



# 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)*

9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Value: Fruit - Goodness

*Let your light shine.... The Shepherd – outcasts*

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 Shepherds. The shepherds were the first people to visit Jesus after he was born. Back then shepherds were viewed as outcasts and considered as less than other people.

Jesus looked out for those that society rejected and welcomed the least, the last and the lost.

In our society today there are many people on the fringes who are sometimes treated as **outcasts** or often forgotten. Often Christmas is a lonely time for these people.

**How can we reach out to forgotten people this Advent?**

“When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Mark 2:16-17**

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

Practical Challenges	Reflective Challenges
Spend time with an elderly neighbour or relative who might be lonely	Reflect on the question: who is forgotten in our community?
Make Christmas cards or gifts and deliver them to people in your community who might be forgotten	Choose to pray for someone who feels lonely or forgotten at Christmas

Spread joy by bringing a smile to at least five people today

Think about a time when you have felt lonely and how others may have helped you

### **Miss Moss**

Most parents will be aware that Miss Moss, who was our Deputy Head, has been on maternity leave, following the birth of her daughter. Miss Moss has decided not to return, as planned in January and I know this has been a big decision. We will miss Victoria and all that she has contributed to the school both as a teacher, colleague and friend for the past 15 years, but we very much support Victoria in her decision and know that she will continue to be in contact with the school. We wish Victoria, Rod and Scarlett all the best as they enjoy family life together.

### **A message from Miss Moss:**

Since joining the school in 2004 this school has been such a huge part of my life and it will feel very strange not to be a teacher here after Christmas.

I have had the pleasure to work with so many brilliant members of staff, past and present, which I am very lucky to have as friends not just colleagues.

To the many parents who have given their time and support to me in lots of different ways throughout my time at school, thank you very much. Over the years it really has been a privilege to teach your children, to help them to learn and grow. I feel very fortunate to have taught such kind, creative and enthusiastic children. I have so many lovely memories to take with me which really do make me smile!

**Miss Moss**

In light of the above I am pleased to be able to confirm that Miss Davies will continue to teach the Y1 class full-time, Mrs Hague will continue as KS1 Leader (and Y2 teacher), Mrs O'Keefe will continue to teach Y5/6 full-time and Miss Townes will continue as Deputy Head (and LSK2/Y3 teacher). Once again, I am so grateful as Headteacher, but also on behalf of the children in our care, that we have such a strong team and staff who enable for continuity and a consistent approach.

### **Dates for Nativity Plays**

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

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

### **Christmas Services**

There will be two services on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Dates for Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 SRE lesson
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Bible Encounter in for Worship
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	SATs meeting for Y6 parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1/2 Class assembly (Mrs McCurrie's) PGT Foundation Stage & KS1
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Y6 Bikeability Y5 SRE lessons
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 class assembly PGT LKS2
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 5 Class assembly (Miss Butler's) PGT UKS2
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Class Assembly (HH) & Open afternoon
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Creative Week –
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	PGT & School closes for half-term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-starts
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Class and Group photographs
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Class assembly Mrs Davies
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm Parents' Forum
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Class assembly (Miss Cross') PTA Non uniform day Comic Relief
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	LKS2 Easter performance in school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Events
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service 9.15am Easter Lunch Easter Bonnet parade
	Reception class assembly 9.00 School closes for the Easter holiday

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Wreath making event.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2 Classes) Nativity Play will be performed <b>at 1.30pm and 6.00pm.</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Worship
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Wear a Christmas Jumper (top) with your normal uniform day. 9.30am Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception Classes) Nativity Play. Christmas lunch Elfridges – present wrapping .
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Wreath making event.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas parties
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas service at St. Peter's 9.15 & 6.00pm LKS2 Party.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and UKS2 Parties
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for the Christmas holiday. Children may be collected from 1.30pm.  School starts again on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020

David J Capener

Headteacher

**PTA Newsletter –Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Welcome to another school week!

You may be pleased to read this is a short PTA up-date!

**Up-coming events:**

- **Christmas Wreath Making Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-9pm in the School Hall.**  
We look forward to tonight's Wreath Making by 'The Flower House'. A reminder, for those still to pay £30 please bring along to the evening.
- The sale of the Lucky 500 squares (which was at the Fayre) continues until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. There are numbers left and they are £2.00 a square. Tickets can be purchased at the School Reception. One lucky person could win up to £500 cash - a lovely pot before Christmas! So come on and be in with a chance of winning.
- 'Elfridges' is being held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 1.15 – 3.15 in the School Hall. It is for the children to choose a gift for somebody special and for it to be wrapped ready to pop under the Christmas Tree! There has been such a great response to this event and if you would still like your child to participate please return the form & money by end of play today (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December) into the office.

## **Silent Auction**

We are delighted to announce the following individuals have successfully won the Silent Auction Prizes:

Neil Bromley won Lot 1: Signed and framed Mo Salah Liverpool 2019 Football Shirt.

Phoebe Chau won Lot 2: 2 tickets for the Manchester United v Watford Football game on the 22nd February 2020.

Denise Moran & David Myers won Lot 3: A four ball at Prestbury Golf Club.

Hannah Tromans won Lot 5: The Legh Arms, Prestbury, 1 night B&B stay.

Rachael Turner won Lot 6: The Foxhole, Prestbury - A night at the Foxhole, Prestbury.

The PTA are extremely grateful for your generous bids and we really hope you enjoy your experiences!

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

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