



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils and families. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and precious time with your family. Thank you very much for your generous gifts to the staff at the end of term, it was very kind of you and much appreciated.

The atmosphere in the school has been superb during a very warm first week back.

Vision, ethos and values

Through our ethos and provision, we actively nurture attitudes of respect and care for one another. We develop leadership habits in all of our pupils and more details will follow about the 7 Habits as the term progresses.

Children thrive when the relationship between home and school is built on trust and mutual respect. If you have any questions, please do speak with the class teacher in the first instance. I am always happy to speak to parents informally regarding any questions you may have. I will often be outside at the start of the school day and look forward to getting to know you. Alternatively, please contact the School Office if you would like to make an appointment for a meeting.

Our School Communication Policy has further detail and can be found on our school website.

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 at the start of a new school year.

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

Safeguarding

The new school term began with Safeguarding training for all staff during our INSET day. 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.

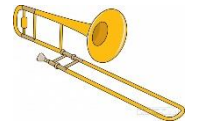
An important reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction, therefore we cannot have nuts in school. Please can you check that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or snacks brought into school.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

Dogs are not permitted on the School Site

A polite reminder that no dogs should be brought onto the school site during the school day, unless they are guide dogs. Thank you.

'Listen to me' music lessons

We continue to fund specialist music lessons with HMS, who will be in school every week to teach all children in KS2. Pupils will have the fantastic opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument. This term children will be learning brass instruments.



Curriculum Newsletters

Please make sure you keep an eye out for your child's class curriculum newsletter for information about the learning.

School Uniform

Our school uniform has been carefully chosen to help children feel part of the school community and give a strong sense of identity. It is important that additional accessories such as jewellery, colourful hair bands, nail varnish/makeup and fake tattoos are not worn. Watches are allowed as are small

Love Hope Justice



studded earrings but the latter should not be worn on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Wearable technology such as smart watches, recording devices, phones and cameras should not be brought into school.

Please may we ask that **all school uniform is named**, including, bags, outdoor coats and any water bottles that are brought into school.

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit with them every day and every item should be named. Pupils may wear plain, dark jogging bottoms outside when the weather is colder.

Reminders from the office

School dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £3.00 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.

If you think your child should be free school meals when they reach KS2, please see how to apply and all the information you need at the link below:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Applying for a Year R School Place

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. Please be aware of the following key dates:

Applications open	Deadline for applications	Notification date for on-time applicants
1 November 2023	15 January 2024	16 April 2024

Please see attached flyer with details of upcoming open mornings for prospective parents.

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 2024. Please be aware of the following key dates:

Applications open	Deadline for applications	Notification date for on-time applicants
11 September 2023	31 October 2023	1 March 2024

After School Clubs

These will be starting next week for this term. Please make sure you contact the following outside providers, if you still wish your child to be offered a place:-

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

www.sports-xtra.com

Tesco Blue Token Scheme

A reminder for when you next do your food shop, which will be finishing at the end of September – please collect a token and support our school project. Tesco stores taking part are:-
 Basingstoke Okridge Road RG21 5SG
 Basingstoke RG21 7LG
 Kempshott Basingstoke Express RG22 5NZ
 Basingstoke RG24 8BE
 Lychpit Basingstoke Express RG24 8TF
 Popley Basingstoke Express RG24 9DR

School Photographs

Individual and sibling school photographs will be taken during the day on Thursday 12th October – please make sure the date is in your diary.

Dates for your Diary

2023/2024 Inset Days
Friday 1st September 2023
Friday 20th October 2023
Tuesday 2 January 2023

A list of 2023-24 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.

The school team

Senior Leadership Team	Headteacher	Mrs Otway
	Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Hulme – maternity Oct.'23
	Inclusion leader / SENCo	Mrs Meier
Class teachers	Sparrows Years R/1	Mrs Cooke
	Doves Years 1/2	Miss Wells
	Robins Years 3/ 4	Miss Chestney-Stagg
	Kingfishers Years 5/ 6	Mrs Meier
Learning Support team	EY/KS1	Mrs Croombs Mrs Morgan
	KS2	Miss Last 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
	Teacher on maternity leave	Miss Chandler

We are looking forward to another successful year of learning, achievement and fun.

With my best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher