



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)

19th October 2020

Value: Fruit - Goodness

Mark: Gospel – Chapter 7: Miracles

Dear Parents,

Well, we have nearly made it to the first half-term break and, God willing, we will get to Friday without whole groups of children having to self-isolate and remote learning having to be implemented. We are not at all complacent and feel for other schools who have experienced children/staff testing positive and then children have had to isolate and all the challenges that brings for children, parents and the school. The external sinks for each Key stage will be installed during the half-term and this will help with handwashing (one of the key covid-19 safety measures). We continue to review the safety measures in place.

I would like to thank the school staff for their incredible hard work in enabling the school to function as close to normal as possible and for the children to be settled, safe and happy. Thank you to the children, who continue to be the best tonic in these challenging times. Thank you to you, as parents, for your understanding, encouragement and support (and wearing face coverings when dropping off/collecting).

Despite the limitations, I hope everyone has a lovely October half-term break and we get some of those lovely autumn days.

The theme for our Worship this term is the Gospel of Mark, with the aim that as a school community we read the whole of the gospel this term. We will read a chapter each week and focus on a particular aspect. I would like to encourage all of our families to read the gospel at home –why not join us in reading one chapter each week.

This week we focus on chapter seven and once again Jesus pushes forward with challenging the prevailing view of the religious leaders, whilst also signposting via more incredible miracles, that he is the Son of God, the promised Messiah.

In challenging the Pharisees, Jesus challenged their claim to keeping the law. Jesus could see their obsession with outward appearance and appearing 'clean' outwardly, yet, inside 'dirty' and he challenged their hypocrisy in damning others. It may not now be motivated by religious laws, but we live in a society obsessed with outward appearance, whether that be an individual's personal appearance, or the type of car, or size of house etc. Jesus, said, 'Nothing outside can make him 'unclean' a man by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean'.' We know that God looks at our heart and that is why the Gospel of God's forgiveness in Jesus is such good news, as it says in the first verse of Mark.

In worship we will think about how we 'judge' others, how we may treat different people and how the school values based on the fruit of the Holy Spirit help us to counter some of the negative thoughts we may have about others. We will remember that the Good News of Jesus is for ALL people and ALL have value and worth as we are made in God's image.

New School Business Manager (SBM)

I am so pleased to inform parents that following a rigorous interview process, Sarah Pittham has been appointed as our new SBM. Sarah shone through, both in her skill set and her knowledge and passion for our school; Jo Brace and Kate Maurice continue as Admin assistants, which is great news. I would once again like to express my sincere thanks to Jo Brace for all that she has done, especially in the past few months in the most challenging of circumstances, ...she has certainly let her light shine and has been a real star.

I am so pleased, after such a long time, to finally have in Sarah, Jo and Kate a forward-looking positive office team who are an integral part of the whole staff team. Sarah will take up her role as from Monday 2nd November. As headteacher, staff team and school we can now look forward positively.

Ways to let our light shine, but carrying out good deeds:

Poppy stones

One of our Y1 children would like to create 100 Poppy stones for the Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal. She enjoys creating things and it would be a nice idea to paint some rocks with poppies on them, whilst raising a few pennies for the Poppy Appeal.

St Peters have kindly agreed that families can line up the painted rocks on the main path to the Church on the right hand side (looking in from the Lynch gate) before Remembrance Sunday. The aim is to create 100 poppy rocks and raise £100! They now need some other children to join in to help create the rocks. Beverly has asked if anyone would like to take some pictures of the children laying the rocks down, St Peter's would like to see them too.

There is a link to the just giving page below and also a leaflet attached with this newsletter.

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisa-williams182>

Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets for the annual Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child boxes are being handed out this week. If you visit the site <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk> you will find more information about the boxes. Your gifts in a shoe box can change a child's life. For some of the world's most disadvantaged children, your shoe box could be the first Christmas present they have ever received. The leaflets are given out early so that boxes can be obtained and many of our children enjoy making up the boxes during half term and thinking about what to put inside them. This year, due to the current circumstances, we are asking if parents could kindly drop the shoeboxes at The Butley Ash as this is a designated collection point during the week commencing Monday 9th November. We will deliver any received at school.

The Core support

The Core is based at the Church of the Resurrection on the Upton Priory and is providing a Pantry to help those in need.

They get food supplies from fair share and local providers, but they are in need of any toiletries, women's toiletries in particular. If you are able to support and donate any toiletries, please would you leave them in the box marked 'The Core' just outside the front door of school and they will be collected each week. If you would like more information about The Core, there is a link to The Pantry website below:

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/coreuptonpriory/>

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 19th October 2020

Monday 19 th October	Books to be returned to school Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 20 ^h October	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 21 st October	
Thursday 22 nd October	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome Y5 Visit to the Anderton Centre

Friday 23 rd October	PTA popcorn/crisps sale –please keep in your KS bubbles School closes for the half-term break.
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Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 2nd November 2020

Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens.
Tuesday 3 rd November	
Wednesday 4 th November	
Thursday 5 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome PTA bonfire stall
Friday 6 th November	

David J Capener
Headteacher

Hello and welcome to another week and can you believe we only have 1 more week until half-term!

A big ‘thank you’ to those that contributed to the ‘pre-loved uniform’ sale on Friday 16th. We had some great school uniform items donated and were thrilled with the level of interest. **Thank you** to those that came and purchased!

We managed to raise an amazing **£225.01!** These funds will be going towards the Key Stage 1 Library fund.

‘Fun Friday’

We are planning another ‘Fun Friday’ sale at school for the children this Friday 23rd October at pick up. It will be a **‘KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT’** sale and we will be there from 2.30pm on the driveway.

We are encouraging parents / grandparents / carers to purchase the doughnuts before collecting your child/ren as we need to avoid children mixing bubbles. Doughnuts will be charged at **£1.00 per doughnut.**

£2.50 for 3 doughnuts, £5.00 for 6 doughnuts and £10.00 for 12 doughnuts. If you would like the larger quantities please pre-order via the PTA as the order needs to be placed by tomorrow (either order by PTA facebook page, e-mail prestburypta@gmail.com or speak to one of us!).

We are asking that you bring exact amount as no change can be given.

We would also like to remind all when queuing to please observe the social distancing measures and to support the school by wearing a face mask at the sale because it is on school grounds.

Christmas

The PTA will be able to announce further details regarding the Christmas fundraising events after half-term.

Thank you for reading. We hope you all have a great last week and enjoy the half-term break!

Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky & Sarah x