



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)

11th November 2019

Value: Fruit - Gentleness

Let your light shine.... Light for others

Dear Parents

The theme for our Worship this term is our school verse from 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 being a light for others, it is especially relevant as it is Kindness week (National Anti-bullying week), please see information later in the newsletter. We all have the opportunity every day to be a light to those we come into contact with. Are we the type of person who is positive to have around? Jesus said in our school verse that we should be a light for others, that we are the type of people who others give thanks to God for. How can we be light? I guess our school values, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, is a good place to start: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.....to show God's love in how we are with one another.

In light of events that we see almost daily on the news, we can also be a light for our neighbours, praying for and supporting them as they try to deal with a range of challenges. In the midst of the difficulties, we pray that God's love and comfort world shine through, and they would know the support of those around the world.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for the wonderful response.

Kindness Week 11th – 15th November

11th – 15th 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>

Absence Line - 016250469630

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill or has an appointment and is not going to be in school to please ring the absence line on **01625 469630** not email the office as they may not be checked until later in the day. You can ring and leave a message for any forward appointments that you know of. Please press option 1 to report the absence.

Children in Need – a message from Rosie and Daisy in Year 4

Dear Parents, we would like to remind you of Children in Need day. We want to do a fun run, and this will take place on Friday 15th November. We would like all the children to still come in school uniform, but to wear one item that is yellow and /or spotty. The children will then take part in a short run in their Key stages. We suggest a donation of £1- £2 and will collect the money at the school gate in the morning. Thank you for your support. Rosie and Daisy.

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

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

Individual and Family photographs

Individual and family photographs take place on **Thursday 14th 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.

Rail safety

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery..Please click on the image below to view the relevant safety video:

Primary school version: Age 7- 11 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Parents are best placed to view the video and then decide if you think it would be helpful to watch and discuss with your child/ren. If you have older children, there are also videos aimed at secondary-aged children.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 11th November

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

	Children in Need- wear something yellow/spotty and fun run.
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Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 18th November 2019

Monday 18th November	Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) swimming
Tuesday 19th November	
Wednesday 20th November	Community Worship
Thursday 21 st November	
Friday 22 nd November	Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) assembly – all welcome

David J Capener

Headteacher

PTA Newsletter –Monday 11th November 2019

Welcome to another school week and with only 19 more days until the Christmas Fayre – we thought we would summarise the up-coming dates for your diary!

Firstly a huge thank you to all that donated last Friday. We have had a wonderful amount donated and are very grateful to you all!

Up-coming events:

- A reminder that the **Christmas Fayre** is on **Saturday 30th November 2019 from 1pm- 4pm.**
- **Jolly Jars Christmas Competition.** If you would like to enter into the Jolly Jars competition we ask that you return the Jars from Monday 25th November closing Friday 29th November, to be judged on Saturday 30th November. Please leave your Jolly Jars in the Reception area. A Jolly Jars poster will be circulated during this week and will also be on the PTA noticeboard.
- **Christmas Fayre Wrapping Night on Wednesday 27th November from 6.30pm** in the School Hall. We are after volunteers to help with the Christmas wrapping of certain items / hampers etc. Mince pies, mulled wine, coffee & tea will be available to help the wrapping process!
 - Do you have any un-wanted Christmas Wrapping Paper, Tinsel or Ribbons that you can donate to the PTA? If so please can you deliver into the Reception Area by **Monday 25th November.**
- **Baking donations for the Cake Stall.** We know there are lots of great bakers at the school, so we would really appreciate any cakes, cookies or biscuit donations. Emma Lord is kindly running the Cake Stall again this year and if you are able to donate please can we receive by **Friday 29th November** or bring on the day. (Please can you avoid using nuts in order to minimise any risk to the children).

Christmas Fayre Stall Volunteers (during Saturday 30th November from 1pm-4pm).

The PTA need your help!

We are looking for volunteers to help in the running of stalls at the Christmas Fayre. Are you able to spend 30 minutes (or more) assisting on a stall? If you are please come forward and volunteer. We are also asking each Class Rep to assist with finding volunteers. Stall sign-up sheets will be available this week.

It really is great fun and if a good number of people help it allows everyone to spend time enjoying the Fayre with their children.

Christmas 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 or you know of a business that may wish to contribute we would love to hear from you / them. Donations can be handed to any member of the PTA Team or at Reception up until **Friday 29th November**.

We really appreciate your support in making this Fayre a real success for the School and Children!

Christmas Wreath Making Evening

We are delighted to announce the event has sold out. Thank you to those that have brought tickets – we are certain it will be a fantastic evening! **Monday 9th December 7pm-9pm** in the School Hall including Mulled Wine, Prosecco & Mince Pies.

Film Night – the PTA apologise for the cancellation of this event, the Film Company have postponed the date. We will be arranging a film night for January 2020 and will confirm the date as soon as possible.

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

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