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Dear Parents and Carers,

Take One Picture visual arts project

I am delighted to say that we have had a launch of the National Gallery's Take One Picture project in school.

Our teachers attended a training day in London before half term and are very excited to lead some excellent learning in the visual arts for the children. It is part of our commitment to a rich and broad curriculum that fires the imagination and promotes creativity for all of our children.

The painting this year is 'The Battle of San Romano' by Paolo Uccello, created around 1435. We very much look forward to seeing the cross-curricular and arts outcomes from this whole school project. So watch this space!



Parent Survey

The governors and leadership team have looked at the survey results. Please find attached the summary. Thank you for taking the time to complete it.

Support for Charities

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

You helped to raise an amazing £341.52 through your generous donations for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you!



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December was Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Most of our children wore their favourite Christmas jumpers and raised £54.20 for this worthwhile cause.



Lunch time running club

On Thursday 18th December, the children ran 2km around the school track to raise money for Naomi House & Jacks Place. For some it was a time-challenge to see how quickly they could do it whilst for others it was a stamina-challenge to see if they can do it with as little walking as possible. Well done to everyone who has been training, even in the rain! I would also like to thank Mrs. Clayton Shepherd for her enthusiasm in running the club.



Love Hope Justice



PCSA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to the entire PCSA committee for organising this year's Christmas fair, also to all the parent volunteers, governors and staff who helped. A very special thank you to Anneke Pettenburger-Perwald for her exceptional hard work and planning to make the day a success and also to Sophia Hill for her support and hard work in helping things run so smoothly.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

We enjoyed two wonderful nativity performances by our Early years and Key stage 1 children this month. We were very impressed with how well the children learnt their lines and how confidently they sang and performed on stage.

Thank you as well for your nativity programme donations for Naomi House and Jacks Place which totaled to £41.79.

Key Stage 2 Carols at St Mary's Church

The children sang with such enthusiasm and read beautifully at the carol service this week. The Christmas service is always a lovely joyous occasion and it was very well attended.

Christmas lunch



It is tradition at Preston, that all of the children sit to enjoy a Christmas lunch together. The children very much enjoyed the delicious food so a huge thank you to our school cooks for their hard work.



I would like to thank all staff, volunteers and governors for their dedication this term and to parents for their support for the school. Well done to the children for demonstrating excellent attitudes to their learning.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New year with your families and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

With best wishes

Mrs. Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Attendance

We have recorded overall attendance of 95.6% for this term. Kingfishers class has the best class attendance for this term (97.5%).

Class	% Attend
Wrens	94.8
Puffins	93.4
Owls	96.2
Robins	94.2
Kingfishers	97.5

We appreciate that some pupils have been ill however there is room for improvement in some classes. Please do not book holidays in term time. Our Attendance Policy and information about attendance including penalty notices for unauthorised absences is available on the school website.

Collection arrangements

Please make sure that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. If you make arrangements for your child to be collected by another adult, please write this in your red home school communication book and please do mention it to your child so they are aware.

Winter Reading Challenge

A message from Mrs. Cooke, English lead, regarding the public library reading challenge.

For this year's Winter Reading Challenge, public libraries are thrilled to be working with Penguin Publishing to bring The Snowman and the Snow dog.

Children will be able to come into the library and pick up a collector card and collect a sticker for each library book they read or listen to.

After reading or listening to four local library books they will receive a certificate. All library books count towards the challenge: eBooks, audiobooks, books read to the child, chapter books, picture books, graphic novels and any other kind of book that you can borrow from the library.

It's free to take part in the Winter Reading Challenge, with a suggested donation of £1. Children have until 26 January to finish.

Living the Values Awards

Well done to the following 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.



Lily J	Hatty N	George E
Lila O	Cooper A	Bella VB
Harry P	Kirah P	Miriam C
Indigo C	Millie H	Violet B
Harriet PW	Charlotte	Rafferty A
Willa W	Archie C	Phoebe S



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

Ted W	Rosie J	Edward W
George N	Logan LH	Baxter H
Ernest B	Talia F	

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th December – Term Ends at lunchtime

Monday 6th January – Spring Term Starts

17th – 21st February – Half Term

24th February – 7th March Fairtrade Fortnight

5th March - World Book Day

Inset days:

12th February – 1-1 consultations

24th February

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.