



## **Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School** **Autumn Term**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**John 13:34-35** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

### **Christmas Jumper Day:**

**Tomorrow** the children can exchange their school sweatshirts and cardigans for a Christmas jumper – usual uniform, just swap the jumper / cardigan for a Christmassy one! We are asking you to send in a donation of £1 per child which we have now decided will be split between Save the Children and the Local Covid Support Group.

### **Headteacher Awards – End of Half Term**

At the end of each half term one pupil from each class receives the Headteacher's Award to recognise achievements or progress. Well done to the following pupils;

**Pre School** – Lucas

**Ash** – Emily – for superb progress

**Oak** – Kyle – for good all round progress

**Willow** – Millie – being resilient

**Maple** – Alfie – for being a good role model

**Elm** – Imogen – for putting full effort into everything she does

### **Closing for Christmas holidays:**

You may have seen some news reports this week about schools closing a day early for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. **I can confirm that we will still be closing on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2 p.m.**

We need to try to avoid the whole school leaving at the same time so if you would normally collect your child at 3 pm, please collect them at 1:30 pm. If you normally collect at 3:15 pm, please collect at 1:45 pm and if you usually collect at **3:30 pm**, please collect at **2 pm**.

Year 6 will be released at 2 pm and may walk home if they have your permission.

### **Assessment/Catch-up Curriculum:**

Over the past week, the class teachers have been assessing the pupils progress in English and Maths so that we can identify target groups for next term. In January, we will send home an individual pupil assessment report for the key areas of Maths, Reading and Writing so you can see if your child is on track to achieve age related expectations by the end of the year.

In the Spring term, our focus will be on accelerating progress in these key areas to try to get all pupils' learning back on track after lockdown.

The focus in the first half-term will be on spelling. In week 1 each teacher will give their pupils a list of words to learn, which will be a mixture of common words and words identified as being relevant for their year group or their ability. They will learn these gradually over the half-term and then we will hold a sponsored spell event just before half-term. This will be a way for pupils to challenge themselves; to improve their spelling and also a way to fund-raise for school.

We are also going to run an after-school booster club once a week, from 3:30-4:30 pm, where teachers will work with small groups of pupils on key skills. The class teachers will be inviting certain pupils to attend the sessions. If your child is invited, I strongly recommend that they attend. We will provide refreshments and aim to make the sessions fun!

For most year groups, this will be Thursday. Year 5 to be confirmed.

### **Community Event - Santa Tour:**

*We're delighted to announce that despite the pandemic, Santa and Mrs Claus have agreed to take time out from their busy schedule to visit Knott End and Preesall.*

*On Saturday 12 December 2020 the merry pair, their 'reindeer' and elves will tour the villages bringing some well needed festive cheer.*

*Their tour will start at 1530 hrs from the Bourne Arms, Knott End taking in the Esplanade (15:45), down Lancaster Road to Park Lane (16:00 – 16:15), up to Fordstone Avenue (16:15), around the Crescent (16:30), back up Sandy Lane (16:30 16:45), right onto Pilling Lane (17:15 – 17:30), left at the roundabout and up Grasmere Road (17:30 – 17:45), back along Lancaster Road to Hackensall Road (18:15), turning right onto Quail Home Road (18:30) then back to the Bourne Arms (18:45 / 19:00).*

*Santa is keen to ensure that we all have a healthy and safe festive season and is very well informed about the current COVID situation. Both he and his Elf helpers will be taking all appropriate precautions to ensure that only festive cheer is spread around the community. The elves will be handing out a few goodies along the tour and will all be wearing their festive masks and gloves.*

*Please look and listen out for the arrival of the sleigh and feel free to come out and wave but please make sure you stay in your family group and follow social distancing.*

## Can you help? Closure of Fleetwood Pool:

The decision not to reopen this pool has been 'called in' by Fleetwood Councillors and will be reviewed by the Wyre Borough Scrutiny Committee on 16 Dec. If you are able to drop both Cat Smith and Ann Tarpey-Black an email raising your concerns, that would be great. Cat's contact details are 📞 01253 490440 📠 0207 219 6001 Office - 50 Lord Street, Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 6DT

[cat.smith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:cat.smith.mp@parliament.uk)

My council contact is [anne.tarpey-black@preesalltowncouncil.org](mailto:anne.tarpey-black@preesalltowncouncil.org)

These resources are vital for young people locally – if you have a few minutes, please respond and have your voice heard.

## Christmas Parties:

The individual class teachers will send home specific details about class parties next week.

## Elm Class Visit to St. Oswald's Church:

Please make sure you have returned the permission slip to allow your child to walk down to church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. They will only be allowed to walk home from church afterwards if you have contacted Miss Riding to let her know.

## Raffle:

Raffle tickets are on sale - £1 a strip or if you buy 5 strips, you get 5 free! We have lots of prizes and all funds raised go to the classes for resources so please support us. Send your money in to school in a clearly labelled envelope. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **We would appreciate additional donations of prizes – please drop them with Mrs Adams at the office.**

## Cake Design Competition:

Two winners have been chosen – the entries were so good that our Chair of Governors, Mr Sanders offered to pay for a second cake to be made. We will reveal the winners when we get the cakes in school next week. There will be a runner-up prize in each class.

## Tempest

We have booked the photographer to come in and take individual or family photographs on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Unfortunately, we will not be able to include younger siblings who are not currently attending pre-school due to COVID restrictions.

## ParentPay

Thank you to all of the families who have resolved any outstanding balances on ParentPay. We ask that all debts are cleared by next Friday. Can we also request that all bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club are made at least 24 hours in advance. This allows us to plan staffing and resources. If you wish to clarify anything, please contact Mrs Adams in the office.

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## Dates for your diary:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day – donations for Save the Children and Local Covid Support Group

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Santa & Mrs Claus travel through Knott End and Preesall

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Last chance to purchase raffle tickets and bring in

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 Christingle Service at St Oswald's 2 pm

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Ash Class Christmas buffet lunch

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school Christmas lunch – all bookings now closed

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Ash Class party

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Raffle Grand Draw

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Oak, Willow and Maple Class parties

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Elm Class party plus secret Santa

CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AT **2 pm** (no After-School Club)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Laura Sandham School of Dance Awards Ceremony (Zoom)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – School opens

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Individual and (in school) sibling photographs

We have included the term and holiday dates for 2021 – 2022 for your reference.

**FLEETWOOD'S CHARITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY PATTERNS 2021/2022**

**AUTUMN TERM**

<b>INSET</b>	<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>Closure after school for Half Term</b>	<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021</b>
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021</b>
<b>School Closes</b>	<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>

**SPRING TERM**

<b>INSET</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>Closure after school for Half Term</b>	<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>School Closes</b>	<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>

**SUMMER TERM**

<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
<b>May Day Closure</b>	<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>Closure after school for Half Term</b>	<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>School Closes</b>	<b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>
<b>INSET -</b>	<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022</b>

***Good Friday – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022/Easter Monday – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022***