



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)

30th September 2019

Value: Fruit - Goodness

Let your light shine.... Light of the individual talents

Dear Parents

The theme for our Worship this term is our school verse, Matthew 5v16: 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.'

This week we are continuing to focus on the light of individual talents. God has made us for community, He has designed us to be with and relate to other people, yet God has also made each one of us unique. Psalm 139 says, 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb....O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.' Psalm 139:13&1. In the New Testament Jesus told the parable of the talents and it is also clear that God has good works set aside for each one of us.

In worship we will marvel at the fact that God knows each one of us so well and that He has great plans for each one of us as Christians to serve Him and to be a person of light in the different communities we are placed. We will think about the talents God has given us, to be thankful for the talents of those around us and then how we can use our God given talents for the common good.

How does it make you feel to know that God knows you so well and He has good deeds for you to do? If you are in the midst of following God and using your talents and it is hard going, remember He is with you; God sometimes calls us to serve Him in challenging situations.

Maxonia – Staff Visits and Maxonia Week

We are very excited that we will welcome two staff from Maxonia Primer, our partner school in South Africa. Mr Baard, the Headteacher, and Miss Klassen, they will spend the week in school, visiting and spending time in every class. Throughout the week, we will be having South Africa themed lessons with a focus on food and the differences and similarities between the food we eat in Prestbury and that which they eat in Maxonia. This links with our Harvest Festival Service taking place on Tuesday 1st October. Please do say hello to the staff from Maxonia if you see them at church or in school as I know staff, children and parents would like to make them feel as welcome as possible. On Monday 30th September we will be having a South African themed lunch this is free for Reception and KS1 and £2.50 for KS2 if your child does not normally have a school dinner.

Harvest Service

Our School Harvest service is at church this Tuesday 1st October at 9.15am. Children are encouraged to bring tinned products, ideally non-perishable goods. Please note that the children have to carry what they bring down to Church themselves. The food will then be distributed – some of the tinned products will be given out at Christmas time. It would be lovely to see as many parents and family members as possible as we as a school community celebrate harvest. All of the children will sit in the main body of the church and we would ask parents to sit in the choir stalls and in the side pews unoccupied by children.

Cross Country Report 25.9.19:

A great first race to kick off the cross country season! Very wet, muddy conditions, which didn't deter our hardy runners. If mud-splattered backs were being judged, we'd have come first in every race! Excellent results: girls came 2nd and the boys came 4th (missed third place by 2 points). A huge well done to all those who took part.

Girls: Sophie Palmer: 7th

Leena Mousa: 10th

Anya Dean: 14th

Grace Hartley: 24th

Alisha Lomas: 38th

Boys: Sam Jones: 3rd

Henry Barton: 18th

Thomas Waller: 22nd

Josh Davison: 25th

Oliver Rowbotham: 26th

Noah Pittham: 32nd

Enterprise 2019. The wait is over!

The lucky ones amongst you may already have a couple of stunning Enterprise baubles, meticulously made by your child, to adorn your tree. Literally, hundreds of parents have been asking me when the next baubles will be made. Wipe away your tears of frustration, because I am pleased to announce that baubles will be made this week and available to buy the week after. This year's theme will be 'robins'-always useful to know, just in case the actual result looks something different to the intended outcome. Your child will write their name on the back of the bauble, above '2019' so you have a permanent record of their art and when they did it-always useful for future Antique Roadshows. They will be sold for the same price as last year-£1.50. I think you'll find this is a bargain due to increased import tariffs placed on baubles in the present political, uncertain climate. Baubles can be purchased from your child's teacher. Please do not bring money to the office. All money raised goes towards the Y6 production and art supplies in school. A huge thank you for always supporting Y6 in this



event.

Parents' Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the most recent forum (Tuesday 24th September 2019). The powerpoint linked to this, including ideas for future areas of focus for the forum, may be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk/page/parents-forum/774>

Non uniform day for Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you very much for your support for this important Cause. **We raised a tremendous £600.91!**

World mental health day

Thursday 10th October is World mental health day. Mental wellbeing is now a key focus and we all probably know family and/or friends who have or do face challenges in this area. There is quite a lot of information available, the link below is to one particular site and an area on the site to support parents.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

Parents' Forum.

At the meeting last week, we outlined our areas of focus in 2019-20 and also discuss areas of focus for future Parents' Forums; the powerpoint is available on the school website:

<https://www.prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk/page/parents-forum/774>

The next Parents' Forum is Tuesday 26th November at 2.30pm and repeated at 5.00pm.

Autumn Special Lunch Tuesday 8th October

Menu Sausage, Chips & Beans or Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Chips & Beans followed by Apple Crumble & Custard or Autumn Fruit Muffin. All welcome Free for KS1 and £2.50 for KS2 if your child does not normally have a school dinner.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 30th September 2019

Monday 30 th September	Staff from Maxonia here all week –please see above for more information. South African Lunch Y6 Class (Miss Cross' class) swimming
Tuesday 1 st October	Harvest service –all very welcome.
Wednesday 2 nd October	NO Community Worship Y5 Residential Conwy
Thursday 3 rd October	Y5 Residential Conwy
Friday 4 th October	Y5 Residential Conwy

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 7th October 2019

Monday 7 th October	Y6 Class (Miss Cross' class) swimming
Tuesday 8 th October	Plague doctor with UKS2 Autumn Special Lunch
Wednesday 9 th October	Community Worship

Thursday 10 th October	World mental health day
Friday 11 th October	

David J Capener
Headteacher

PTA Newsletter –Monday 30th September 2019

Welcome to a new school week!

Christmas Fayre

The PTA are working towards preparing for the Christmas Fayre which is being held on **Saturday 30th November** at School. This is the biggest fundraiser of the school year and without support and kind donations from parents it really would not be able to happen. We really appreciate your help in making this a magical event for the children (and parents!).

In order to prepare for the fayre we are looking for the following donations over the next couple of weeks:

Friday 4th October: Chocolates / Sweets and any Unwanted New Presents.

The chocolates will be used for the chocolate wheel and various other stalls. To give you an example we are after either boxes of chocolate / multipacks of fun-size chocolate bars or wrapped individual chocolates i.e. quality streets / Cadbury hero's / chocolate bars and wrapped sweets. Anything is greatly received!

Un-wanted New Presents – do you have any items that are new and un-used that you no longer require? If so we would be happy to take them from you and create an 'Elfridge's Stall' where children can buy a festive gift for their parents / grandparents / carers.

We will be on the driveway **on Friday 4th October** in the morning to collect the donations. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Friday 18th October – a request for 'new toys' from the whole school for the 'new toy stall'.

Friday 25th October – a request for alcohol / non-alcoholic bottles from the whole school in exchange for a non-uniform day.

PTA Lottery

A reminder if you would like to participate with the PTA Lottery the cost per ball to the end of the academic year is £22 (for payment submitted before 4th October 2019).

If interested, please fill your details in on the PTA Lottery Form which is available this week outside school.

You can either pay by cheque made payable to 'Prestbury School PTA' and drop the form in the PTA green postbox outside Reception or pay monthly via standing order (details are on the Lottery Form).

We hope you all have a great week and thank you for reading!

PTA Team Members: Alex, Caroline, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky, Sarah and Wendy.