



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)

2nd December 2019

Value: Fruit - Kindness

Let your light shine.... The Innkeeper - homelessness

Dear Parents,

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 year we are following a resource called Voices of Advent produced by The Archbishop of York Youth Trust. This week the focus is Mary and Joseph and connected to this: homelessness.

Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem but couldn't find anywhere to stay even though Mary was going to have a baby. Eventually an Innkeeper showed kindness and allowed them to stay in a stable.

Homelessness is a rising problem in the UK with an estimated almost 60,000 families or households affected. The Bible encourages us/commands us to care for the marginalised, the poor, those in need:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.”

Luke 4:18

As part of the worship we will think about what we can do at this time –and perhaps longer term –to help those who are homeless. Below are some of the suggestions from the resource.

Practical Challenges	Reflective Challenges
Buy a hot drink and a sandwich for a homeless person <i>(make sure you have a parent or carer with you)</i>	Reflect on how you would have felt if you were turned away and had nowhere to stay
Collect items to donate to a homeless charity	Take time to be thankful for all you have
Volunteer for a Christmas homeless outreach e.g. serving meals <i>(make sure you have a parent or carer with you)</i>	Research different homeless charities and the work that they do

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was fantastic – please see the PTA section below. On behalf of the school I would like to thank all those who supported the event and especially those who dedicated time before the day in preparing items and those who set up, ran stalls and helped to clear up on the day; it was a real team effort - your support is appreciated. I would like to thank The PTA team: Alex, Caroline, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky, Sarah and Wendy in particular for coordinating the Christmas Fayre and ensuring that the day went smoothly and was such a success.

Dates for Nativity Plays

Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception Classes) Nativity Play will be performed on **Thursday 12th December at 9.30am**

Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2 Classes) Nativity Play will be performed on **Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm.**

Christmas Services

There will be two services on Tuesday 17th December- one at 9.30am and one at 6pm. The evening service will be an exact repeat of the 9.30am one. We hope those who are able to do so will come to the morning service and then there will be space for those who would like to come in the evening. It is expected that **all children** will attend the evening service. Children will need to be at the church by 5.55pm at the latest; choir and others involved in the service will need to be there by 5.45pm.

Christmas starts early

The last day of term is Thursday 19th December and is a non-uniform ‘Toy day’, when children are able to bring in games and toys to play with (No DS/electronic games devices please). In order to help families make a prompt start to the holiday, parents will be able to collect their child/ren from 1.30pm if that is helpful in making arrangements. Please sign your children out with their teacher.

Safety –parking

Once again a plea for all to show consideration to neighbours and to put the safety of all the children above convenience when parking. A parent sent a photo of a black car (registration **WO19SHX**) parked across the entrance to the school drive way, not only a safety hazard for children and other pedestrians, blocking staff leaving the staff car park, but also blocking access for any emergency vehicles.

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

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 9th December 2019

Monday 9 th December	PTA Wreath making event.
Tuesday 10 th December	Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2 Classes) Nativity Play will be performed at 1.30pm and 6.00pm.
Wednesday 11 th December	Community Worship
Thursday 12 th December	PTA Wear a Christmas Jumper (top) non-uniform day. 9.30am Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception Classes) Nativity Play. Christmas lunch
Friday 13 th December	

David J Capener Headteacher

Welcome to another school week!

Christmas Fayre

The PTA can't quite believe the Christmas Fayre is now over and what an amazing day it was! There are soooo many people to thank as without every single person who helped make the day special it wouldn't have happened.....those who sang so beautifully, those who generously donated, those who helped, those who built, those who swept, those who had stalls, those who baked, those who supported, those who just went over and beyond and to the children for their smiles and happy faces throughout the day! We loved doing it ... and the sun even graced us with its presence!

We really do appreciate all the support you all gave in all its different forms!

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did- Thank you! Xx

Up-coming events:

- We have decided to extend the sale of the Lucky 500 squares (which was at the Fayre) to increase the winners pot of money. We still have lots of numbers left. They are £2.00 a square and if we fill them all one lucky person will win £500 cash - a lovely pot before Christmas! So come on and be in with a chance of winning. The lucky number will be drawn on Tuesday 10th December.
- The Silent Auction continues until **Friday 6th December**, if you are interested please speak to a member of the PTA or place a bid via the PTA e-mail: prestburypta@gmail.com. Please also check via the Prestbury CE Primary School Facebook page for information.
- **Christmas Wreath Making Evening on Monday 9th December 7pm-9pm in the School Hall.**
We are excited about 'The Flower House' coming into school and helping us create our individual Christmas Wreaths. For those attending who have not paid £30, please can you pay the PTA either directly or into the school office. **This event has now sold out.**

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

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