



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)

30th November 2020

Value: Fruit - Faithfulness



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 following 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 the shepherds. The shepherds experienced a sacred space when they were outside in nature. As they looked across the hillsides keeping watch of their sheep at night, scanning the skies to keep an eye on the changing weather, they suddenly encountered one of God's angels bringing the message of Jesus' birth. The sky was then filled with a whole host of heavenly beings praising God. Being out in nature and breathing in the fresh air is so good for us.

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

Week 2 – Shepherds in Nature



WOW!

Grab a blanket in the daytime and go outside and lay it on the ground. Lay on the blanket and look up – what can you see? Perhaps some clouds, or trees or the blue sky. What have been your WOW moments this week? Maybe something fun, something you did well, or something that happened. Lay still and think about these WOW moments and enjoy the memories!



Tree Thanks

Go outside to the park or a local forest. Look for leaves that have fallen on the ground. Hold a leaf in your hand and look at it. What do you notice? Did you know that no two leaves are the same! Everyone is unique – such is the wonder of the natural world. Now think about what you are thankful for. You could write your words of thanks on the leaf!



Listen Up!

Head outside into your garden, local park, or forest. Find a safe space to sit and get as settled as you can. Set a timer for 2 minutes, then close your eyes and start to listen carefully. How many different sounds could you hear? How did the sounds make you feel? How might you listen more carefully in your life? Say a prayer of thanks for all the different sounds you enjoy!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the beauty we see in your natural world. Help us to stop and notice your amazing creation and to care for the planet that you have kindly given to us. Amen.

Share your challenge photos on Twitter @ABYyouthtrust

Christmas events:

December 2020

Friday 4th

PTA Elfridges at school

Cystic Fibrosis non uniform day – wear something purple or yellow

Wednesday 9th

KS1 Nativity (via Vimeo –more information will be sent out)

Thursday 10th

EYFS Nativity (via Vimeo–more information will be sent out)

Christmas lunch

Friday 11th

East Cheshire Hospice Reindeer rush – sponsorship forms brought home and antlers received on the day

Monday 14th

EYFS Christmas party

Tuesday 15th

9.10am School Christmas service via zoom (details will be sent out)

KS1 Christmas party

Wednesday 16th

LKS2 and UKS2 Christmas parties

Friday 18th

Wear Pyjamas day –Ronald McDonald House Charities PJ day 2020

Toy day.

The PTA have every kindly agreed to purchase a Christmas show/pantomime for the children to watch (EYFS and KS1 usually go to the theatre at Christmas), more information once we have booked this.....Thank you very much to the PTA

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

Applying for School places for September 2021

The application process for those children born between 1st 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 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 (see above for more information) PTA Elfridges

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 7th December 2020

Monday 7 th December	
Tuesday 8 th December	
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity (via youtube)
Thursday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity (via youtube) School Christmas lunch
Friday 11 th December	East Cheshire Hospice Reindeer rush

David J Capener
Headteacher

Hello and welcome to a new school week!

Christmas Reminders:

Christmas Craft Packs – we are excited to announce the Christmas Craft Packs are ready for selling! They are being sold at £10 per pack.

You will find pictures of the Craft Packs on the PTA facebook page this week. If you would like a Craft Pack – please e-mail prestburypta@gmail.com and we can reserve you a pack!

They will be available for collection by parents from the School Reception from 2.30 on Friday 4th December.

‘Virtual’ Festive Wreath Making Workshop - For all those who have pre-paid for the virtual Wreath making workshop - the ‘take away’ wreath packs will be available for collection outside the main school reception on Tuesday 1st December in the morning at drop-off. If you have not paid please can you pay by Tuesday 1st December – thank you.

When collecting the packs – please be aware of the need to socially distance.

We would love to see your Wreath creations – so please post on the PTA facebook page the ‘end results’.

Elfridges – we are so excited to confirm that Elfridges is definitely going ahead on Friday 4th December within school hours. Children will remain in their year bubbles and will be supervised by their teachers and not the PTA.

The PTA have purchased new gifts this year and we are sure the children will love the experience! We hope you enjoy receiving the gifts on Christmas Day!

Thank you for supporting this event!

Please note if you have not pre-paid for this event, there will be no extra gifts available on the day for children to purchase.

Christmas Box – please don't forget the amazing Christmas Boxes available to purchase via the PTA facebook page. These Christmas Boxes have a selection of lovely Christmas gifts prepared by GIFTS BY MR & GIO & BELLA with a percentage of every sale going to the PTA.

Please see further details which are being advertised via the PTA facebook page which outlines the content of the box and prices.

Tea Towels

We are super excited to confirm the tea towels are now ready for ordering! We have a really quick turnaround to get these back for week commencing 14th December in time for Christmas presents – so please place your orders by **Friday 4th December by 10am. We will not be able to place any orders after this date and time.**

Tea towels are £6.00 each.

To place an order either:

Use the Pay-Pal link below entering your child's name, year group and quantities in the comments.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8uLsYAWGUq>

Or e-mail us at: prestburypta@gmail.com and transfer to the following bank details:

Prestbury School PTA

Account: 29204488

Sort Code: 010541

Ref: Tea Towels.

Or simply pop your order, details and cash in an envelope in the green PTA Post Box by Friday 4th December at 10am.

Thank you!

Thank you for reading and have a great week! Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky & Sarah xx