



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)

9th November 2020

Value: Fruit - Love

Mark: Gospel – Chapter 9: My Son

Dear Parents,

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. 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 9 and it a chapter of stark contrasts. At the start of the chapter, we have the transfiguration of Jesus, when Jesus' appearance changed before the eyes of Peter, James and John. God, the Father, also spoke. This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' What great word for any son to hear from their father, but even more so, an affirmation that Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Messiah. Later in the chapter we have the disciples about who is the greatest, focusing on self rather than Jesus. Well, we only need to look a recent election campaigns, own politics and society to see that a focus on promoting self is still around. Jesus typically challenged and flipped the thinking, when he responded by saying, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last and the servant of all.' Jesus then used children as an example, knowing that at the time children had very little status.

We will be thinking about the transfiguration and the clear sign and affirmation as to Jesus being the messiah, but also contrasting Jesus and His servant heart in contrast with the disciples. We will think about our own hearts and if we seek to put self-first or follow Jesus' example and serve others- and how can we serve others. With the challenges in our society when there is a temptation to 'pull up the drawbridge' we will think about how we can look to serve and help others in school and in our community and society.

Poppy stones –Thank you

Lia-Darcie would like to thank those who supported the poppy stone initiative. They exceeded our target of raising £100 for the Royal British Legion and also to create 100 poppy stones.

At last count, there were 104 poppy stones and £185 raised online with more donations also handed into the Parish office at church.

Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets for the annual Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child boxes were handed out before half term. 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.

Academy Photography Individual Photos

Due to the current lockdown situation, we have postponed Academy Photography coming in to take individuals photos until Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

Children in Need.

This Friday, it is Children in need and we like to support this national charity. Therefore, we are encouraging the children to bring in a donation (£1) and wear an item of clothing that is spotty and/or yellow with their school uniform (or to replace one part of their uniform) on Friday.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 9th 2020

Monday 9 th November	
Tuesday 10 th November	
Wednesday 11 th November	
Thursday 12 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 13 th November	Y3/4 (Mrs Croghan’s class) assembly via zoom Children in Need –wear something spotty and/or yellow.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 16th November 2020

Monday 16 th November	National Anti-bullying week Kindness day
Tuesday 17 th November	
Wednesday 18 th November	Influenza spray for children taking place.
Thursday 19 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 20 th November	

David J Capener
Headteacher

Hello – we hope you all had a wonderful weekend!

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

The School will be supporting the **Children in Need Charity** this **Friday 13th November**. It will be a uniform day but with a twist – please add something spotty and / or yellow to the uniform! School staff will collect money from the children at the school gates. Suggested donation of £1.00.

External Sinks

With the PTA monies raised - we are delighted to confirm that the 8 external sinks (2 sinks for each Key Stage area) have now been installed at the School. This will really help to keep the level of hygiene high and to avoid pressure on the school toilets. This is benefiting all children within the School and 'thank you' to you all for helping to raise these funds.

Co-Op

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have supported the Co-Op Community Fund over the last year. We are delighted to announce £4,630.44 has been raised thanks to Co-Op members.

Christmas Plans – we have been working on some exciting plans for Christmas and will send a further e-mail to you this week.

Gazebo – you may have seen that the PTA gazebo has blown over in the wind and unfortunately is now broken. If anybody has a spare gazebo that they are able to donate to the PTA we would be extremely grateful!

Thank you for reading. We hope you all have a great week.

Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky & Sarah x