



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils and new families joining us. I hope that you all enjoyed a restorative holiday. The summer break is an important time to spend precious days with our families. The children are loving being back at school and settling in brilliantly well.

We are sad to hear the news that the Queen died peacefully yesterday. For most of us, she is the only monarch whose reign we have lived through and the longest serving. It is extraordinary that she was working right up to the end.

As a school we will be marking her lifetime of service and exploring the huge changes during her long reign with the pupils.

We reflected in Collective Worship today on all that the Queen did to help make this country and the world a better place.

Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022



Love Hope Justice



Our staff team

Senior Leadership Team		
	Headteacher	Mrs Otway
	Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Hulme
	Inclusion leader / SENCo	Mrs Meier
Class teachers	Wrens Year R	Mrs Cooke & Mrs Fowlds
	Kestrels Year 1/ 2	Mrs Akindele & Mrs Monckton
	Kites Year 1/ 2	Miss Chandler
	Robins Year 3/ 4	Mrs Hulme
	Kingfishers Year 5/ 6	Miss Brown
Learning Support team	LSAs	Mrs Croombs Mrs Van der Merwe Mrs Ferguson Mrs Mas
	ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support	Mrs Mas
	Library	Mrs Croombs
Admin and Site Support team	Senior Admin/Finance Officer	Mrs Forrest
	Senior Admin Assistant /DPO	Mrs Brown
	Site Manager	Mr Larkins

If you have any queries or concerns please discuss with your child's class teacher in the first instance so that they are aware. Please use your child's home school communication book to inform your child's teacher of any day-to-day changes.

Mrs Meier, our Inclusion Leader is available to assist with any SEN queries and additional support.

I am also available if you have any questions or concerns about your child or school. I am often around on the playground at the start of the day. Please contact the School Office if you would like to make an appointment for a meeting.

We thought it would be useful to share our school vision and aims with you at the start of a new year.

Our school vision
'Inspiring learning for life'

At Preston Candover our aims are to:

- enable every child to meet their potential intellectually, morally, spiritually and physically in a caring Christian environment
- develop learners who show mutual respect and make a positive contribution to society
- inspire our children to become life-long learners who are equipped to apply their learning in a diverse and rapidly changing world



Message from Chair of Governors, **Marcus Banks**

Welcome back to everyone on behalf of all the Governors. A warm welcome also to new families and staff who have joined us this year. We hope that your time with us will be enjoyable, fulfilling and rewarding. All our Governors are elected or appointed with the one shared purpose – to ensure the best interest of all our pupils. Governors are part of the leadership of the school and work alongside the Headteacher and Senior Leadership team to ensure high standards of achievement for all pupils.

As the Governing Body at Preston Candover CE Primary School, we are committed to more effective engagement and communication with parents, staff and the wider community. More details about the roles of Governors, who we are and what we do, will follow in later newsletters.

We are exceptionally proud of our School with all its achievements, both academically and in pupil personal development over the last academic year and look forward to continuing to work alongside the Headteacher in the coming year, supporting, challenging and being a part of the community. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming school events.

Meet the teachers drop in

You are invited to drop in to meet your child's class teacher/s on either Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st September between 3-3.30pm. It is an informal chance to meet them and see the classroom where your child will be spending their time this year.

This will be for years 1 to 6.

In addition, formal parents' consultations are held in Autumn (October) and in Spring (February) for all pupils. Parents will also receive an Annual written report about their child in the summer term.

Safeguarding

The new school term began with Safeguarding training for all staff during our INSET day. Please look out for a safeguarding newsletter, which will be shared this half term. If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. The Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Otway, Mrs Hulme and Mrs Meier.

An important reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction, therefore we cannot have nuts in school. Please can you check that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or snacks brought into school. Thank you for your cooperation in this. The safety of our children is paramount.

Hampshire School Games

During the summer term each class took part in a Hampshire School Games run throw and jump virtual competition. The children took part in a sprint shuttle run, seeing how many laps they could run in 20 seconds, a standing long jump and a distance throw. It was very exciting to find that our Year 2's came 3rd in this event and the Year 3's 1st!!



After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has offered supportive and creative ideas for our after school clubs. We are now looking at a more tailored provision with individual sports clubs and details of these will be with you very soon. As you can appreciate, a lot of time and effort went into sourcing the right extended provision – we hope to have some good news soon regarding a breakfast club.

Next week, information will be sent out regarding two teacher-led after school clubs, netball and "Young Voices" – these will commence the week beginning the 26th September. We will also be offering a new dance club – details to follow.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

If your child is currently in year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2023. Please be aware of the following key dates:

Applications open	Deadline for applications	Notification date for on-time applicants	Waiting list established
12 September 2022	31 October 2022	1 March 2023	10 March 2023

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

Please find attached a flyer from Perins School with details of their open events.

School diary dates

Please have a look at the useful diary dates on the school website.

'Listen to me' music lessons

We continue to fund specialist music lessons with HMS. Mr. Jones, is in school every week to teach all children in year 3,4,5 and 6. Pupils will have the fantastic opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument. The instruments are all provided so parents do not need to worry about hiring or buying them.

Reminders from the office...

School dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 for children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Please ensure you are in credit as the school adopts a strict no debt for longer than one-week policy relating to school meals.

Awards are given to children for demonstrating our school values and learning powers. Please keep an eye out for your child's name in these Headteacher newsletters.

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



Living the Values Awards

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.



As a school community, we are very proud of our wonderful, caring and outward looking school. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you this year.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

20th & 21st September – Meet the Teachers
28th September – Individual School Photos

2022/2023 Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

(Two more tbc)

A list of 2022-23 Hampshire school dates, including half term holidays, Christmas and Easter, can be found on the school website as well as on the Hampshire website