



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)

6th January 2020

Value: Faithfulness

People Jesus met- Epiphany

Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and are refreshed for the New Year and the year ahead.

The theme for this term is People Jesus met. However, this week we focus on Epiphany – in many ways Epiphany highlights the fact that all people can be part of God's family. Epiphany recalls the visit of the Magi to see Jesus-the first Gentiles to see the promised messiah. It was a sign right at the start that Jesus was the saviour of all people, not just what had been up to that point been known as God's people, 'Israel'.

Epiphany means, 'Making known'/'A sudden and inspiring event' and the birth of Jesus encompasses both –it was an incredible point in history and it made God known to all people.

Epiphany reminds us that forgiveness, new life, and hope for each one of us is available in Jesus and God invites each one of us to seek Him. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution perhaps a good one would be to seek God and depend on Him. It is reassuring to know that as we start a new year God is with us in each and every situation we will encounter and He goes before us.

Flu, colds, sickness etc

A reminder we do ask that parents do not send their children into school when they are poorly as we want to avoid germs and infection spreading.

I would also like to remind parents that if your child has a stomach upset (sickness/diarrhoea) **you do need to keep your child off for 48 hours after the last occurrence** of sickness/diarrhoea. If they are in school and need medicine to be administered, this **must not** be sent in with the child but handed in to the Office in the dispensed bottle/package and the appropriate forms also need completing. These are available from the office or are on the learning platform under Office and Medicine Form.

Parents' Forum.

The next Parents' Forum is on **10th March at 2.15pm** after The remit of the Parents' Forum is to provide the opportunity for dialogue between the school and parents where a range of issues can be discussed. If you would like any items to be added to the agenda, please let me know.

Snow policy:

When it snows, you can assume we will be open in all but the very worst conditions.

If we cannot stay open, we will send a text message, put a message on our website and if possible on our gates and let local radio stations know. We will try to get the message via text and on the website between 7.30 - 8.00am at the latest.

In snowy conditions parents and staff should only attempt to travel to school if they are content the conditions are safe to do so. If you cannot get your child to school, or if you decide the conditions are not safe, we will authorise all absence during the period our snow policy applies.

We cannot always grit or clear footpaths so we cannot offer certainty over all aspects of safety underfoot. If school seems unsafe to you, it is for you to decide whether or not to come onto our site or leave your children with us.

If the school is open when it is snowing, don't worry what time you bring your child to school as no child will be recorded as being late during a snow policy period, as safety is more important than punctuality.

Don't worry if you want to pick your child up before the end of the school day as we want pupils to travel home in the light for safety reasons; this time out of school will also be authorised.

If you do decide to bring your child to school and they usually have a school dinner please ensure they bring some spare food with them [a packed lunch] just in case we cannot get our cooks into school. If a cook does turn up we will provide school dinners for those who usually have one and send the snack back home at the end of the day.

Make sure your child is dressed for being in the snow as we do let them play out as much as possible. School will decide when the snow policy comes into operation and when it ends; we will announce this via a text message on our website and on school doors. At the end of a snow policy period, all the usual lateness and attendance rules will re-apply immediately. We hope this policy promotes safety and common sense during a time of danger on the roads.

Even when the snow policy is not in place, please do make sure that your child has gloves, hat, a warm coat so that they do not get too cold when out at break and lunchtimes. Parents may also want to send the children in with their wellington boots and bring their school shoes in a bag to change into once they are in school – again this seems very sensible.

Prestbury Youth Pantomime presents **1001 Arabian Nights** at MADS theatre this week.

Please come along to boo, hiss and cheer and support this long established community event. Tickets are available for Wednesday and Thursday night performances via ticketsource.co.uk/prestbury-pantomime.

WASSADAMODRAMA Drama groups start again on Monday 6th January- KS2. All the other groups will also start during lunchtimes this week. Please ensure that you have enrolled your child, so that their name can be added to the register. Happy New Year! Best wishes, Claire

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning **6th January 2020**

Monday 6 th January	School starts : Happy New Year!
Tuesday 7 th January	Y6 SRE lesson
Wednesday 8 th January	Community Worship
Thursday 9 th January	
Friday 10 th January	

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning **13th January 2020**

Monday 13th January	Mrs Bartley's Class Swimming – Return to school at 3.30pm Bible Encounter in for Worship
Tuesday 14th January	
Wednesday 15th January	Community worship Y6 SATs meeting for parents
Thursday 16th January	
Friday 17th January	Y1/2 Class (Mrs McCurrie's) assembly –all very welcome. PGT FS and KS1

David J Capener **Headteacher**

PTA Newsletter –Monday 6th January 2020

Happy New Year to you all! The PTA hope you have all had a lovely break and hopefully all got back into the morning routine stress free!

Following the busy activities and success of last term, it will be a quieter term on the PTA front, however, we are planning a Film Night during this term and further details will be forwarded along with any other potential events when confirmed.

We hope you all have a great week back!

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