



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)

23rd November 2020

Value: Fruit - Peace



Dear Parents,

The theme for our Worship this term was 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 to the end of the gospel, with the key opening verse: *The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

As we prepare for Christmas we are going to follow a 4-week unit by ABY youth trust, focused on sacred spaces. In the lead up to Christmas, usually things get busier with lots to organise. This year it may not be as busy practically, but mentally we may be busier than ever. Sometimes, we can forget to slow down and miss some of the most important things about this special season. Taking a moment to pause and be still can really help with our happiness and well-being. So, what better way to pause than by using the Christmas story to inspire us as we slow down?

Each week we are going to explore moments of stillness found in the Christmas story. Each of these moments, or as we call them 'sacred spaces', came out of simple everyday activities

This week we focus on Mary and Joseph. When the birth of Jesus is foretold, both Mary and Joseph have amazing encounters with angels of God in their homes. For Mary, she's at home in the village of Nazareth, when the angel Gabriel appears to tell her that she is going to have a child called Jesus who is God's son. For Joseph, he falls asleep in his home and then has a dream where an angel of God appears and explains everything that is going to happen.

For Mary and Joseph, they both experienced 'sacred spaces' in their homes, and for Joseph, this was even in his sleep!

In the book of Matthew 6:6, Jesus says:

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you".

In our worship, we will be thinking about where our 'quiet' places are, where we can have space and how they can be 'sacred' spaces, by taking the time to both listen and pray to God.

Below are some ideas you may want to do as a family, as well as a prayer:

Week 1 - Mary & Joseph at Home



Christmas Tree Thanks

Christmas is a time to reflect on the past year. Sit in front of your Christmas tree and think back over the last year. Choose 3 things that you are thankful for. Write them down and hide them in the branches of the tree. You might want to say a prayer to say 'thanks' to God.



Cardboard home

Think for a moment about your home. What do you like about it? Put some large cardboard boxes on their side and crawl inside. Imagine you were homeless and this was your home. Write or draw your hopes or prayers onto the box for people who have no homes.



Be the light

Put a candle or battery tea light on a windowsill (with an adult's help). When times are difficult, we often need someone to help us. Who do you know that needs encouragement today? Ask an adult to light the candle and then you could say a prayer for that person.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for my home and for all that you have given me. As I get ready for Christmas, help me to create moments of space and stillness in my home where I can connect with you and think about others. Amen

Share your challenge photos on Twitter @ABYyouthtrust

CYSTIC FIBROSIS CHARITY DAY 'wear something purple and/or yellow to school' on Friday 4th December 2020

Hi everyone,

My name is Connor Murray and I am in Year 2 at Prestbury primary school. As some of you may already know, my Daddy has a condition called Cystic Fibrosis. It is an illness that affects his breathing and also some of his organs inside his tummy. He was born with it and it means that he has to have lots and lots of medicines everyday to keep him well. These include injections of insulin several times a day because he is also a diabetic as a result of the cystic fibrosis. Approximately 10,000 people in the UK suffer from cystic fibrosis but 1 in 25 people are carriers of it, which thankfully means that they don't actually suffer any symptoms of it.

I would really like to raise some money for the cystic fibrosis charities, in particular for the children who suffer from it and need extra care and support. I have suggested a non uniform day on 4th December 2020 (which also happens to be my 7th birthday!) Please can all the children and teachers wear something with purple and or yellow which are the colours for the cystic fibrosis trust. All I would ask for in return is a minimum donation of £2 which the teachers and I will collect on the day.

I am also raffling off 65 Roses which will be beautifully arranged into three separate bouquets by the amazing Flower House. '65 Roses' is synonymous with cystic fibrosis after a little girl thought that was the name of the charity for which her school was raising money! The innocence of it and the beautiful connection has meant the name has stuck and they even host a ball called the Sixty Five Roses Ball in aid of Cystic Fibrosis charities. Please purchase as many raffle tickets as you can for £2.50 each for your chance to win! Due to current Covid restrictions, we have set up a GoFundMe page, (the link for which will be on Facebook) which will be for making donations and also purchasing raffle tickets (you will be allocated a number). We will be announcing the winners before Christmas! Thank you so much for supporting a cause that is very close to my heart.

