



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)

7th December 2020

Value: Fruit - Joy



Dear Parents,

As we prepare for Christmas we are following a 4-week unit by ABY youth trust, focused on sacred spaces. 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 wise men, the magi. The wise men were people who studied the stars, looking for signs that might tell them about the present or future. The appearance of a bright unknown star caused them to set out on a long journey, believing that the arrival of the star meant an important king had been born. We are told they came from the East and it's likely that their journey, on camel or horse-back, would have been very long - some even suggest 60 days! What an adventure!

Often, we can view travelling as just getting from one place to another, without realising that the journey itself is part of the adventure. As the wise men journeyed, they eventually experienced their own sacred space on discovering the birth of Jesus – something which would change their whole lives.

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

Week 3 – Wise Men Travelling



Walking Boots

Pop on your walking shoes or trainers and head out for a walk. Maybe you are on your way to school, the local shop, or to see your friends. Take a moment to slow down and notice your surroundings. What can you see? Anything you had not noticed before? Does anything make you smile or make you feel sad? Say a prayer, hope or wish as you spot things.



Leave Behind

2020 hasn't been the year we expected. As you think about your journey through the past year, what would you like to leave behind? Are there any worries or fears or experiences that you don't want to carry into the new year? If you want to, you could ask God to help you let go and leave them behind.



Christmas Journey

The Wise Men travelled following a star. Draw and cut out three stars. As you think about your journey through 2020, what have been the good memories that you want to carry with you into the New Year? Write or draw them on the star shapes and stick them somewhere to remind you that, even in difficult times, there can be beautiful memories.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for travel and the adventures we can enjoy as we go from place to place. Help us not to move too quickly, but to slow down and notice all the good things around us. Amen

Share your challenge photos on Twitter @ABYyouthtrust

Christmas events:

December 2020

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 wear a **Christmas Jumper (top)** with your normal uniform day.

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

Christmas Cards

Children are allowed to bring in Christmas cards for their bubble.

The Pantry

A BIG thank you out to the families who have donated the egg boxes and the toiletries so far.

A high number of families require additional support and they have asked again for toiletries, cleaning products or any non-perishable. Please leave any donations in the box near outside the school office. Thank you once again for your generous support. If you would like more information about The Core, there is a link to The Pantry website below:

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

CYSTIC FIBROSIS CHARITY

A huge thank you for all your donations for Connor's charity fundraiser in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust on Friday.

We are blown away by your generosity and support. Together with the online GoFundMe page we have raised over £2200!!!! There are still a few more days during which you will be able to purchase raffle tickets by donating on the GoFundMe page. We will announce the winners of the roses next week. Good luck!! Thank you once again. Claire

Lee and Connor Murray xx

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 7th December 2020

Monday 7 th December	
Tuesday 8 th December	
Wednesday 9 th December	
Thursday 10 th December	School Christmas lunch - Wear a Christmas Jumper (top) with your normal uniform day.
Friday 11 th December	Mr Jones' Y4 Class assembly –zoom details will be sent out. East Cheshire Hospice Reindeer rush

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 14th December 2020

Monday 14 th December	EYFS Christmas parties
Tuesday 15 th December	9.10am School Christmas service via zoom LKS2 Christmas party
Wednesday 16 th December	UKS2 Christmas parties
Thursday 17 th December	
Friday 18 th December	Wear Pyjamas day –Ronald McDonald House Charities PJ day 2020 Toy day School closes for the Christmas holiday.

David J Capener
Headteacher

Hello and welcome to a new school week! We are certainly on the ‘countdown’ to Christmas and starting to feel festive

We are excited to announce that we are organising a **Christmas Raffle** and **Barrow of Booze Raffle**. Please look out for the Raffle Tickets in your child’s school bag from Monday this week for you to have a chance to enter into the Raffle. There will be 2 books for the Christmas Raffle & 1 book for the Barrow of Booze. Extra raffle books will also be available at the School Reception this week.

Christmas Raffle– we are assembling a selection of Adult & Children Hampers with some super gifts to be won. We will be showing the contents of the Raffle via the Prestbury PTA facebook page – so please have a look on facebook in the coming days. Tickets are £2.00 each and the draw will include our Famous Luxury Adult & Kids Hampers plus many more prizes!

Barrow of Booze – tickets are £5.00 each and you could win literally a brand new wheel barrow plus all the booze you will need for the festive season (and more!). The PTA are making up the barrow which includes donated bottles from our marvellous parents from school. Photos of the final ‘barrow’ will be posted on the PTA facebook page – so please keep your eyes peeled!!

For those interested in entering the Raffle – we would ask that the PTA receive the raffle forms back by **Tuesday 15th Dec** (via the PTA postbox), for the raffle to be drawn on Thursday 17th and for those lucky winners to collect before end of play on Friday 18th Dec from School Reception.

‘Virtual’ Festive Wreath Making Workshop - For those that took part in the Wreath ‘virtual’ workshop we really hope you enjoyed making the wreaths. Thank you to those who have posted your final creations – we would love to see more via the PTA facebook page!

Elfridges – A really big ‘thank you’ to those that took part in Elfridges last Friday. The feedback we have received has really put smiles on our faces! The children seemed to really enjoy the experience and we hope you like your Christmas presents!

A really ‘big thank you’ to the teachers who helped make this event run smoothly on the day!

A few Christmas reminders below.....

Christmas Craft Packs –The Christmas Craft Packs are ready for selling! They are now being sold at £8 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 11th December.**

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

Thank you to those who have placed a tea towel order. The Children will be bringing these home with them week commencing 14th December.

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