



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to say that we once again achieved the Fairtrade Achiever Award. It validates that we have fully embedded Fairtrade into daily life and work to raise awareness of Fairtrade in the local community. The Fair Achiever is the top award given for embedded learning.

Focusing on Fairtrade in the curriculum is a great opportunity to help our children to understand how their lives are connected to people around the world. We cover Fairtrade across many areas of the curriculum.

It also enables pupils to explore their roles and responsibilities as global citizens, and to understand the impact their choices can have.



Taking part in Fairtrade activities contributes to pupils' understanding of sustainability, as well as helping them build a wide range of skills, including teamwork, enterprise, problem-solving, creativity and influencing.

Lighting the Fire Pit

It is wonderful to see the children learning how to manage risks, keep themselves safe and learn in the outdoors, whatever the weather! Here is some news about the new fire pit.

On Tuesday 19th November Puffins class lit the fire pit for the first time. The children learned how to start a fire as they called in "the old fashioned way" using a flint and cotton wool. We then discussed how a

fire needs oxygen, fuel and heat and removing one of these will put the fire out. After this the children were very excited to toast marshmallows on the fire.

We discussed how to safely crouch by the fire and toast a marshmallow safely.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the fire pit, even more so as we invited Mrs. Otway to toast a marshmallow herself. The children predicted that only the flames would be put out when doused with a bucket of water. So they were fascinated to learn that when the fire was doused with a bucket of water, lots of smoke poured out of the fire pit. The children are very much looking forward to using the fire pit again.



Staffing changes

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Johnson, who is leaving us to start a new post, teaching in the afternoons from January 2020.

Whilst it is a busy time of year, we are actively recruiting for a teacher to start in January. We will do everything we can to recruit the best person to work

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with our children. Once we have made an appointment, we will of course inform parents.

We also bid a fond farewell to Miss Eustace who is going back to work for the Hampshire landscape team and moving to a full-time role. We are short listing LSAs this week with a view to interview and appoint next week.

Both members of staff are sad to leave the school and we wish them the very best in their future. If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving gift for Mrs Johnson or Miss Eustace, please send it to the school office in a sealed envelope with the name of the staff member by Thursday 12th December.

The Governing Board have been considering the staffing and leadership structure of the school. In the recent past, the school has appointed and developed Key Stage leaders as part of the senior leadership structure.

The Governing Board have decided that with the current teaching changes, the time is now right to recruit and appoint an outstanding teacher as Assistant headteacher to join our senior leadership team. We will be advertising locally and nationally with a view to recruiting in April 2020 or September 2020. This timescale allows for applicants who are currently already in post to apply.

The Grange Festival 'The Monster in the Maze'

As detailed in our recent newsletter we are very excited to be collaborating with The Grange Festival to take part in Jonathan Dove's the Monster in the Maze community opera project. We look forward to working with the team on Friday afternoon.



We would like to invite parents of children in Robins class to come to the end of the children's workshop with Tom Guthrie on Friday 29th

November. If you would like to, please arrive at 2.35pm to see what the children have been learning during the workshop. Parents may take their children home at the usual time as the adult workshop will no longer take place at the school.

We very much hope to work with the Grange Festival team to involve our other year groups through links with various areas of the curriculum. A school in Holland is working on a similar opera project so it would be great to share our experiences with them and make links.

With best wishes

Mrs. Simrit Otway

A message from the Governors

'The Governors would like to congratulate the school on its inclusion in a recent article by the Times regarding the best performing schools in the country. This is well deserved recognition of the hard work and dedication of not just the leadership, teaching and support staff, but also our pupils who show fantastic attitudes to learning and a desire to succeed. Well done Preston Candover CE Primary School!'

We currently have a vacancy for a parent to join the Governing Board. The role of the Governing Board is to support the school to help all children reach their full potential. If you are interested in joining us then please register your interest with the school office who will provide you with an application form and arrange for you to meet with Mrs. Otway and a representative from the Governing body to discuss the role and answer any questions you might have. All interests to be registered before the end of this term please.

Cyber Ambassadors and Online Safety

Last week, eight of our Key Stage 2 children were trained as Cyber Ambassadors for the school by a scheme run by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.

The children had fun and found out what it is to be a cyber-ambassador. They found out what websites they should use that are child friendly and safe. They found out what they should do if there is a cyber-bully or troll and how a picture or video can spread through a whole network of websites.

It was interesting to find out what they should do if someone they didn't know contacts them and being careful when pop-ups appear.



Fun time being a Cyber

Ambassador by Victoria, Zacc, Izzie, Iris

“Being a cyber-ambassador is a fun job to have and a full time one too. You can come to us if you are having trouble on the internet. It is also important to talk to a trusted grown-up in school or to your parents if you are worried about anything online.”

Road Safety- Lollipop Person Needed

The school desperately needs a School Crossing Patrol Officer (Lollipop person).

We are keen to hear from those members of the community who can demonstrate traffic awareness, a sense of responsibility and are keen to show dedication and commitment in carrying out a very important job to make the roads of Hampshire safer for children. The job involves working for approximately an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon.

This rewarding role is advertised in full on the Hampshire County Council Website: job number HCC5481.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact louiseniven2@gmail.com or HCC directly: Sarah Janes, School Crossing Patrol Supervisor on 01962 832227.



Reminders about upcoming events

Nativity tickets will be given out this week, so please keep a look out in your child's book bag. Please be aware that entrance is by tickets only.

Friday 29th November is a PCSA free dress day in aid of the tombola for the Christmas Fair.

We are still taking contributions for the Christmas Hampers for the raffle tomorrow, any donations are much appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming parents of Key Stage 1 children to the Nativity next week. The school has been granted permission to park in Drover's field by Preston Farms. Please may we ask parents to park considerately. Thank you to our farm neighbours for allowing parents to park on the field.

Please may parents of Key Stage 1 children hand in Nativity costumes to the class teachers.

The PCSA Christmas Disco is on Wednesday 18th December.

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.



Bella VB	Ivy G	Charlotte C
Oscar R	Evie S	Harriet J
Joe V	Jonty A	Rupert R
Freddie Wa	Evah P	Rufus W

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



Rafferty A	Jonty A	Felix C
Rupert R	Fergus Re	Charlotte C
Freddie Wa	Fergus Ro	Harriet J
Thomas W		

Dates for your Diary

PCSA Christmas Fair – Saturday 30th November
 Yr. 6 Buried Church St Nicholas day – 6th December
 KSI Nativity – 3rd & 4th December
 Tuesday 17th – 9.15am KS2 Carol Service
 Wednesday 18th December- School Christmas Lunch
 Wednesday 18th December- School Disco
 Friday 20th December – Term Ends
 Monday 6th January – Spring Term Starts

Inset days:

12th February – I-I consultations
 24 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.