



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

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Romans 2 - 12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

This week we have included activities both in school and for home learners on looking after our mental health – this is always really important but so much more so at the moment! Have a look at our Facebook page to see some of the things we have been doing through the week. A virtual school disco is most definitely another first for us!

### **Home Learning**

Our teaching staff are now offering sessions through Zoom at various points in the week for reading, phonics, Maths groups and some whole class activities– please take up these opportunities. If you are struggling with getting your child to engage in home learning, please contact their class teacher, they will be happy to help. It is really important that we keep all pupils actively learning. We are also asking you to upload work through the Portfolio section of Class Dojo – again your child's class teacher will be able to help you with this if you require it.

### **School Re-opening**

Please note that at the moment, we do not have a date for school reopening to all pupils. Schools in Scotland and Wales are now announcing dates for some pupils returning. We expect Boris Johnson to set out a plan on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and it is possible that some pupils may return from 8<sup>th</sup> March but not guaranteed. As soon as we know more, we will get plans in place for a partial or full reopening.

### **Community Orchard**

We had an amazing response to the donate a tree project. Next week we will start planting up to 30 trees around the edge of the field – all donated by different families! For those who are planting their trees next week, please meet at your

allocated time at the Sports Field. Don't forget your wellies! We hope this will become an area that families or members of the local community will like to visit at different times of the year. I am now hoping to get some funding for benches.

### **Stories From the Hill**

This week we introduced story sessions for the children. Different members of staff are reading aloud through the week – we have two stories: Fantastic Mr. Fox for our younger pupils and The Girl Who Stole an Elephant For Key Stage 2. The links to join these sessions are on Class Dojo and there are catch up videos if you can't watch live.

### **White Rose Maths Workbooks**

These are now in school for pupils in Year 1 – Year 5 and can be collected from the porch if you are able to get up to school. If this is not possible, please let us know and we will try to deliver. The books for year 6 have not arrived yet, and the year 3 Oak class books are yet to be delivered.

### **Community project label**

~Here's a label for you to print if you are able for the Community Project – deliveries next Friday.



## Spreading Love & Happiness

*John 1 4:19. We love because he first loved us*

*This project is to spread happiness in our villages and make people smile.*

*This handmade heart is to show the love we are sending from our school family to you.*



### **Celebration Assembly**

Next week we would like you to invite a Grandparent to join our assembly. If they are unfamiliar with Zoom, practice in the week – set up a Zoom call and talk them through joining a call. We will have some extra awards as it is the end of half-term.