Love from Connor xxx

The Core support –EMPTY EGG BOXES PLEASE.

Thank you on behalf of the Core Pantry, for allowing the donations box outside school, the items are very much appreciated. The Core is based at the Church of the Resurrection on the Upton Priory and is providing a Pantry to help those in need.

As well as toiletries, there is now a need for empty egg boxes as well as the toiletries please, (Deliveries come in large trays of eggs but need to be decanted into half dozens, safely!)

If you are able to support and donate any egg boxes and/or 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.

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 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	

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 30th November 2020

Monday 30 th November	
Tuesday 1 st December	
Wednesday 2 nd December	
Thursday 3 rd December	Community Worship via Zoom –all welcome
Friday 4 th December	KS1 Charity day - CYSTIC FIBROSIS CHARITY DAY PTA Elfridges

David J Capener
Headteacher

Hello and welcome to a new school week!

Children in Need:

The School raised an amazing £377.76 for Children in Need. Thank you so much for all your donations which has gone to a great cause!

Non Uniform Day 20th Nov:

A huge huge 'thank you' to you all for the amazing contributions last week, both monetary contributions, unused toys / gifts and alcohol - all which will go towards making the **Christmas Children & Adult Hampers & Barrow of Booze. Thank you!**

Fun Friday - We had scheduled another 'Fun Friday' on Friday 27th November. Unfortunately we have decided to postpone this event due to LKS2 and some teachers being out of school. We will reschedule this event and most likely will be at the beginning of next term. We are sorry but believe it is the right thing to do!

Few Christmas Reminders:

Christmas Box – we are really excited to announce in collaboration with GIFTS BY MR & GIO & BELLA the creation of a 'Christmas Box'. Please see further details which are being advertised via the PTA facebook page which outlines the content of the box and prices. A percentage of every sale goes to the PTA.

Chocolate Lolly Kits – we have started selling the Choc Lolly Kits via the PTA facebook page and will be arranging to distribute these on Friday 27th Nov (further details to follow). If you would like a chocolate lolly kit priced at £10 – which makes an amazing 8 lollies – please let us know as they are selling fast!
(Please note the PTA Chocolate Lolly Kits are separate to the Seashell Trust Charity).

Christmas Craft Packs – we are busy making up Christmas craft packs for the children – which will be sold at £10 per pack. More details to follow via the PTA facebook page this week - so please keep your eyes peeled.

'Virtual' Festive Wreath Making Workshop – over the last few years we have been lucky enough to have organised a Christmas Wreath Making Event via The Flower House. Unfortunately we are not able to come together this year, however, we are very excited to announce that the lovely ladies from the Flower House will be arranging an on-line tutorial of how to create your Christmas wreath and will be providing a 'take away' bag of everything required. Cost is £25 to include video link and foliage etc. If you are interested then please advise the PTA via prestburypta@gmail.com or via the PTA Facebook page. Limited places are available.

Elfridges - The PTA are organising Elfridges again this year for the children. We have pencilled that this will go ahead on Friday 4th December within school and for children to remain in their year bubbles and most likely to be supervised by teachers this year and not PTA. The PTA are busy buying new items for this event rather than asking for donations.

We have e-mailed the Elfridges Slip to all parents via the school email in order we know how many presents to purchase.

For those who have not been involved with Elfridges before, children are given the opportunity to buy something for a member of their family to open on Christmas day. They are able to choose from a variety of gifts (which will all be new due to not being able to accept donations) the items will be wrapped and gift label supplied. If you would like your child/ren to be involved we ask for a donation of £3.50 per gift. After speaking to many parents who love that the children get a chance to shop on their own we made the decision to purchase gift bags as we will not be allowed in school to wrap the gifts so the £3.50 charge reflects this.

Thank you for reading.

We would like to thank you for your continued support which help raise the extra funds for the School.