

# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

# The school will be collaborating with The Grange Festival to take part in: Jonathan Dove's The Monster in the Maze

We are incredibly excited to be taking part in this community opera project.

Learning@TheGrange is delighted to be producing their first community opera as part of Grange Summer 2020 Festival with performances on 18 & 19 July.

Robins class pupils from Preston Candover CE Primary school will form the children's chorus with Cheriton School and we are looking for parents, grandparents and families to join the <u>adult chorus!</u> You don't need to read music or have any experience, all we ask for is willingness to get involved! There is no cost.

This will be a terrific opportunity to share the experience with your children, be part of an exciting local project, perform in the magnificent theatre at the Grange and make connections across generations and beyond!

Please come along to the workshop with the outstanding director Tom Guthrie and choral director Suzi Zumpe on **Friday 29 November 3-4pm at Preston Candover CE Primary School** to find out more about the project.

If you are unable to attend this workshop, please come along on Friday 29 November 7-9pm at Northington Village Hall.

ALL WELCOME and not just parents/grandparents of Year 4/5 pupils!

For more information and to register your interest: <a href="https://thegrangefestival.co.uk/operas/the-monster-in-the-maze/">https://thegrangefestival.co.uk/operas/the-monster-in-the-maze/</a>



### Remembrance Day

This week children in Robins class attended a Remembrance day ceremony in the village. Jody C represented the school by laying a wreath and a silence was also observed in school. Thank you for your kind donations in aid of the Poppy Appeal.



First, Reverend Chatell read some prayers, then some of the cadets made speeches. Next Jody lay the wreath on behalf of our school. PC Reid then laid his wreath and saluted. Last of all, we said one more prayer and we had a 2-minute silence. We really liked watching Jody lay the wreath.

By Thomas W and Louis F

Love Hope Justice















#### **Anti-bullying week**

On Monday I I th November 2019, we led the whole school worship, which was to launch the anti-bullying week in school. This year, the main theme is how **change starts with us**. We discussed how to reduce bullying and what bullying is. We explained to the school that bullying is unkind behaviour that happens several times, on purpose (STOP).

We had a big focus on keeping ourselves safe on the internet to avoid cyber-bullying. We showed this through discussing different scenarios and what to do in this situation, through questioning the audience. Our questions focused on what they could do to change the situation to make it better and make a positive difference.





We all enjoyed planning this worship to make a difference and we are really happy to help people in our school. From Peer Mentors (Jessamy, Alice, Nina, Emma and Willow).

#### **Children In Need**

Thank you for your kind donations for Children In Need. You helped to raise £114.20.



#### **Christmas Hampers**

This year classes will again create Christmas hampers to be raffled as prizes during the PCSA Christmas fair raffle. The themes this year are:

Wrens – Night before Christmas
Puffins – Red and green
Owls – Let's celebrate
Robins – Snow
Kingfishers – Father Christmas and his sleigh

Would you kindly send any hamper donations in with your child to give directly to their class teacher by Wednesday 27th November.

#### **Puffins Zoolab visit**

This week Puffins class thoroughly enjoyed learning about a variety of animals with ZooLab. Our Ranger Jess introduced six animals and we explored how each animal uses its sense to survive. We also discovered where in the world each animal lives.

The children met Reggie the Rat, Candy the Giant African Land Snail, Prince the Leopard Gecko, Molly the Tarantula, Trever the Green Tree Frog and Roger the Corn Snake. The children had the chance to handle and/or stroke most of these animals.

"I learned that Frogs and Toads swallow by blinking and pushing their food down their throat with their eyes"

"I loved holding the snake, he was really smooth"

"I found out that snakes. Tarantulas and Geckos are carnivores"

















Pupils discussed some very interesting and tricky questions which we emailed to the local MP about Parliament and democracy during Parliament week. We will share responses when we receive them after the General election period as it is a busy time in the world of politics!

#### 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.



Alfie D Nathan K Apryl W Alina R Daisy G Kirah P Jessica P

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



Kit G Evah P Poppy D
Violet B Margot J Louis F
Orlando C Oliver J Bella VB
Annie M Theo W Jasmine B
Milo LB Archie C

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway Headteacher Friday 29 November 3-4pm Monster in the Maze workshop, for adult choir

PCSA Christmas Fair – 30th November

Yr 6 Buried Church St Nicholas day – 6<sup>th</sup> December KSI Nativity – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December

Inset days:

12th February – I-I consultations

24 February 20<sup>th</sup> April

22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Dates for your Diary











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