



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)

16th November 2020

Value: Fruit - Kindness

Mark: Gospel – Chapter 10: Childlike

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 10 and the focus on having a child like faith. It is worth noting that it is not about a childish faith, rather childlike – in that it is not immature, but it is trusting and accepting of God's promises. Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of heaven like a little child will never enter it.', pretty direct and clear! We all know with age can come creeping cynicism and trust in self...and Jesus challenges each one of us to approach Him in open trust and faith and receive the good news of the gospel and know God's love in our lives every day.

This week is national anti-bullying week and we always like to use this opportunity to reaffirm our zero tolerance approach to bullying. We believe each child is made in God's image and as a result is worth of respect and to be treated with care and dignity and that each child has the right to come to school to feel safe and be safe. We cannot guarantee with 315 children that there will not be the occasional falling-out, but we can guarantee that where there are any cases of suspected bully and /or bullying they will be dealt with robustly. I am pleased to say that such incidences are few and far between, but of course when they take place they cause real harm and upset and we respond as soon as we are aware. I am pleased that our children also know that we do not tolerate bullying, so will also speak up if they are concerned about another child. Our value this week is kindness and it is this positive value that will be the focus for the week and in our assemblies and lessons linked to anti-bullying week. Please see the two articles below for more information.

Kindness day



Today in school we are celebrating World Kindness Day.

Our aim is to make our school, community and world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness either as individuals or as a group.

The activities the children will undertake are based on the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud- a great book on positivity which is useful in instilling values of caring, giving, and sharing. It teaches the children to be kind and loving towards themselves and others.

Using the concept of an invisible bucket, the book shows how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by 'filling buckets.' We will think about what a bucket filling class looks, feels and sounds like before filling our friend's buckets with notes and letters.



These activities are part of anti-bullying week.

The following site gives more information on anti-bullying for parents and carers.

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool>

Mrs Horsfall (PSHE lead)

Anti-Cyber Bullying

As part of our focus, children will have a Worship on Wednesday led by Mr Jones, talking specifically about **Cyberbullying**, then they will have the opportunity to undertake some activities which will highlight the problems which can be encountered through **Cyberbullying**.

Sadly, **Cyberbullying** is all around us and sometimes it can be very difficult for adults and parents to even know what it is and how it affects our children. It is defined as being - *bullying that takes place over digital devices like mobile phones, computers, and tablets*. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. **Cyberbullying** includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else, causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some **cyberbullying** can cross the line into unlawful or criminal behaviour.

Unfortunately, Cyberbullying has a detrimental effect on a child's well-being and happiness, but for many of the signs of it happening are difficult to spot.

Please take a moment to look up the following websites for more information to support our children.

Further information can be found at: -

Anti-bullying Alliance - [What is cyberbullying? | Anti-Bullying Alliance \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Bullying UK - [Cyber bullying advice | Bullying UK](http://www.bullyinguk.org)

To highlight cyberbullying we are encouraging children and staff to come in odd socks for the day, the more garish the better!



Applying for School places for September 2021

The application process for those children born between 1 September 2016 and 31st August 2017 is open. Parents are able to apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or can request a form on 0300 123 5012. You will also be asked to fill in a Supplementary form, many parents will have already completed this following a visit to look around the school, but if you have not done so please contact Mrs Pittham and she will be able to provide you with the form.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 16th 2020

Monday 16 th November	National Anti-bullying week Kindness day assembly
Tuesday 17 th November	Sports Ambassadors assembly
Wednesday 18 th November	Anti-cyber bullying assembly - Odd socks day Influenza spray for children taking place.
Thursday 19 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 20 th November	Mr Jones' class (Year 4) assembly via zoom –details will be emailed. PTA Non-uniform day

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 23rd November 2020

Monday 23 rd November	
Tuesday 24 th November	
Wednesday 25 th November	
Thursday 26 th November	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 27 th November	

David J Capener
Headteacher

PTA Newsletter w/c 16th November

Hello – we hope you all had a nice weekend.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need last Friday. It was great to see all the children's spotty / yellow additions to the school uniform!

We will be able to announce the amount raised soon.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 20th November. As we are not able to hold the Christmas Fayre this year we have been thinking of other possible fundraising events for the Children and Families.

We would like to hold a non-uniform day (20th Nov) in exchange for a monetary donation to help fund and make the following Christmas Festive Fun possible: Christmas Children & Adult Hampers & Barrow of Booze via a Christmas Raffle.

We are not able to collect donations along the driveway this year and therefore would like to ask for a monetary donation in order the PTA can organise and purchase the items for the children & adult hampers and the barrow of booze (to include the wheelbarrow!).

If anybody also feels in a position to donate any luxury items / vouchers / experience / un-used toys for the Christmas Hampers we would love to hear from you either by speaking to one of the PTA team, e-mailing: prestburypta@gmail.com or via the facebook page. Alternatively if you are able to donate a bottle of wine / alcohol for the barrow of booze – we would be grateful for any donation. There will be a box left out this week at School where you can leave the donations.

Christmas Plans – we will be issuing a separate e-mail today on the proposed Christmas fundraising plans via the school e-mail.

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

Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky & Sarah x