



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Wrens Class. We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and made some lovely family memories. It was lovely to be able to meet you in July- just to remind you - Mrs Cooke and Mrs Defferding job share the role of Wrens teacher. Mrs Cooke works at the beginning of the week and Mrs Defferding works at the end of the week. We will also have the support of a learning support assistant. Our class will be our bubble for the time being and all activities, break times and lunchtimes will be carried out initially within our bubble.

Our first class based topic this half term will be “Myself” with our big enquiry question being “What makes me me?” Through this we will be talking about how we are all unique and special and what makes us so.

Our literacy sessions will focus around the stories Stickman, Monkey Puzzle, Funnybones and Peace at Last and we will be using these as a stimulus for writing and creative activities in particular.

In maths we will be concentrating on counting, recognising numbers and ordering them to 10 and above. We will also be sorting, matching and making repeating patterns using a range of different equipment.

Our knowledge and understanding of the world focuses on the areas relating to science, RE, geography and history. In science we will be learning about parts of the body, hygiene and healthy eating, different textures and seasonal changes as we move from summer into autumn.

To develop a sense of history, we will talk about how we have changed since birth and it would be helpful if you could send a photo of your child as a baby together with a fairly recent photo. As part of our big enquiry question we will be looking at these to make comparisons and see if we can tell who is who from the baby photo. We will then make a display using the photos to see if children can match the baby to the child. All photos will be returned to you after half term, when our topic will change. We would also appreciate it if you could send in a photograph or postcard of somewhere you might have visited during the summer holidays as we will use these to develop our sense of different places.

Our Religious Education focus will be around the Jewish festival “Hannukah.” We will use this to talk about how we have different beliefs and customs and how within the class we all have different family customs and traditions.

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To enhance our creative development we will paint pictures of ourselves, bubble paint, hand paint and make skeleton pictures. We will also be using the stories mentioned before in role play activities acting them out.

We have three PE sessions a week and this term in particular most PE sessions will take place outside, with the main focus on developing the fundamental movement skills such as moving in different ways and being aware of space. The children will need a pair of named trainers as part of their kit, as we will also be making good use of our outdoor Golden Mile track. Any equipment we use will be used within our class bubble. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school on Monday.

We are asking that each child brings in a named pair of wellington boots that they can keep at school, as we are planning on using outside areas as much as possible during the school year.

Tapestry accounts will be set up for all the children in the first few weeks and you should receive an email notification to access it. We would really welcome any significant moments you observe at home so we can celebrate them at school – for example being able to write their name, ride a bike for the first time, swim on their own etc. or any special days out they have been involved in. Your input also feeds into your child's individual foundation stage profile and the children really enjoy sharing their activities from home with the class through Tapestry. We will also put a weekly time to talk focus on tapestry for you, which will be related to our class focus and will be something you could talk about with your child on the way home from school/ at the dinner table/ at bath time etc.

As stated in the school newsletter, all communication with the school should be via phone or email. The children will bring home a reading record book, and books to share. These books will be ones used within our class bubble only. When the children are in more, they will bring home books once a week, on a Monday. They will then keep them for the week and they will be swapped the following Monday, which allows for them to be quarantined for a week in between. During the week we will do individual reading with each child on a one to one basis using the books they have chosen, so please can these be kept in their reading folder each day.

We use the Song of Sounds phonic programme to teach phonics and when we start this the children will be given the sounds and words we are focussing on that week to practice at home too - we will upload them to Tapestry each week for you.

We are looking forward to having lots of fun getting to know the children over their first half term at school. Together, our main priorities for this half term will be settling your child into the school routine, providing a happy, smooth transition from home to school and creating a positive attitude towards learning.

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PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY COVID RELATED SYMPTOMS. Many thanks.

Drop off and Collection

	Drop off time	Drop off location	Collection time	Collection location
Wrens	8:50 - 9:00	School drive (please follow the one-way system)	2:50	Field/vehicle gate (please follow the one-way system)
Bus children	8:45 - 8:50	As usual	3:05 - 3:10	As usual

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Cooke and Mrs S Defferding

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