Preston Candover CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Shrove Tuesday pancake races!

The whole school joined together on Shrove Tuesday to take part in pancake races on the playground. Sports leaders encouraged the teams and did an excellent job of making sure everyone had fun. Well done to the blue team for being the overall winners.



NSPCC visit

The NSPCC visited us on 26th February and held assemblies for both KSI and KS2. Years 5 & 6 also took part in a workshop about keeping safe.





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Lent is a tradition that reminds us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, preparing for his ministry on earth where he would ultimately give himself as a sacrifice. Lent finishes at Easter every year, so many Christians use the Lent period to spend time reflecting on Jesus' death and resurrection.

Traditionally we mark Lent by giving something up, but what if Lent was preparation for a lifetime of generosity and serving others?

Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities and, ultimately, to our world.

You can find out all about the challenge at 40acts.org.uk. Please find attached a 40 acts family wallchart.

JRSO assembly

On Tuesday 3rd March we held a road safety assembly. We picked people and dressed them in dark clothing, florescent clothing and reflective clothing. We all performed a poem called 'be bright be seen' then we read a powerpoint about wearing florescent clothing and having something bright on your bag. Next we did a song about 'stop, look, listen, think'. Finally, we launched our poster competition. We can't wait to see the entries by the deadline of Tuesday 10th March. Junior Road Safety Officers









Love



Hope



Justice





Author visit

On Wednesday 4th March Owls and Robins classes were visited by author Annabelle Sami to talk to them about her debut novel Agent Zaiba Investigates the Missing Diamonds. Authors are in high demand at this time of year and can be

booked up to a year in advance around World Book Day. The children asked some insightful questions about her approach to writing and she was extremely encouraging of some of our budding authors.



World book day

On Thursday 5th March we celebrated World Book Day. The children, as part of their half-term homework had been asked to research a character and prepare their costumes. Thank you to those children who donated $\pounds I$ of their own money to Book Aid International. Over the last 3 years we have spent a large amount of school money purchasing current, exciting and challenging book stock. The money collected from World Book Day is sent to Book Aid International who buy books for libraries, schools and refugee camps around the world.

SATs Revision

We have updated and added some websites for the Year 's to use. Please find them on the school website under curriculum.

Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness. Well done to:

Sybilla C Henry B Charlotte S Will B Miriam C Harry A Lorna T George LH Ted W Rosie G Maddie CN Poppy G Oscar M Connie LW Scarlett S Bea R

Jesamy L Evie L Martha L I George N Daisy G Henry B V Jessica P Apryl W

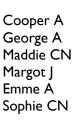


Building Learning Power (BLP) Awards for demonstrating Resilience, Reflectiveness, Resourcefulness and Teamwork in learning.

Well done to:

Jasmine B	Ca
Hatty N	Ki
George E	Cł
Alfie D	Ap
Archie C	Ph
Rufus W	Ri
Sophie R	Та

Carter G Kirah P Charlie H Apryl W Phoebe S Rio C Tabby L





Coronavirus

It is hard to avoid news of Coronavirus at the moment but we feel that it is important to share what we are doing in school with parents. Please see below the sensible precautions that we are taking following guidance from the DFE. We receive daily updates from the DFE and if we have any concerns, the school will contact Public Health England.

To clarify, the school does not currently have any confirmed cases. We have been informed that messages have been posted on social media by some parents stating that there is a case in school. When our attention is unnecessarily diverted from the day to day running of the school it does not help the school or parents deal with this complex situation. Parents should not use WhatsApp or social media to discuss pupils, staff or school matters.

We have a responsibility to do the very best for our community and we have identified times during the school day where the children need to wash their hands. We are aware of the impact this will have in class with regard to timings but it is important that we do this.

Classes will follow the plan below for washing hands:

- I. On arrival to the school
- 2. Before break /snack
- 3. Before lunch
- 4. Afternoon/Before end of day

Children will also be reminded of the importance of washing hands after going to the toilet and if coughing or sneezing into their hands. We encourage them to use tissues that are thrown in the bin afterwards.

Staff must wash hands frequently at school.

Visitors to School

We will ask volunteers and visitors to wash their hands when they arrive at school and they will be shown to the adult toilets to ensure safeguarding.

If any pupils or parents think they have symptoms of the coronavirus, they should call NHS 111 for advice and follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidanceto-educational-settings-about-covid-19

Contact details

It is essential that the school has two current emergency contact details for all children in the school. Please contact the school office if you need to make any amendments.

We want to reassure you that if there are any developments you will be notified by the school. Thank you for your support.

With best wishes

Mrs. Simrit Otway Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

End of Spring Term – Friday 3rd April Easter Holidays 4th-19th April **Inset days:** 20th April 22nd July A list of 2019-2020 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire website

