



# 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)*

## Value: Kindness

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Look in Look out for lent: Community

Dear Parents,

For the next six weeks we are focused on lent and the lead up to Easter. We are using a resource from The Archbishop of York Youth trust, called, look in Look out for Lent. This week the focus is Community - please see below for ideas linked to this:

We have the potential to change our local **community** for the better. Our communities may have obvious challenges or we might need to look under the surface to see where change is needed. There may be practical changes we could make, causes we could campaign for or people we could support.

This Lent, let's look outwards to the people and places around us to bring transformation and hope.



#### Think about

What would you change about your community to make it a better place?



#### Read

"Love your neighbour as yourself."  
Galatians 5:14



Give a donation of items to a local charity working with people in need in your community



#### Speak

up for isolated or vulnerable people in your community



#### Pray

Lord, give us opportunities to reach out to people in need in our local community. Help us to take action to bring hope to those who need it most.  
Amen



#### Act

Take flowers to an elderly neighbour or nursing home  
Offer to wash someone's car  
Write a card to the volunteers who work in your local charity shop or care home thanking them for all they do



The above is so pertinent in the light of the current challenge – the temptation to look inward needs to be challenged and we need to encourage ourselves and others to be outward looking, especially to support the vulnerable.

### **Coronavirus**

As I'm sure you will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. My first priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff in our school. Now more than ever, this remains our primary focus.

Our main focus in school is for all who are in the school to follow good hygiene, especially handwashing and taking care when coughing/sneezing to 'catch it/bin it'

This is an entirely unprecedented situation and we are following official advice from the government and the NHS. This advice is being added to on a daily basis and we are monitoring and responding to that as it is published.

This official advice will underpin all the actions we take. Whilst I appreciate that there will be a wide range of different views about how we should be responding and what action should be taken, I hope you will appreciate that I am duty bound to follow the official advice from government.

In the meantime, the following would be good:

- Pray for wisdom for those in leadership, especially the government, who are charged with leading on this incredibly/ challenging and unprecedented situation.
- Pray for God's love to be evident and to flourish at this time, that we would be outward looking.
- Pray for the vulnerable, especially the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.
- That we all follow good hygiene, especially hand washing, is essential.

It is also important that if your child is not in school that you are clear about the reason why, in particular if it is not just that they are unwell, but you are self-isolating, that you state clearly that you are self-isolating.

As the situation is changing day by day, I will use the Group call email/text to keep parents updated as and when.

I appreciate that along with all the staff, you will be anxious, especially for elderly relatives, and we need to be mindful of this, whilst also seeking as best we can to continue to function as we usually do day-to-day as a school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Vacancies at Prestbury CE Primary**

We currently have **two** vacancies:

1. Teaching Assistant role and one, as an
2. Admin Assistant, based in the school office

#### **Teaching Assistant:**

The position is for SEN and generic Teaching Assistant, supporting a child in KS1 for 2 1/2 days and 1/2-day TA role in EYFS.

#### **Admin Assistant:**

To join the school office team (School Business Manager and an additional Admin clerical assistant). The role is for 2 ½ days (Monday/Wednesday am and pm, and Friday am).

More information and the application form may be found on the school website Vacancies page

<https://www.prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk/page/vacancies/55421>

The closing date for both vacancies is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the Interviews will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

If you have any questions, please do contact the school: [head@prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Inspired to be– a message from some of our Y6**

Dear Parents,

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April we would like each child to come dressed as something or someone that inspires them to let their light shine. We ask you to give in a £2 or more donation, we plan to raise £700. Half the money will go to our charity of the year (Christian Aid) and the rest will be used to provide the homeless with warmth and basic necessities (. We don't want to pressure you to go out and buy something especially for your child/ren to wear for this day, but we hope the day will give the opportunity for each child to think about those who inspire them and how we can inspire one another.

Millie, Rosie and Charlotte (Y6)

**Parents' Forum**

The PowerPoint from the meeting is in the Parents' Forum section on the school website. The next Parents' Forum is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2.15pm and 5.15pm and will be an opportunity to discuss the Ofsted inspection and report.

**Kids Allowed Closed – 16/3/20**

We have been asked by Kids allowed to remind anyone who uses their services that they are closed for training on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**Cross Country Report 11.3.20:**

Wind, rain and, of course,.....MUD! Do we care? Not a bit! Once again, I was amazed at Prestbury children's perseverance and determination. What great examples of athletes they all are. The girls came an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> (note the positions-only one point off 1<sup>st</sup> place!) and the boys came an equally impressive 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done all of you!

**Girls:**

Grace Hartley: 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sophie Palmer: 14<sup>th</sup>

Anya Dean: 9<sup>th</sup>

Rosie Ackerley: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Alisha Lomas 49<sup>th</sup>

Leena Mousa: 5<sup>th</sup>

**Boys:**

Josh Davison 25<sup>th</sup>

Sam Jones: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Henry Barton: 9<sup>th</sup>

Oliver Rowbotham: 21<sup>st</sup>

Thomas Waller: 13<sup>th</sup>

Noah Pittham: 22<sup>nd</sup>

Alex Hill 15<sup>th</sup>

**WASSADAMODRAMA Easter holiday scheme:** This Easter I will be running a four-day drama scheme at Prestbury Primary School. This will run from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> -Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

The scheme will also have the usual format of drama games that help build a range of skills, as well as working together as a team. For further information please contact Claire Beresford [wassadamodrama@gmail.com](mailto:wassadamodrama@gmail.com) or tel.07496374446. There are also letters in Reception. Thanks!

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning **16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss Townes Class (Y3) Swimming – Return to school at 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Academy Photography in Hall Yr. 6 Leavers, Yr. 5/6 Football & Netball

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Community worship Cross country
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr. 5/6 Football Vs Park Royal at Home
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Miss Townes Class (Y3) Swimming – Return to school at 3.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	LKS2 Easter drama for parents/grandparents UKS2 Trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	LKS2 Easter drama –all very welcome. Cross country
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	

*David J Capener*

**Headteacher**

**PTA News** – welcome to another week.

### **Sport Relief**

The total amount raised for this year's Sport Relief is £540.12.

A really big thank you to all for contributing to such a good cause!

We hope you all have a good week.

**See you all soon-** Alex, Caroline, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky, Sarah and Wendy x