



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome to all children returning to school and to new families joining us. I hope you all had a glorious summer break and were able to relax and spend some quality time with your family.

The Headteacher's newsletters are important for sharing key information and school updates with you and are also 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 children looking so smart and ready to learn. The teachers have worked hard to make sure the classrooms are refreshed, inviting and promote curiosity.

The school team

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| Senior leadership | |
| Headteacher | Mrs Otway |
| Inclusion leader | Mrs Taylor |
| | Teachers |
| Wrens Year R/1 | Mrs Cooke & Mrs Defferding |
| Puffins Year 1/ 2 | Miss Chandler |
| Owls Year 2/ 3 | Mrs Johnson & Miss East |
| Robins Year 4/ 5 | Miss Lock |
| Kingfishers Year 5/ 6 | Miss Brown |
| Additional teacher | Mrs Avis |
| LSAs | Mrs Croombs Miss Eustace Mrs Totman Mrs Vickers Miss Byrne |
| ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support | Mrs Walker-Arnott |
| Librarian | Mrs Forster |
| Admin/Finance Officer | Mrs Forrest |
| Admin/ Admissions/DPO | Mrs Rich (Currently on leave) |
| Admin Assistant | Mrs Keen |
| Caretaker | Mr Larkins |

Mrs Natalie Clayton-Shepherd will continue to provide specialist PE teaching across the school on Thursdays.

Another curriculum provision that we have continued to fund is the Hampshire Music Service. A specialist music teacher, Mr Jones, will be in school every week to teach Robins class who will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. The instruments are all provided so parents do not need to worry about hiring or buying them.

We hope to continue to strengthen our outstanding provision this year with some really exciting learning projects. We may be a small school but we have big ideas and hopes!



Your child's class teacher is at the heart of our learning and pastoral support for your child as they have daily contact with them. Please use the home school diary that will be given to your child for communicating messages. Mrs Taylor, our Inclusion leader/SENCo is available to meet with parents about additional needs and pastoral issues.

I am also happy to speak to parents informally to discuss and address any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. We are all keen to make sure that your child is settled.

At Preston Candover, we encourage our children to be the best that they can be and become excellent all-round citizens. Most of all, we want the children to enjoy school and to develop the skills and self-confidence needed for a happy, successful and fulfilling life.

We look forward to working with you all.

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Love Hope Justice



Mornings and home time

The school day starts at 8:45.

Pupils should all be in classrooms at 8:45am for registration.

A member of staff will be on the playground at 8:30am as a courtesy. We encourage parents to say goodbye and leave the school site so that parking congestion is eased at this busy time and also so that we can secure the site. The class teachers come out onto the playground and pupils may walk into school when doors are opened at 8:40.

Please would Wrens class parents lead their children around to the Infant entrance as you arrive on to the school site.

The school day ends at 3pm. Please try to collect your child on time. Parents of Wrens should collect from the infant entrance. It is important that parents inform the class teachers via the home school book or note if someone else is collecting your child. School emails are not monitored throughout the school day so please phone the school if you have an urgent or unavoidable change to collection arrangements.

For safety reasons, the children are not allowed on the timber trail/ climbing equipment before and after school.

Parking

Please try to car share or park further away from the school if you can.

School dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £2.40 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.



Meet the teachers' invitation

You are invited to meet your child's class teacher on Wednesday 18th September between 3-3.40pm. Please drop in and see them in their classrooms informally. It is a chance to ask any questions and see the classroom where your child will be spending their time this year.

Formal parents' consultations are held in Autumn (October) and in Spring (February). Parents will also receive an annual written report about their child in the Summer term.

Safeguarding update

All staff, including our new members, attended whole school safeguarding training provided by Hampshire

Local Authority. The training included a comprehensive history of safeguarding, recent changes in legislation and a recap of processes and procedures in school to protect our children. We were reminded that all children can be vulnerable at different times in their life and that the child is the centre of everything that we do in safeguarding.

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.

Story Wings

Please look out for your child's reading record and story wings letter which should be coming home with your child shortly.

Class curriculum newsletters will also be sent home by your child's class teacher.

Dates for your Diary

INSET days

14th October

12th February – I-I consultations

24 February

20th April

22nd July

PCSA AGM – tbc

Meet the teachers – Wed. 18th September 3-3:40pm

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.