



# 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)*

4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Value: Fruit - Faithfulness**

*Let your light shine.... Light of Remembrance*

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 focus on Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance Sunday and the symbol of the poppy recalls the end of the First World war:

*On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War ended. Civilians wanted to remember the people who had given their lives for peace and freedom. An American War Secretary, Moina Michael, inspired by John McCrae's poem, began selling poppies to friends to raise money for the ex-Service community. And so the tradition began.*

With our armed forces in active service, we often see on the news the personal cost to individuals and families it is important to take time to remember the sacrifice they have made and continue to make.

As Christians it is also a time to remember the sacrifice that God made in sending His only Son in order that we may be forgiven, 'Christ died, once for all' that we may all have peace with God, be His children and live for Him. In the midst of conflict whether between nations or individuals Jesus shines the light that is able to bring healing and peace.

At this time, we pray for all of our service personnel and their families and give thanks to God for the love He has

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Leaflets for the annual Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child boxes are being handed out this week. If you visit the site <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk> you will find more information about the boxes. Your gifts in a shoe box can change a child's life. For some of the world's most disadvantaged children, your shoe box could be the first Christmas present they have ever received. The leaflets are given out early so that boxes can be obtained and many of our children enjoy making up the boxes during half term and thinking about what to put inside them. Please can the boxes be returned to school by **Wednesday 6th November**. If you are unable to find a shoe box, the Joules shop in Wilmslow have kindly said they have approx. 20 boxes available if you would like to collect one from them. Thank you

## **New Telephone Number – REMINDER**

On 31st October our telephone number is changing to **01625 469630** please can you put our new number in your telephones

## **Football Training**

Please note as there is a match on Thursday there will be **NO** football training after school this week.

## Individual and Family photographs

Individual and family photographs take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have a pre-school child (**not at this school/nursery**) with older siblings in school and would like a family photograph please arrive at school between 8.45-9.00am when the photographer will be available for family photographs. **Children need to wear their winter uniform.**

## Phonics/Reading workshops

At the most recent Parents' Forum we asked for ideas for future Forums and also for workshops. The parents present said a workshop focused on reading and in particular the link between phonics and reading development and how parents may help with this, would be helpful.

Therefore, there will be two workshops:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2.30-3.00pm -EYFS (Nursery/Reception) -Phonics and reading

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2.30-3.00pm -KS1 ( Y1-2) -Phonics and reading

## Kindness Week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-Bullying Week. The aim is for schools across England to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. This year we have decided to change to a positive focus and to have a “Kindness Week” to run at the same time as National Anti-Bullying week. Kindness is one of our school values and underpins all our school rules and our school ethos. During the week, the children will be taking part in a variety of activities designed to make children think about the importance of being kind to others, including being kind to others on line, on social media and on text messages. Our school anti-bullying policy is on the school website under ‘School Information’ on the ‘Policies’ tab. There is also a lot of useful information about E-Safety under ‘School Information’, ‘Parents forum’ on the ‘E-Safety’ tab. Cheshire East have also now developed an on-line resource to tackle bullying. The primary purpose of the webpages is to provide information for parents to support their child if they are experiencing bullying at school or in the community. This includes links and advice for both children and their parents. If you are concerned about bullying or a situation at school we would encourage you to speak to your child’s class teacher in the first instance as this will be the best and most effective way of resolving any situation.

Please click on the following link to access this information:

<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/staying-safe/community-safety/bullying/bully-free-cheshire-east.aspx>

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Hague and Mrs McCurrie visiting Maxonia –all week. Y5/6 Class (Mrs O’Keefe’s class) swimming 2.30pm EYFS (Nursery/Reception) Phonics/Reading workshop for parents
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Worship Yr 5 & 6 Girls Football Home vs Upton Priory
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 5 & 6 Boys Football Match Away – <b>NO training</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Non-uniform day for the luxury hampers & grotto gifts for the Christmas Fair

## Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 11th November 2019

Monday 11th November	Kindness (anti-bullying) week Gripping Yarns drama for Y1-6 Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) swimming
Tuesday 12th November	
Wednesday 13th November	Community Worship
Thursday 14th November	Academy Photography in. PTA Film show
Friday 15th November	Y3/4 Class (Mrs Croghan's class) assembly – all welcome

David J Capener

Headteacher

### PTA Newsletter –Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Welcome back - we hope you all had a lovely half term break.

#### Please find the upcoming events for the week ahead:

- Tomorrow we will be running the **Bag2School** clothes & shoe collection to raise funds for the school. You hopefully received a Bag2School plastic bag at the end of last term -if not please just bring your items in a black refuse bag. To view the accepted items please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com>. Bag2School will be collecting from the school driveway tomorrow - **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) **by 9am** and help us have a really good collection.
- We will be selling some Bonfire goodies after school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – items such as glowballs, fingerlights and lollies – all to raise funds for the School.
- This **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** will be the first official new PTA meeting – all parents are welcome. We will be discussing the plans for the Christmas Fayre plus other initiatives – the meeting will start at 3.15pm. A room will be available for the children to wait during the meeting.
- This **Friday** sees a non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre – fear not there are not many more requests to come!! We are asking for items for the Luxury Hampers, Children's Hampers and Santa's Grotto – we stock them using your generous donations. The hampers are raffled on the day of the Fayre and to ensure we get a good cross section of goodies please could we ask each age group to bring the following:

**Nursery / Reception / Y1 / Y2: small pocket money new toys**

**Year 3 / Year 4: Children's toiletries, children's stationery, children's chocolates/biscuits /sweets, games, cuddly toys**

**Year 5 / Year 6: Luxury chocolates/biscuits, candles, jams, olives, marmalades, Christmas puddings/cake/mince pies, crackers, luxury snacks**