



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you all and to our new families. I hope you have had a wonderful summer break. It's been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and happy to be back at school. We look forward to a fresh start at the beginning of a new school year.



Congratulations to Miss Brown, now Mrs Meier, who got married over the summer holiday.

Expectations and values

Through our ethos and provision, we actively nurture attitudes of respect and care for one another. We endeavour to live our core values.

Children thrive when the relationship between home and school is built on trust and mutual respect. So if you have any questions, please speak with the class teacher in the first instance for quick clarification or to me. I will often be outside at the start and end of the school day and look forward to getting to know you.

Please do arrange to make an appointment if you have any worries about your child. Attached is a copy of the updated Home School Agreement that was shared with you when your child started. We thought it would be useful for everyone to have a copy again.

School procedures / protocol leaflet

We have attached a separate school procedures leaflet, which contains answers to frequently asked questions. Please make sure you read it through

and let the school office know if you have any queries.

Online Accounts

Please make sure you check your child's online account regularly, especially if your child is having a school lunch. If you do need an "access letter" to enable you to set up online payments, please contact the school office and we will get one sent to you.



Communication

Any communications can be sent to the school office at the admin@prestoncandover.hants.sch.uk address. If, however, you wish to contact your child's teacher directly on a confidential matter, please arrange for a letter to be put in your child's school bag and make your child aware that they need to hand it to their teacher.



School Post Box

Please make use of our post box which can be used by parents wishing to drop off any paperwork/forms during the school day. You will find the post box at the front of the school, to the right hand side of the school hall.

Permissions

We do require permission from parents if your child is walking home on their own or cycling alone to and from school. A simple note will suffice – this will be added to the child's file and the child's class teacher will be informed.

Love Hope Justice



School Buses

For those children who are catching the bus to and from school each day, please find attached a “Pupil Weekly School Bus Schedule” which we would ask you complete and return to the school office as soon as possible. This is a standard form which is completed at the beginning of the academic year and can be updated when necessary.



Named clothing and water bottles

It is really important that all clothing and water bottles / lunch boxes are named clearly with your child’s name. If you have handed down items from older siblings, please make sure the name of the child who the item now belongs too is clearly marked.

Allergies

Please may we remind you that the school is a “nut-free” zone and that no nut products should be brought into school, in packed lunches etc. for example Nutella, peanut butter sandwiches. We now have pupils in school with severe nut allergies so we must all take responsible precautions. Thank you for your support.

The School Team

Senior Leadership	
Headteacher	Mrs Otway
Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Hulme
Inclusion Leader	Mrs Meier (nee Miss Brown)
EY/KSI Phase	Teachers
Wrens Year R	Mrs Cooke & Mrs Defferding
Puffins Year 1	Miss Chandler
Owls Year 2	Miss McPhee
KS2 Phase	Teachers
Robins Year 3/4	Mrs Hulme
Kingfishers Year 5/6	Mrs Meier
Leadership release / cover teachers	Mrs Akindele Mrs Avis
Specialist music teacher	Mr Jones
LSAs	Mrs Croombs Mrs Mas Mrs Vickers Miss Byrne
Senior Admin/ Finance Officer	Mrs Forrest
Senior Admin Assistant	Mrs Brown
Site Manager	Mr Larkins

Class curriculum newsletters will be coming out shortly for you to see what your children will be learning.

We are all keen for your children to flourish at Preston Candover and look forward to an exciting and successful school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

After school clubs start – w/c 13th September
School Photos – Wednesday 29th September
Half term – 25th – 29th October

A list of 2021-22 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire website