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Dear parents and carers,

Year 6

It has been wonderful to see the year 6 in school this week. We have been working with musical experts at The Grange through Google Meets. We wanted to give our year 6 a fantastic ending to their years at Preston. The children were extremely mature and we were really moved by their brilliant lyrics for our very own school song. Amazing!

PRESTON CANDOVER SILVER LININGS SONG...

The world was at rest,
I learned to play chess
We stood up and clapped for the NHS...

I sat in my room
I learned to use zoom
Heard the birds sing, saw the flowers bloom...

And while everything was quiet and calm
We learned that we must keep each other from harm...

We will remember how brave the world has been,
We'll be with friends again, no matter how far,
We will remember the things the world has seen,
We will remember how powerful we really are...

I stuck to the rules
I really missed school
Made a chocolate swiss roll and a gooseberry fool

I went for a hike
New tricks on my bike,
Less pollution pumped out into the sky...

And while everything was quiet and calm
We learned that we must keep each other from harm...

We will remember how brave the world has been,
We'll be with friends again, no matter how far,
We will remember the things the world has seen,
We know how powerful we really are...

We won't take this life for granted.
We won't take this life for granted anymore...



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Care and courtesy Award

This year, the Mary Roberts award for care and courtesy was given to Oscar M. It is very well deserved indeed.



We had a lovely leavers ceremony on our field and shared heartfelt memories and reflections. Good luck to all of our year 6 pupils. I hope you that will live life to the fullest and make a real difference to the world. We will miss you all!

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sandra Brown who will be joining the office team in the Autumn term.

Mrs Athina Rich who many of you will remember fondly is also leaving at the end of term after a long absence. She has a special message for us:

I wish nothing but the best for everyone at Preston Candover. I will miss my colleagues and friends and all the lovely children. The following has been quoted to me a lot in recent months and I think this applies to all of us. "You're braver than you believe and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Mrs Sarah Keen, who kindly postponed her retirement until this summer will now be retiring after over six years at the school to enjoy spending more time with her grandchildren.

Mrs Beth Forster our amazing librarian will also be retiring over the summer.

A huge thank you to these members of staff as we have worked so closely together. On behalf of the whole school community, we thank you for your selfless service and wish you a long and happy retirement.

Next week

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We look forward to seeing the children in other year groups next week to meet their new teachers. You will have received a letter with your date and time. Please may we ask that pupils and parents use the driveway to drop off and pathway to exit. We urge you not to congregate at the entrance.

End of term

The last day of the summer term will be Friday 17th July with INSET days on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July. Spaces will be available in the key worker group for children of critical workers only on Monday 20th July. Please contact the school office to confirm.

September

We are currently working hard to plan a smooth start for all of our children in September and more information will follow by the end of term.

BOOK AMNESTY reminder

Please remember that we are collecting 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 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 wipe them down and repair.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

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