



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. We have spoken to many of you during this time and we thank you for your support, emails and kind words. It has made a real difference.

The school has remained open since the start of the pandemic and we now have more children on site. Throughout this time, we have put in place remote learning support, pastoral and welfare support for pupils and staff. I am grateful to our team for their outstanding care, dedication and commitment.

I also want to thank parents and carers for continuing to support your children with their remote learning. We do appreciate that it can be difficult to juggle work, home and learning. More children have been sharing what they have done with their teachers which is brilliant! If you have a child in year 2-6 please do register with the Google Classroom credentials emailed to you. A big well done if you have already registered!

## Class organisation in 2020/21

Our pupils are well supported in all classes as we have high expectations for each and every child to fulfil their potential. Parents will receive a letter with details of your child's class for next academic year soon.

We want to share the exciting news about the classes next year. The structure for the next academic year 2020/21 is as follows:

Class	
Wrens Year R	Mrs Cooke & Mrs Defferding
Puffins Year 1/2	Mr Paterson
Owls Year 2/3	Miss Brown
Robins Year 4/5	Miss McPhee
Kingfishers Year 5/6	Mr Marshall

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## Staffing

We wish Miss Lock every success in her future as she will be relocating to the north west of the country next year. A warm welcome to our new teachers, Mr Paterson and Miss McPhee who will join our school in September.

## July transition

I feel it is important that we have a good ending to this academic year for all of our children so they can look forward with hope. We are planning to invite groups of children back to school before the end of the year in July. As you can imagine, the logistics of this have required careful consideration, given the current safety guidance we are adhering to regarding group numbers and staffing.

All activities will be carefully planned and managed with consideration to social distancing and the requirement to clean in between various group visits.

## Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July

We will be inviting year 6 back during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July. More details will follow to year 6.

We also have new year R pupils and parents visiting during the afternoons this week. A letter with details and times will be sent directly to new parents.

## Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July

We hope to invite pupils in each year group to school to meet their new teacher during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July. Arrangements with your child's day and time will follow shortly.

We hope that most of the transition activities can be held outdoors and it will be a good opportunity for your child to visit the school and look forward to next year.

Pupils may hand in their home learning books during their visit for their current teachers to look at.

## From the School Office

As we approach the end of the school year, please check your child's dinner money account and settle any arrears.

It is really important that children bring a named sunhat and water bottle to school each day and please apply sun cream every morning. Groups are spending as much time as possible outside during this lovely weather. We also ask that children bring one small fruit/veg snack if they are not staying for lunch. No toys, books or other items should be brought to school. Please ensure your child's bag only has the required items each day.

## BOOK AMNESTY message from Mrs Forster

The Library is closed at the moment due to current circumstances. However, it is important that we start to collect in our books in order to quarantine and clean them. We need you to return all books with a School Library Service label (SLS) or Preston Candover stamp. Please, please search your child's bedroom, your car and under the sofa, it doesn't matter

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how old the books are or how many you have, we need them back to enable us to do a stock check.

May we also request that **all reading scheme books** are also returned. This will give us time to repair, edit and assess what we need to purchase for the following year.

Below are the dates we would like you to return books.

All children currently attending school could you please return your books by **or before Wednesday 8th July.**

**Year 6 –Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 2/3/4/5 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July**

Anyone else **not** currently attending school -**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.45-11.30am or 12.30-2.00.**

For this group there will be a table with a Returns box on the school drive, please enter, drop your book in the box and follow the arrows to leave through the pedestrian gate.

*Don't forget to use the SLS ebook service if you are running short of books to read at home. As always, we recommend your children participate in the summer reading challenge.*

Thank you for your support.

### Home learning

We continue to be very impressed with the effort that the children have been putting into their home learning. We would like to celebrate this by showcasing more of the brilliant pieces of home learning we have received below.