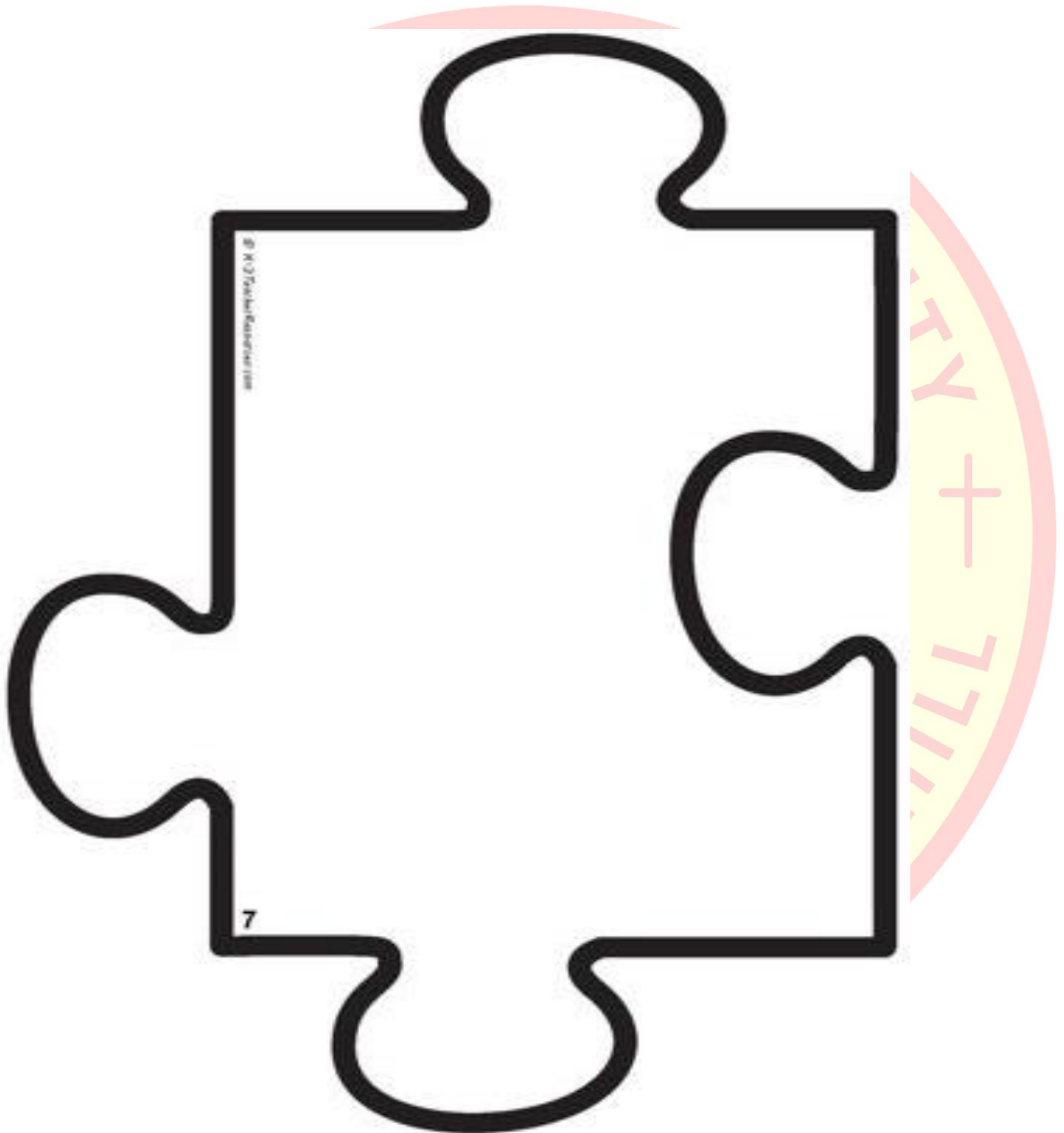
We also have a surprise in store for you next week!

## Pupil awards week ending Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

	Ash	Oak	Willow	Maple	Elm	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<b>Star of the week</b>	<p><b>Emily</b> – for putting lots of effort into home learning now you’re learning from home</p> <p><b>Bowen</b> – for being an all round star and attending every single zoom session week after week!</p>	<p><b>Benji F</b> – for some amazing practical geography work</p>	<p><b>Poppy</b> – for continued effort</p>	<p><b>Imogen</b> – for her ongoing hard work in all of her home learning</p>	<p><b>Toby</b> – for staying so positive and happy at home</p>	<p><b>Michael</b></p> <p>And</p> <p><b>Lucas</b></p>	<p><b>Isla</b> – for making a very confident start to her new school</p>	<p><b>Freddie</b> – for amazing focus and skills when sewing</p>
<b>English Star</b>	<p><b>Tilly</b> – super effort in phonics earlier this week and for winning the game of phonics Bingo!</p>	<p><b>Miah</b> – for some wonderful reading with Miss Brakewell</p>	<p><b>Grace</b> - for enthusiasm in reading comprehension</p>	<p><b>Jack</b> – for his persistence in grammar</p>	<p><b>Ayla</b> – for working hard on her English</p>	<p><b>Benji R</b></p>	<p><b>Eddie</b> – for wonderful work verbally retelling of The Eagle Who Thought He Was a Chicken</p>	<p><b>Chloe</b> – for hard work and determination</p>
<b>Maths Star</b>	<p><b>Alfred</b> – for fantastic contribution in our Maths Zoom lessons!</p>	<p><b>Ashton</b> – for some fantastic work on tally charts</p>	<p><b>Maddie</b> – for trying hard using addition and subtraction</p>	<p><b>Ashton</b> – for his efforts in Zoom sessions</p>	<p><b>Daisy</b> – for working so hard in her maths every day</p>	<p><b>Riley</b></p>	<p><b>Harry</b> – for trying really hard with his subtraction</p>	<p><b>Ben</b> - for getting stuck in with some tricky maths</p>
<b>Other Awards</b>		<p>Dance Award</p> <p><b>Rona</b> – Dance star of the week</p>		<p>Reader of the week</p> <p><b>Katie S</b></p>	<p>Dance Award</p> <p><b>Lucy B</b> – lovely focus and progress</p>			<p>Dance Award</p> <p><b>Dylan</b> – enthusiastic energy and dancing</p>

