian values and thereby make a positive difference.

It is within this context that I share the outcomes for our current Y6. We are always pleased with the results that our children achieve and this year is no exception; a hugely successful set of results that we are incredibly proud of. Below are the results (in brackets are the most up-to-date national figures available, 2019 for Expected and 2018 for Higher).

	Expected (National 2019 in brackets)	Higher (National 2018 in brackets)
Reading	92% (73%)	36% (28%)
Writing	89% (78%)	40% (20%)
Maths	93% (79%)	40% (24%)
Grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)	92% (78%)	60% (34%)
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	87% (65%)	13% (10%)

All of the results are significantly above the national - we are especially pleased with the outcomes in Maths and the phenomenal 60% at the higher standard in GPS - they reflect the hard work of children and staff and the support of parents, well done to one and all!

Another essential area is the safety and safeguarding of the children in our care, I recently commissioned an independent LA group to complete a Safeguarding review, so they could affirm the good work taking place and signpost any developments. I am pleased to say that the review was incredibly positive, below is feedback from the review:

The children we spoke to on the day of the review were a credit to the school and were very clear that they had someone to talk to who would listen to them if they had any concerns. Children reported bullying is not an issue in the school and this was reiterated by staff and governors spoken to. The behaviour observed on the day of the review was excellent. The children spoken to were a credit to the school in their polite, friendly attitudes.

Staff and parents spoken to were very positive about the support offered in the school and there was a clear ethos and culture around safeguarding evident.

Staff spoken to clearly understood the safeguarding procedures and all said that it was given a high priority in the school. Staff feel that they are supported in delivering safeguarding information to children

All parents spoken to were glowing in their praise of the school and the way they care for all members of the school community

The excellent data, the positive safeguarding review can be added to the many sporting achievements, the music and drama productions, the incredible support our school community has provided for numerous charitable initiatives and many other rich educational experiences that have taken place this year. We continue to be annually assessed as Outstanding by Ofsted as part of an annual risk assessment, and again just like previous years Ofsted feel there is no reason to carry out an inspection of our school. We are not complacent and will continue to do all we can for all the children in our care; to be the best we can in the widest possible sense.

Thank you

Thank you to all who have contributed to the school in any way shape or form this year: PTA, Parent/Adult helpers in school, Governing Body, who do such an important job, much of it behind the scenes and unseen, parents who have encouraged and supported the school and their children, the great staff team who do go that extra mile-and more-for the children in our care and of course thank you to the wonderful children we have the privilege of teaching.

Sports Day

A reminder that the postponed KS1 and KS2 Sport day will take place on Monday 22nd July (am KS2, pm KS1).

The EYFS Sport day is on Wednesday 17th July 9.15am.

Y6 shirts on the last day

Y6 will be wearing winter uniform on the last day of school (Tuesday 23rd July) for the Leavers' Church Service. After the service, it is a tradition that they get their shirts signed by friends and teachers back at school. They can either use the shirt they are wearing or bring in another shirt to be signed. If you or your child does not want their shirt written on, please let us know. They will need to bring in a couple of felt tips from home as these work the best and we do not have many at school!

Y6& Y5 – Performance: Olivia

What a joy it was to watch our Y5 & 6 children perform with such confidence on the stage at Fallibroome. The feedback from parents was so positive and in particular the calibre of the children. Well done to all of the children, thank you to parents for your support and thank you to all the UKS2 staff and in particular, Miss Cross for all of your hard work....it was more than worth it!

Letting their light shine:

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

Reception – Alfie and Hector

Year 1 – Joshua

Year 1/2 – Zarmeen

Year 2 – Ella

Year 3 – Jessica

Year 3/4 – Marni

Year 4 – Daisy

Year 5 – All Year 5 and 6

Year 5/6 – All Year 5 and 6

Year 6 - All Year 5 and 6

Allergies/Dietary requirements

A reminder that Cheshire East Catering, who manage our kitchen and meals and snacks at school, will administer special/cultural dietary requirements for children. Parents will appreciate that there are a number of children with intolerances, but also some with life-threatening severe allergies, including anaphylaxis. With regard to anaphylaxis /allergies/intolerances, it is essential that in order to keep the children safe parents/carers will need written diagnosis from a hospital or clinics or a medical note from their own doctor, together with the necessary dietary information. As well as the kitchen staff, this will be shared with all staff, so there is whole school awareness. It is equally important that any changes to an agreed plan will only take place following updated medical information.

With regard to cultural requirements, we would ask that parent email the school via the school office or class teacher to outline the cultural requirement and again this will be followed unless we have written information to the contrary from the parents.

Midday Assistants required

We have paid vacancies available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are able to support the school, in this role, please get in touch for further details.

There will also be vacancies for every day, in September.

Many thanks, Mrs H Bamford

Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September

School re-starts

Monday 9th September

Reception meeting for new parents 12.30pm

Nursery meeting for parents 11.45am

Tuesday 10th September

Y1 (1.30pm) and Y2 (2.15pm) meetings for parents

Wednesday 11 th September	LKS2 (2.30pm) meeting for parents
Thursday 12 th September	PGL information meeting for Y6 Parents/Conwy information meeting for Y5 parents UKS 2 meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 th September	9.20am Commissioning Service at Church –all welcome
Monday 30 th September –Friday 4 th October	Staff from Maxonia & Maxonia week
Tuesday 1 st October	Harvest service
Wednesday 2 rd – Friday 4 th October	Y5 Residential visit to Conwy Y6 Enterprise
Monday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25 th October	Y4 Class assembly School closes for the half-term
Monday 4 th November	School re-starts
Friday 8 th November	Open afternoon to look at children's books Y1-6
Thursday 14 th November	Academy Photography in
Friday 15 th November	Y3/4 Class assembly (Mrs Croghan)
Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th November	National Anti-bullying week
Saturday 30 th November	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity afternoon and evening performances
Thursday 12 th December	FS Nativity am & Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Parties
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Service at Church -9.20am & 6.00pm
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Party LKS2 Y 3 and 4 Christmas Party am UKS2 Y 5 and 6 Party pm
Friday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas holiday