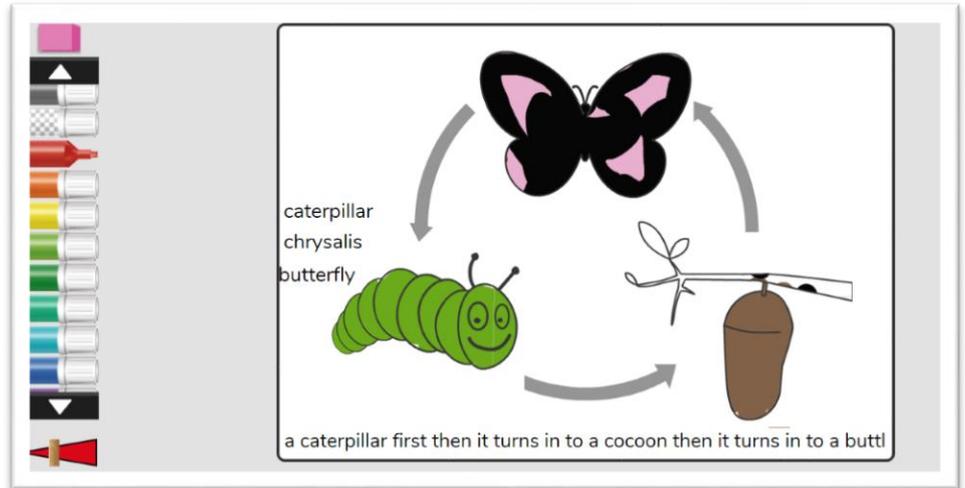
#### Wrens



Zahra B

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Apryl W



### Puffins

Miss Chandler has received some fantastic home learning and is enjoying seeing all your brilliant efforts! In particular Freddie W worked very hard on his Geography and Maths. In Geography Freddie created a 'Manchester Guide' and an 'all about South America Guide'. In Maths Freddie collected data about people's favourite flavour ice cream, represented his data in a block graph and answered questions about his results. Miss Chandler is very impressed!



Well done to every Puffin! Keep the excellent home learning coming!

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## Owls

### All About the Human Skeleton



Everybody has 206 bones in their body. The largest bone is the femur and the smallest are ossicles they are three tiny little bones in your ear. Without a skeleton we would be very floppy and we wouldn't be able to walk. We would look like a big pile of jelly haha!

The purposes are so we can eat our food so we can walk and run, and so we can write. Our joints work by our brain sending messages to our body. You can find joints in your arms, legs, neck and jaw. Did you know? teeth decay more easily during the first 25 years of life, mature enamel is more resistant to attack.

**DID YOU KNOW? - BONES CONTAIN MARROW WHICH GENERATES RED AND WHITE BLOOD CELLS?**

Comparing a Human skeleton to a Tiger Skeleton :

We don't have a tail and they do which has 18 little bones.

Tigers cannot stand up, they have more than 600 muscles to pull and manoeuvre.

A tigers canines are longer than their normal teeth and are used to crush though their prey.



Logan LH

## Robins

Well done Iris H who has been working so hard on all of her times tables and is making excellent progress in the times tables tests on Purple Mash.



## Kingfishers

Evie L – writing in the style of Michael Morpurgo

What happened? I curiously asked. My eyes were sore and my lips were as cracked as dry earth... An ancient, Alpine tribe stood over me, swaying their hands over my face, wondering if I was alive or not. I moved a bit, to let them know I was not dead. Soon, I managed to stand up, although my muscles all around my body were continuously aching.

The tribe spoke to me in this mystical language I couldn't understand, then took me somewhere. I saw a blue tent with patterns covering it, they took me in. On a tall chair [that looked like more of a throne] sat an old lady with an ancient scarf wrapped around her head and was holding a clear crystal ball...

She also spoke that language and called for one of the tribe assistants and asked them something, they replied with a one-word answer, something like: 'shooalt!' Then suddenly, the old lady said in an unknown accent; 'So, do you want to know how you ended up here?' ....

Book Reviews



Star Rating:



**My Thoughts About The Story**

I think this story is a great story fabulously re-creating the original but with a load of great guinea pig actors.

I recommend this book because it is an amazing tale and surprisingly isn't disappointing compared to the original! I believe this book should be shared more because out of 97 people 86% rated it a **WHOOPING 5 STARS!!!**

Others reviews:

This book was a wonderful Christmas stocking filler. It is beautifully put together. A must for guinea pig lovers. It definitely has the cute factor. I already have two other books in this series - A Guinea Pig Nativity and also A Guinea Pig Pride and Prejudice. All are wonderful.

**Book Title:** A Guinea-pig Oliver Twist.

**Written by:** Alex Goodwin

What is the story about?

Fur and fiction combine in this retelling of Charles Dickens's most famous novel, adorably adapted with an all-star cast of guinea pigs.

In the misery of a workhouse, a poor, fluffy little orphan called Oliver Twist is fed on nothing but thin air and even thinner gruel. By squeaking a fateful question – 'Please, sir, I want some more' – he unwittingly sparks a series of events that lead him to the smoke and grime of the big city, where he encounters a host of four-legged friends and foes such as the crafty Fagin, mischievous Artful Dodger, faithful Nancy and treacherous Bill Sikes, who sweep young Oliver off of his paws and into the underworld of Victorian London.

Martha L  
A superb book review.

Well done to you all for continuing to keep active, reading and learning. It has been fantastic to see. We are sure that you will have learnt new skills that you didn't expect during the last few weeks too.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

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