



# 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)*

*18<sup>th</sup> November 2019*

## *Value: Fruit - Gentleness*

*Let your light shine.... Light in our lives*

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 those who are a light in our lives. I hope each one of us has a number of people who bring light to our lives. I hope our families bring the light of their love to our lives and we bring light to their lives. I know whatever type of day I have had; when I get home there is a sense of belonging and warmth that is invaluable and very special.

Sadly, we will at times encounter people who are the opposite, who actually darken our lives and can easily wear us down - at times a wolf in sheep's clothing, as the bible says - and it is in such situations that the light of God's love and grace in our lives needs to shine through.

I think the Bible got it right when it talked about the fruit of the Spirit – Gentleness, patience, self-control, kindness, peace, goodness, faithfulness, love and joy. If we let the Holy Spirit guide and lead our lives then God enables us to be a light for others.

I hope in our school community we are able to bring light to one another in our interactions.

### **Parents' Forum**

The next Parents' Forum will be on Tuesday 26th November at 2.30pm. The agenda items include: behaviour, PE and the structure in KS2.

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

Thank you to all of the people who donated and participated in the fun run. Everyone's generous donations totalled £482.71 for Children in Need.

### **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

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Monday 18th November	Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) swimming 2.30-3.00pm -KS1 ( Y1-2) -Phonics and reading workshop in the school hall.
Tuesday 19th November	
Wednesday 20th November	Community Worship

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) assembly – all welcome

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 25th November 2019

Monday 25th November	Y5/6 Class (Mrs O'Keefe's class) swimming
Tuesday 26th November	Parents' Forum
Wednesday 27th November	Community Worship PTA Christmas hamper/wrapping night.
Thursday 28th November	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	

David J Capener

Headteacher

### **PTA Newsletter –Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Welcome to another school week!

The countdown has begun with only 12 more days until the Christmas Fayre!

The Fayre preparations are going really well and we are getting very excited about the day, however,

### **THE PTA NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Christmas Fayre Stall Volunteers** (during Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm-4pm).

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. Stall sign-up sheets are available this week on the drive and if you are not at drop off / pick up then please send the PTA an e-mail ([prestbury@gmail.com](mailto:prestbury@gmail.com)) or look out for our Facebook message to let us know what time you can do and we can assign a stall.

If you have your children with you, perhaps you and your family can help on a stall (under parent supervision!).

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 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

### **Up-coming events:**

- A reminder that the **Christmas Fayre** is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> November closing Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, to be judged on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please leave your Jolly Jars in the Reception area. A Jolly Jars poster is up on the PTA noticeboard.

- **Christmas Fayre Wrapping Night on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November** or bring on the day. (Please can you avoid using nuts in order to minimise any risk to the children).
- **Christmas Wreath Making Evening – Sold Out.** 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-9pm** in the School Hall including Mulled Wine, Prosecco & Mince Pies.

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

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