Dates for Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 th January	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 th January	Y6 SRE lesson
Tuesday 7 th January	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th & Friday 17 th January	Y6 Bikeability Y5 SRE lessons
Friday 17 th January	Y1/2 Class assembly (Mrs McCurrie's) PGT Foundation Stage
Wednesday 15 th January	SATs meeting for Y6 parents
Friday 24 th January	Year 3 class assembly PGT KS1
Friday 31 st January	Year 5 Class assembly (Miss Butler's) PGT LKS2
Friday 7 th February	Y2 Class Assembly (HH)
Friday 7 th February	PGT UKS2 Creative Week –
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th February	
Monday 10 th February	Bible Encounter in for Worship Spring Concert 6pm
Friday 14 th February	PGT School closes for half- term
Monday 24 th February	School re-starts
Tuesday 3 rd March	Class and Group photographs
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Y1 Class assembly Mrs Davies
Monday 9 th March 4- 7pm	Parent's Evening

Tuesday 10th March 4- 7pm Parents' Evening

Friday 13th March Y6 Class assembly (Miss Cross')

PTA Non uniform day
Comic Relief

Tuesday 24th & LKS2 Easter
Wednesday 25th performance in school
March

Monday 30th March – Easter Events

Friday 3rd April

Tuesday 31st March Easter Service 9.15am

Easter Lunch

Easter Bonnet parade

Friday 3rd April Reception class
assembly 9.00

School closes for the
Easter holiday

Dates for the Summer term 2020

Monday 20th April School re-opens

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday-School
Closed

Monday 11th-15th May Y6 SATs

Monday 18th May- Y6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May visit.

Friday 22nd May **School closes for the
half-term holiday**

Monday 8th June **School re-starts**

Arts Intake day for Y6 -
Fallibroome

Wednesday 17th June KS1 & KS2 Sports day

Tuesday 23rd June New Reception drop-in
4-6pm

Monday 29th June Y6 Intake day for
children going to
Fallibroome

Tuesday 30 th June	New reception children visiting 9.05-11.05 12.30-2.30
Wednesday 9 th July	UKS2 Production at Fallibroome – afternoon & evening performances tbc
Friday 10 th July	Y6 & Reception Joint Trip PTA End of year KS1 and KS2 Parties tbc
Monday 13 th July	Children spend the morning in their new classes Reports go home
Tuesday 14 th July	EYFS practise sports day
Wednesday 15 th July	EYFS Sports Day 9.15
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Evening
Friday 17 th July	EYFS reserve sports day
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service End of the school year

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE AND ADDITIONAL EVENTS MAY BE ADDED.
PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

Squash Lessons at Prestbury Squash Club

Over the last year Key Stage 2 children have been given the great opportunity to participate in squash lessons at Prestbury Squash Club and we will continue to build this partnership over the next academic year. In order for this to happen, the squash club are looking for volunteers to work alongside the coaches at Prestbury Squash Club in helping the children learn to play squash. The Key Stage 2 lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon and they will only need volunteer’s once a month. Previous experience of playing squash yourself is not required. If you would like to learn a new sport, build on previous skills and support the children with their learning please email Mrs McCurrie jmccurrie@prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk.

The Squash Club will also be holding an Open Day for non-members of all ages on Saturday, 14 September, from 10am to 5pm - so do please feel free to take the opportunity for a visit there then, when you can view the Club’s facilities, as well as possibly picking up a racket and venturing on to court!

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 15th July 2019

Monday 15 th July	Moving up morning and reports sent home.
Tuesday 16 th July	
Wednesday 17 th July	EYFS Sports day NO Community Worship
Thursday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' evening
Friday 19 th July	Nursery class trip

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 22nd July 2019

Monday 22 nd July	KS2 and KS1 Sports day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' service School closes for the Summer holiday.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 2nd September 2019

Monday 2 nd September	New school year starts.
Tuesday 3 rd September	
Wednesday 4 th September	Community Worship LKS2 Mayan workshop
Thursday 5 th September	
Friday 6 th September.	Judo assembly for KS2

David J Capener

Headteacher

PTA News

Hello everyone and welcome to the last newsletter from us of the school year!

Firstly a massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the Fashion & Fizz night last week. We had a fabulous evening and the fundraising amount is looking really healthy so we will hopefully announce it very soon.

The children's end of term parties went so well! We had a great uptake of tickets and the children had an absolutely fabulous time. They were a credit to you all as they behaved impeccably, and we couldn't have asked for more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last 2 years as your chairs. We have had such a great time, along with a lot of hard work, helping to raise as much as possible for the school and children we care so much about. None of the fundraising could happen without you all, the amazing parents.

We want to wish the new PTA all the luck in the world with their task ahead, and we can only hope you enjoy your time as much as we have. We are all still here as parents and helpers and will still be involved as much as possible, but with taking a backseat to your new ideas and wonderful eagerness to get stuck in! So massive good luck to :

Caroline Myers, Alex Montgomery . Nicola Dearden , Jacqui Cheyne , Sarah Supyk , Julie White, Wendy Healey

Have a fabulous summer and we will see you all next term.

Over and out....

Mel, Kat, Becci, Claire Xx Prestbury CoE Primary School PTA