



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)

4th January 2021

Stories Jesus told – the Wise and Foolish builders

Value: Patience

Dear Parents

Happy New Year!

I hope despite the limitations imposed by Covid-19, you had a lovely Christmas and are refreshed for the New Year and all that will take place in 2021. I think even more so than many years, we step into 2021 with trepidation, but also with faith and hope.

The theme for this term is *Stories Jesus told*, known as Parables. Jesus told stories to capture the interest of those listening and to make a point; they all have a message. This week at the start of a new year we will be looking at the parable of the wise and foolish builders and thinking about how we make choices and what we build our lives on.

At the start of a New Year, filled with good intentions, it is good to be able to remember that we make a choice as to whether to go into the year alone or whether we go into the New Year seeking God and following Him. We all know that the year ahead, as any other year, will bring high times and probably some low times and at the start of the year God says to us, 'I am with you, in the good and bad times – I am with you.' So whether we have made a New Year's Resolution or not, we can all resolve to be wise and build our lives on the rock of Jesus.

Snow policy:

I hope you managed to get out and enjoy the snow last week.....wasn't it magical!

Snow at the moment looks very unlikely, but when/if it snows, you can assume we will be open in all but the very worst conditions.

If we cannot stay open, we will send a text message, put a message on our website and if possible on our gates and let local radio stations know. We will try to get the message via text and on the website between 7.30 - 8.00am at the latest.

In snowy conditions parents and staff should only attempt to travel to school if they are content the conditions are safe to do so. If you cannot get your child to school, or if you decide the conditions are not safe, we will authorise all absence during the period our snow policy applies.

We cannot always grit or clear footpaths so we cannot offer certainty over all aspects of safety underfoot. If school seems unsafe to you, it is for you to decide whether or not to come onto our site and leave your children with us.

If the school is open when it is snowing, don't worry what time you bring your child to school as no child will be recorded as being late during a snow policy period, as safety is more important than punctuality.

Don't worry if you want to pick your child up before the end of the school day as we want pupils to travel home in the light for safety reasons; this time out of school will also be authorised.

If you do decide to bring your child to school and they usually have a school dinner, please ensure they bring some spare food with them [a packed lunch] just in case we cannot get our cooks into school. If our cooks are able to get into school, we will provide school dinners for those who usually have one and send the snack back home at the end of the day.

Make sure your child is dressed for being in the snow as we do let them play out as much as possible.

School will decide when the snow policy comes into operation and when it ends; we will announce this via a text message on our website and on school doors. At the end of a snow policy period, all the usual lateness and attendance rules will re-apply immediately. We hope this policy promotes safety and common sense during a time of danger on the roads.

Even when the snow policy is not in place, please do make sure that your child has gloves, hat, a warm coat so that they do not get too cold when out at break and lunchtimes. Parents may also want to send the children in with their wellington boots and bring their school shoes in a bag to change into once they are in school – again this seems very sensible.

Midday Assistants required

We have paid vacancies available particularly on Fridays. If you are able to support the school in this role please email me directly. hollyholliday@prestbury.cheshire.sch.uk

Many thanks, Mrs H Bamford

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's class) PGT Foundation Stage & KS1
Friday 22 nd January	Year 3 class assembly (Miss Townes' class) PGT LKS2
Monday 25 th January & Tuesday 26 th January	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 28 th January	Academy Photography –individual and family photographs
Friday 29 th January	Year 5 Class assembly (Miss Bartley's Class) Y5 Bikeability PGT UKS2
Friday 5 th February	Y2 Class assembly (Mrs Hague's class) Books sent home
Monday 8 th February	Parents' 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 2 nd March	Class and Group photographs
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th March	Y1 Class assembly (Mrs Davies' class)
Friday 12 th March	Y6 Class assembly (Miss Cross' class)
Tuesday 23 rd & 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 4th January 2021

Monday 4 th January	Happy new Year! School restarts.
Tuesday 5 th January	Y6 RSE lesson
Wednesday 6 th January	Y5 RSE lesson
Thursday 7 th January	Y5 RSE lesson
Friday 8 th January	

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 11th January 2021

Monday 11 th January	
Tuesday 12 th January	
Wednesday 13 th January	
Thursday 14 th January	
Friday 15 th January	Yr1/2 Mrs McCurrie's Class assembly – zoom details will be sent out

David J Capener
Headteacher

PTA News

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you and your families. We hope you all had a truly wonderful Christmas.

Not much news from the PTA Team this week (you may be pleased to hear!).

We will be able to confirm the total amount raised from last terms amazing efforts next week to you.

Thanks for reading and stay safe everybody.

Alex, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky and Sarah x