



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)*

14th December 2020

Value: Fruit - Love



Dear Parents,

Well we made it ...to the end of the term and the end of 2020. Below, is what I put in the newsletter at this time last year:

2020 promises to be an exciting and interesting year and I pray that in all the opportunities (the positives, but also occasional bumpy bits), we live and interact in the Light of Jesus and He will guide all our decisions, actions and conversations.

I think I underplayed the bumpy bits; none of us quite anticipated the incredible challenges and sad losses that Covid-19 would bring. As for many of you, so for us as a staff team and individually the year has brought personal and professional challenges, but there have also been moments of joy - as I type this I have just watched the EYFS and KS1 nativities. They are a source of pure joy, but also remind us of the Light of Jesus - the light of hope and love –is ever present and shines even brighter in the darkness.

So, for many we look back on 2020 with mixed emotions and look forward to 2021 with hope and optimism that there is a future beyond Covid-19 (as I write this the first person in the UK has just received the vaccine). But we know that there will still be challenges and so we continue to look to Jesus, the Light of the world, that as we step into 2021 He will be a light to our path and lamp to our feet.

Thank you for all the support you as parents have provided to the school in 2020, especially the many messages for encouragement and support since March, it really has been incredible and made such a difference to us as a staff team. I know that as a school community we are blessed to have such an outstanding staff team, great children and very supportive parents.

Foundation Stage Nativity

The Foundation Stage Nativity was a real delight. For children so young they performed with such confidence and it was a real joy –I hope you enjoyed watching it –no doubt more than once! Thank you to all the staff who worked hard to produce a lovely performance.

KS1 Nativity

Wow! What a fantastic production by the Year 1 and 2 children. The singing, acting and dancing was simply wonderful – such enthusiasm, the children performed with such confidence and joy. Thank you to all the staff.

Worship this week.

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 Jesus and his family. In the final part of the nativity we are told about the birth of Jesus. Because there was no room in the local inns, Jesus was born in a dirty and smelly stable, surrounded by

a family of people from all different walks of life. Young and nervous parents, poor shepherds, rich and wise kings and all manner of animals. God welcomes people from all different backgrounds into His family, and when we see and love one another the way that God does, we can experience 'sacred spaces' that benefit our lives too.

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

Week 4 – Jesus in Family



Walk Together

Next time you are out for a walk with your family, walk next to someone. Notice how even though you are different people, you start to walk in step with each other. Families are full of different people, who walk through life together. Take a moment to say a quiet prayer, wish or hope for your family.



Family Chain

Create a people paper chain. Who are the people in your chain? It might be family members or close friends. What are the qualities you like about them? Write the good things about them on each person.



Clock Help

Draw a large clock face on a piece of paper and then draw a line down the middle. Each half represents 30 minutes. Think about the people in your house. Who could you give 30 minutes of your time to? Write their name in one half of the clock, and how you're going to help them. If you can't think of anything, ask them what they need help with.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you made each us different and that we all have unique gifts and talents to share. Help us to listen to one another and to work together to make our world a better place. Amen

Share your challenge photos on Twitter @ABYyouthtrust

Christmas events:

December 2020:

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

Please note due to Covid-19 children are **NOT** allowed to bring in toys/games.

The PTA have purchased a Christmas show/pantomime for the children to watch this weekThank you very much to the PTA

Christmas Cards

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

Dates for Spring Term 2021

Green = likely to be via zoom

Yellow = event to be confirmed.

Monday 4 th January	School re-opens
Tuesday 5 th January	Y6 RSE lesson
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th January	Y5 RSE lessons
Wednesday 13 th January	SATs meeting for Y6 parents
Friday 15 th January	Y1/2 Class assembly (Mrs McCurrie) PGT Foundation Stage & KS1
Friday 22 nd January	Year 3 class assembly (Miss Townes) PGT LKS2
Monday 25 th January & Tuesday 26 th January	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 28 th January	Academy – Individuals and family photos
Friday 29 th January	Year 5 Class assembly (Mrs Bartley) Y5 Bikeability PGT UKS2
Friday 5 th February	Y2 Class assembly (Mrs Hague) Books sent home
Monday 8 th February	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 9 th February	Parents' Evening
Monday 8 th -Friday 12 th February	Creative Week
Friday 12 th February	PGT School closes for half-term
Monday 22 nd February	School re-starts
Tuesday 23 rd February	Academy – Class and Group photographs
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th March	Y1 Class assembly (Mrs Davies)
Friday 12 th March	Y6 Class assembly (Miss Cross)
Tuesday 23 rd March	LKS2 Easter Drama
Wednesday 24 th March	LKS2 Easter Drama
Monday 29 th March – Thursday 1 st April	Easter Events
Tuesday 30 th March	Easter Service 9.15am Easter Lunch Easter Bonnet parade
Thursday 1 st April	Reception Class assembly
Thursday 1 st April	School closes for the Easter holiday

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 14th December 2020

Monday 14 th December	EYFS Christmas parties
Tuesday 15 th December	9.10am School Christmas service via zoom KS1 Christmas party
Wednesday 16 th December	LKS2 & UKS2 Christmas parties
Thursday 17 th December	
Friday 18 th December	Wear Pyjamas day –Ronald McDonald House Charities PJ day 2020 Please note due to Covid-19 children are NOT allowed to bring in toys/games. School closes for the Christmas holiday.

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 4th January 2021

Monday 4 th January	Happy New Year! School restarts.
Tuesday 5 th January	Yr5 Swimming (Mrs Bartley) Y6 RSE lesson
Wednesday 6 th January	Y5 RSE lesson
Thursday 7 th January	Y5 RSE lesson
Friday 8 th January	

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Headteacher

Hello and welcome to the final week – with only 5 more days to go the countdown is on for the School Christmas Holidays!

A few Christmas Reminders for this week

Christmas Raffle & Barrow of Booze

Thank you to those who have entered the Christmas Raffle & Barrow of Booze.

For those who would still like to enter- there is still some time – but hurry as we need all raffle forms and payments back by **Tuesday 15th Dec** (via the PTA green post box). The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 17th and for those lucky winners to collect before end of play on Friday 18th Dec from School Reception.

We will announce the winners via the PTA Facebook page and via the School e-mail.

Pictures & video of the Hampers and Barrow of Booze are all shown via the PTA Facebook page.

Extra raffle books are also available at the School Reception.

You can pay by cash or by PayPal. Please note if you pay via PayPal – we must also receive the raffle stubs as otherwise you won't be in the draw.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8v1vZWSWbp>

Prizes: We are delighted to confirm some fantastic prizes to be won this year and along with the Hampers and Barrow of Booze – we have: £100 cash prize / Vouchers from The Legh Arms, The Bridge, Bacchus and the ‘soon to be open’ Base Pizzeria in Prestbury!

A full list of prizes to be won will be e-mailed via the school e-mail but for now we just wanted to give you a ‘little taster’.

We are also running a Silent Auction for a ‘weekday Four Ball game at Prestbury Golf Club’ – further details will be within the school e-mail.

Good Luck Everyone!

Tea Towels

A reminder that the children will be bringing home the School Tea Towels this week.

Christmas Craft Packs – We have some Craft Packs left in the School Reception and for those that would like a pack they are 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 pop into the School Reception and either hand money in or there is an ‘honesty box’ in reception.

For those that have pre- ordered a Christmas Pack –please don’t forget to collect from the School Office.

The PTA wish you and your families a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a wonderful NEW YEAR.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2021! Thank you so much for your support!

Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky & Sarah xx