



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all children returning to school and to new families joining us.

The Headteacher's newsletters are important for sharing key information and school updates with you and are available on the school website.

The atmosphere in the school is of excitement as we start a new academic year. It is wonderful to see the pupils looking so smart and ready to learn. The staff have worked hard to make sure the learning environments are safe, inviting and promote curiosity.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child as we start the new term, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via email or make an appointment to see me.

Our Inclusion leader/ SENCo is Mrs Cathy Taylor and she is also happy for you to contact her with any concerns you may have about your child.

We are very keen to make sure that your child is settled, enjoying school life and learning. As many pupils have had a long period of absence it is important to revisit our behaviour code of conduct and values. Civility, courtesy and respectful relationships are important for all.

Visits to the school

All visits to the school must be by a pre-agreed appointment. Most meetings will take place via phone-call or video call for the time being. Please observe social distancing at drop off and pick up times. We have already had concerns raised from parents

about groups congregating outside the school gates and not observing social distancing. This has resulted in parents having to weave their way through to enter and leave the site.

Our school team

Senior leadership	
Headteacher	Mrs Otway
Inclusion leader	Mrs Taylor
Teachers	
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
	Mrs Avis
LSAs	Mrs Croombs Miss Wilson Mrs Mas Mrs Vickers Miss Byrne Mrs Totman
Admin/Finance Officer	Mrs Forrest
Admin Assistant	Mrs Brown
Caretaker	Mr Larkins



We have been busy over the summer and have had some outdoor sinks installed to increase hand-washing capacity.

Love Hope Justice





School “Post Box”

We now have a new post box which can be used by parents wishing to drop off any paperwork/forms during the school day. We do, however, encourage all parents to email the office where necessary. The post box will be checked at the end of each day.

Bikeability – Year 6 pupils

Bikeability takes place here at the school w/c 21 September. An email has gone home, with an attachment which needs to be returned to the school by Friday 11 September at the latest. Bikeability is a fantastic cycle training programme. Children will learn how to ride safely on the road and it gives an excellent opportunity for them to develop their highway code and confidence.

Healthy fruit/vegetable “snack” at break-time

Please can you make sure you are sending your child to school with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break (not crisps, chocolate or nuts).

Nut free school

An important reminder that we are a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction, therefore we cannot have nuts in school. Please can you check that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or snacks brought into school. Thank you for your cooperation in this. The safety of our children is paramount.

‘Listen to me’ music lessons

We have decided to continue to fund specialist music lessons with HMS.

Mr Jones, will be in school every week to teach all children in year 4 and 5. Pupils will have the fantastic opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument and use innovative technology for composition.

The instruments are all provided so parents do not need to worry about hiring or buying them. HMS will

be working with the school to ensure music activities are COVID secure.

School dinners



The cost of a school dinner is £2.80 for children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Please ensure you are in credit as the school adopts a strict no debt for longer than one-week policy relating to school meals.

Please find attached the cold and hot picnic menus that will be available from Monday 14 September. Children will eat their lunch, in their classrooms with their teacher.

First Aid Training

All staff, including our new members, attended whole school First Aid training during the INSET day and are now equipped to also teach the children basic first aid in PSHE lessons

Safeguarding

The safeguarding training included a comprehensive history of safeguarding, recent changes in legislation and a recap of processes and procedures in school to protect our children.

Health and support for parents

School nurse team

The school nursing team have launched a new service called ChatHealth 5-19 which is a text message advice line for parents of school-aged children. This is an easy way for parents and carers to ask for help and information with a range of issues such as hearing, sleep, behaviour, transition to school. To access the service text messages to the dedicated number: 07507332417. Once received, the school nursing service will respond within one working day. ChatHealth 5-19 is available Monday to Thursday from 9 am-4.30 pm and 9 am-4 pm on Fridays (excluding bank holidays).

We are also pleased to inform you of our new website called Hampshire Healthy Families <http://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/>. The recently launched website provides health information and advice to parents, children and, young people and schools.

We receive daily updates from the DFE and if we have any concerns regarding COVID, the school will contact the local health team.

We ask parents and carers to keep up to speed with government guidance on the current COVID situation.

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/guidance-to-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 are looking forward to a focused term of catching up and enjoyable learning.

With best wishes

Mrs. Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Inset days

Three dates for Inset days for the next academic year are confirmed as follows, with one further day to be confirmed later.

Dates for your Diary

Inset days:

Monday 2 November 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Friday 23 July 2021

A list of 2020-2021 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire website