## Child Mental Health Week

In these difficult times, it is important to remember what makes us happy. We are all part of a bigger picture just like pieces of a jigsaw. Use the jigsaw template below to draw and write on the things that make you feel happy. Colour and cut your jigsaw piece out and display it proudly on one of your front windows. Let's see how many windows we can decorate to keep spirits up and remember the good things! You can have a competition with your friends to see how many you can spot when you are out and about!





## Thundersnow and other strange weather...



*Pictured: Snow-capped hills in Colorado during a snowstorm  
Source: Mike Lewinski*

An unusual phenomenon known as 'thundersnow' has been observed in the UK and other countries situated in the northern hemisphere during the recent wintery weather. Thundersnow occurs when thunder and lightning mix with heavy snowstorms, causing loud claps that sound like explosions in the sky. These have not been the only unusual flashes of light to be observed in January 2021. In the Pacific Ocean, close to the small island of Nauru, blue jets of light have been spotted by astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS). Lightning can often be seen from ISS, which orbits the Earth far up in space at an altitude of 350 kilometres. But these strange blue jets strike upwards instead of downwards, sometimes as far up as 50 kilometres from the Earth's surface into the stratosphere. The stratosphere is the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere, where air is much thinner and calmer.

## Pernod the dachshund's daily exercise

Jake from Newcastle cannot visit his local gym to keep fit during lockdown, so last month he began using online fitness classes in front of the TV instead. His dachshund, Pernod was very interested in watching him and although she did not join in straight away, she became very excited as Jake performed his daily press up challenges. Pernod was adopted four months ago to keep Jake's elderly 11-year-old dachshund, Rollo company, but the family did not expect that she would take an active part in all their new lockdown routines! Jake's mum told the BBC, 'Pernod was very interested and one day she just started joining in. She just lines up, gets very excited about it all and starts doing what looks like press ups.' When asked if Pernod had left a hole in the carpet yet, Jake's mum replied, 'Not yet. But we have to stop her because I think she would go on all day!'



*Pictured: Pernod the sausage dog performs her cool moves alongside Jake  
Source: Jill Davie*



## New Zealanders urged to use imagination

Governments around the world have been urging tourists to enjoy a holiday in their own country this summer, sometimes referred to as a 'staycation'. The tourists of New Zealand (NZ) are being urged to do the same. But the country's tourist board has taken it one step further with a funny advert by a famous comedian, Tom Sainsbury. Thousands of tourists post the same views of their trip on social media such as photos of a 'summit spreadeagle' where they photograph each other at the top of Mount Cook with their arms flung wide. NZ's tourist agency has said that this is boring and lacks imagination, so they are offering a travel voucher worth 500 NZ dollars to the winner of a competition on Twitter, using the hashtag #DoSomethingNewNZ, for more exciting photos of tourists posing at less well-known destinations across the country. If you were in NZ, what would yours be?



Pictured: Hobbiton is a popular New Zealand tourist destination  
Source: Canva

## Your thoughts on last week's news...

*I think a good leader needs to be kind, listen to other people's ideas and they should be prepared for anything.*

*Like viruses.  
Ayla – age 9*



What was your opinion on this week's news? Visit our discussion area, found here:

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss) to share your thoughts!

*A good leader has to listen to everyone's ideas, be as kind as possible, help out. She/he has to communicate, be patient and resilient. Not to mention the way a leader has to be honest, have a good influence and be polite. The leader has to have empathy and be dedicated.*

*Phoebe – age 10*

I think...



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