



# 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)*

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

## *Value: Fruit - Gentleness*

*Let your light shine.... Light of the future*

Dear Parents,

It has been good to spend this term focussing on our school verse –Let your light shine – and thinking about all that a range of different people do, both inside and outside of school.

I have shown a number of prospective parents around the school, which is always enjoyable as parents are always impressed with the ‘feel’ of the school and how the staff and children interact. I always start by talking about our school verse and highlighting the fact that we are an inclusive school, and this is driven by our conviction that each child has God given talents and these may be academic and/or non-academic. Academic excellence is a feature of our school, but it is not our sole focus and as a school community we work incredibly hard to recognise the talents of all children and work with the children at the level they are at and help them to make the next step-whether they are a high flyer or at this time struggle in a particular subject.

Let your light shine ... has been our school verse for over 12 years and will continue to be our guide and focus so that we are able to recognise the individuality of each child and celebrate each child as an individual. We have great children at our school, and they are a pleasure to be with. It is what makes our school such a pleasure to be a part of and I am incredibly proud and privileged to be the headteacher with such a wonderful staff team, governors and supportive parents. Underpinning all of this it is great to know that God is the One who watches over us and it is His light that enables each one to shine for His glory.

### **Worship this week:**

The theme for the next few weeks is the lead up to Christmas and the birth of the promised Messiah Jesus Christ - an event out of all history that has had the greatest impact and so much of what we do and how we live comes from that one moment in time.

This week we will be thinking about Advent. 2,500 years ago, God’s people were looking to the future for the arrival of their promise Messiah-The Christ –the future meant hope and the fulfilment of a promise. This week we approach Advent and think about the start of the Christmas story-the Messiah is on the way.

As we look back to that event it gives us hope now-but we are also in a time of Advent as we now await the return of Jesus and look forward through Jesus to the hope of heaven-a place the Bible tells us where there is no pain, no suffering, no tears.

### **Parents’ Forum**

The next Parents’ Forum is this Tuesday 26th November at 2.30pm. The agenda items include: behaviour, PE and the structure in KS2.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Monday 25th November	
Tuesday 26th November	Parents' Forum
Wednesday 27th November	Community Worship PTA Christmas hamper/wrapping night.
Thursday 28th November	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	1-4pm PTA Christmas Fayre
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	4pm Christingle service at St. Peter's -all very welcome.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Worship
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Prestbury Christmas Fest

David J Capener

Headteacher

**PTA Newsletter –Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Welcome to another school week with only 6 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 STILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

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

Thank you to those that have already signed up – we are so grateful! However, we are still 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.

## Up-coming events:

- A reminder that the **Christmas Fayre** is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 1pm- 4pm.**
- There is exciting news..... we will be announcing the silent auction prizes very soon!!
- **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.**
- We will be pre-selling Christmas Fayre and Santa Grotto tickets during the morning on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** along the driveway. If you pre-buy your ticket, this means you can enter via the Reception Doors between 1-2pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Don't worry if you can't, tickets can still be purchased at the main school reception entrance between 1pm-4pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Prices are £2 per adult (children free) for entrance and £2.00 for the grotto
- For those that can't make the Fayre – there is also an opportunity to buy the Luxury Hamper Raffle Tickets from the PTA on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<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).

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre!!

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

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