



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)

7th October 2019

Value: Fruit - Self-control

Let your light shine.... Light for others, Harvest.

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 looking at the light of harvest. We live in an age and society where we are told that if we have more we will be happier and we are encouraged to judge one another by our material wealth and possessions. The Bible has a refreshing message shining brightly into this situation. The Bible encourages us to give thanks to God for His provision and to find contentment in God.

I wonder how often do we stand back and give thanks for all the blessings we have received. Do we remember to give thanks for His goodness to us as a school in the children, families and staff we have? I am sure like me you encourage your children to say thank you –I wonder do we sometimes need to remember to say this as adults? I am sure I am not alone in appreciating it when a person does say thank you.

God is good to us - He loves us even when we do not deserve it, He provides for us –God is worthy of our thanksgiving at this Harvest time and in focussing on Him we may also step off the treadmill of the materialism our society encourages to pursue and appreciate the simple things in life- creation, family, health, friendship, God being with us.

Maxonia – Staff Visit

It was fantastic to have two staff from Maxonia Primer, our partner school in South Africa. Mr Baard , the Headteacher and Miss Klassen in school last week and I hope your child/ren enjoyed seeing and hearing from the staff. Thank you for your continued support for this important partnership.

Harvest Service

Thank you for your generosity in providing the harvest gifts, they will be very much appreciated.

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/>

Open Afternoon

On Friday 18th October 1.30-3.15pm, there is the opportunity for parents of children in Y1-6 to look through their child's books with their child; once you have looked through the books you are able to take your child home early if you would like to (please make sure they are signed out with their class teacher)

Football

Please note that there **will NOT** be any football training after school this Thursday as there is a match. All children involved in the match have received a letter. Thank you

Cross Country Report 2.10.19:

I was so impressed with the Year3 and Year 4 cross country children-especially the Y3s who haven't run the course before. Again, very muddy, but the children seemed to love it! The girls came 5th and, after a bit of confusion, the boys were confirmed as coming second. There were 74 runners in the girls' race and 89 runners in the boys' race.

Girls:

Evie Burill 9th

Sophie Martin 22nd

Rosie Bevan 27th

Isabel Budd 33rd

Ella Jones 48th

Boys:

Zach Roche 5th

Max Jones 7th

Oscar Davison 17th

Rowan Hodkinson 21st

Sam Savage 31st

Rory Russell 36th

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.

WASSADAMODRAMA Half term holiday scheme. There are still spaces on the half term drama scheme at Prestbury Primary School, 10-4pm daily from Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November, with a performance from 4-5pm on Friday 1st for family and friends. The scheme is suitable for years 2-6, and is £120 for the week. For further information contact me at wassadamodrama@gmail.com or by mobile on 07496374446. There are also letters in Reception. Thanks! Claire Beresford

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

Monday 7 th October	Y6 Class (Miss Cross' class) swimming – please bring t-shirt & shorts
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 Football match at Home – NO Training
Friday 11 th October	

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 14th October 2019

Monday 14 th October	Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) swimming
Tuesday 15 th October	
Wednesday 16 th October	Community Worship
Thursday 17 th October	Bonfire night safety talk by the police.
Friday 18 th October	Open afternoon 1.30-3.15pm (Y1-6)

David J Capener
Headteacher

PTA Newsletter –Monday 7th October 2019

Welcome to a new school week!

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all that donated chocolates / sweets and un-wanted gifts last Friday. We are very grateful for all the donations. This will help us build on the success of last year's Fayre.

Christmas Fayre Brochure

If you are interested in advertising in the School Christmas Fayre Brochure which is given out to everyone who attends the Christmas Fayre please contact the PTA to reserve your advert space by emailing: prestburypta@gmail.com or speak to a member of the PTA.

The advert options and prices are as follows: Full page: £85 Half page: £65 Quarter page: £45

We will need any artwork by Friday 18th October and can receive either a jpeg with a minimum dpi of 300 or pdf.

Raffle Donations

At the Fayre we will be running a luxury tombola stall filled with gift cards, merchandise and services generously donated by businesses. If you know of a business that may wish to contribute we would love to hear from you / them. The donors name and prize will be displayed on our raffle board at the fayre.

Christmas Collections

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

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.

We really appreciate your support in making this Fayre a real success for the school and children.

Bag 2 School – 5th November 2019

We are pleased to announce that we will be running an organised clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school.

Bag2School is the UK’s leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Schools, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include ‘good quality’ adults’ and children’s clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys all for re-use, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don’t forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from the school driveway on **5th November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) and help us have a really good collection

We will organise the distribution of Bag2School plastic bags nearer the time for your children to bring home. Alternatively you can bring your items in a black refuse bag.

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

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