



Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School
Autumn Term
Thursday 22nd October 2020

Psalm 20:4 (May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.)

Newsletter

Firstly, I am delighted that we have made it to the end of what can only be described as an incredibly challenging half-term without having to close any of our class bubbles! This just shows how effective our procedures to keep everyone safe have been and how hard our staff team have worked to implement all the new routines through the school day, week after week. The pupils have also adapted brilliantly. Thank you to all of you parents for following our guidance at the start and end of the day and for avoiding coming into school. Who knows what next half-term will bring but fingers crossed, things will start to improve soon.

New experiences this term:

- Whole school worship on Zoom
- Parents Evening by phone
- Separate class Harvest Festival services
- Numerous meetings with parents and professionals online
- Life Education sessions without the bus!

Next we have the challenge of planning for Christmas but watch this space ... nothing is impossible! I feel we have all learnt new skills through this strange time and some of the changes we have made to daily routines, we may actually keep!

Mrs Rapaccioli

You may or may not be aware that Mrs Rapaccioli will be leaving our school on Friday 23rd October 2020. She is moving down to London to start a new adventure and we will all miss her tremendously. She has been fabulous in our school office; highly efficient and organized and she is our go-to-person when we don't know the answer to something. I would like to thank her for the service she has given to our school and wish her all the best for the future. We have a new member of staff starting work in the school office after half-term, her name is Mrs Adams, so please bear with us whilst she finds her feet!

Local Community:

This week our pupils have been making cards and writing letters to people in our local community who may live alone and most likely struggling with not being able to see friends and family. We have teamed up with St. Oswald's Church who will be helping us get them to those in need over the next couple of weeks.

Holiday Challenge

Each week I have given the classes a challenge ranging from designing a flag to represent St. Oswald, to writing letters and making cards for people in the local community. Over the holiday, I would like the children to each find a smooth pebble and decorate it with a poppy design. This can be painted, coloured or collaged – whatever they like. There are some pictures overleaf for ideas. If they could bring their decorated pebble back to school after the half-term holiday; we have a plan for Remembrance Day.



Local Volunteer Group

The local volunteer group in Preesall and Knott-End have some one-off food parcels available for families who may need a bit of extra help at this difficult time. If you feel this would be something you could benefit from or you know someone else who may be in need, you can contact school to arrange for delivery or ring the volunteer group directly on 01253 810628. The helpline is open from 9 am – 5 pm. This group of volunteers do some amazing work to help local people – shopping, dog-walking, collecting prescriptions and just being there if people feel lonely.

Don't forget, we are also accepting food donations in school which we will pass on to the group if you would like to help.

Head Teacher's Awards

In our final sharing assembly this half-term, teachers identified a pupil who they thought deserved a Head teacher's award. I thought I would share this with you:

Preschool: Ethan

Ash Class: Emily

Oak Class: Henry for being so enthusiastic about his new book that he did a presentation to his whole family!

Willow Class: Dylan for excellent behaviour and effort all term

Maple Class: Amy for developing a mature attitude towards school

Elm Class: Ellie for always putting 100% into everything; she always has a smile on her face and her attitude towards school and learning is exceptional.

All the pupils who have featured on our WOW wall this half-term have had their names in a draw to win a free admission ticket to Ascent. The two lucky winners are: Alfred and Lyla. Well done! We will have more winners next half-term.

Secondary school applications

If you have a child in Year 6, please be aware that the online applications for high school close on 31st October 2020. Not getting your application in on time could mean your child does not get allocated a place at the high school they would like to attend.

Extra attachment:

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin - Miss Brakewell found this and we thought it was lovely so we have sent a copy home.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 23rd October – Break up for half-term

Monday 2nd November – Inset Day for staff

Tuesday 3rd November – School re-opens