



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 15 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back - I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy spending time with family and friends. We have a very busy and fun term ahead of us!

Thank you for attending the parent consultation teams video meetings with class teachers this week. We hope that you found them helpful.

### Travel to Tokyo

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to February half term, we took part in the Hampshire School Games Daily Challenges. Each class added the challenges to their Google Classroom for the children to take part in at home. February was "Healthy Heart Month" and during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February, we took part in the School Games Skipping Event and challenged pupils to skip every day and try to beat their score. Finally, this term, we have continued with our whole school challenge to see if we can run the distance to the Olympic destination Tokyo by the end of the summer term. So far, we are on the way and have clocked up a total of 3758 miles together. We have currently reached Xinjiang in China and have 2232 miles left to run!

### Summer term sports events

Our PE lead, Mrs Cooke and the teachers have worked hard to plan and organise some exciting events during Sports Week during the week of 7th June. We plan to capture the highlights to share with parents.



We hope that we will be able to take selected pupils to the Area Sports event in July as long as lockdown restrictions are removed and guidance allows.

We have also signed up for a whole school Race for Life in July. More details to follow.

### Reminders

As the weather becomes warmer, please remember to support your child to apply sun cream, as necessary before school. All pupils should have a named water bottle with them each day to stay hydrated.



May we also ask that you name all items of clothing, especially as cardigans and jumpers are now being removed during the day. We want to make sure they can be returned to their owners! Appropriate school shoes should also be worn.

### Assessments and reports

We feel it is important to maintain some assessment at the end of the year in order to aid transition and support the pupils and teachers going forward.

As the pupils have had many weeks of remote learning and absence this year, we felt it was wise to move in-school teacher assessment to as late as possible this term. This is to give pupils and staff enough time to close gaps in learning and assess more accurately. Therefore, in-school teacher assessment will take place later in June and July instead of May. National SATS tests for year 2 and 6 will not take place in May.

### End of year reports

Pupil reports will come out w/c: 12<sup>th</sup> July and will include details of your child's class and teachers for the academic year 2021/22.

Love Hope Justice



## Transition

We want to ensure that effective transition for pupils takes place after such a roller-coaster year. Transition activities and liaison with Pre-schools, Secondary schools and classes have been planned for July.

Please ensure any absence requests are for essential appointments only and please do not book holiday during this important term.

## WWF and Learning@TheGrange project.

Our year 3 and 4 pupils will be taking part in this amazing collaborative project in May. Please look out for the filming permission letter that will be sent out soon if you have a child in these year groups. We will be creating a film with a professional company for WWF and the COP26 climate change conference.



## Class Curriculum Newsletters

Please do read the class curriculum newsletter from your child's teacher and look for ways you can support with learning especially through visits to local attractions and libraries now that they are beginning to open.

## Open morning exhibition

It would be lovely for parents to view pupils learning therefore we are planning some open mornings/exhibitions to take place during July. More details will be shared soon with days and times for each class.

With best wishes.

Mrs. Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

Bikeability Y6: 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April

Half term: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

School Photographs: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

### Inset days:

**Friday 11 June 2021**

Friday 23 July 2021

*A list of 2020-21 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire website*