



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

It was great to see so many parents in school this week for parent consultations. These meetings are incredibly useful in helping school and parents to work together in partnership.

It has been a productive and fulfilling first half term of this academic year. We are definitely back into the rhythm of school life! Please have a read of the attached Curriculum News to see what the pupils across the school have been learning.

Leader in Me

We are proud to be a “Leader in Me School”.

Leader in Me is whole-school improvement based on the idea that everyone can be a leader. Staff and pupils learn to use a common language and build an understanding of how to work effectively, independently and interdependently, in all aspects of life, not just at school.

This evidence-based approach empowers pupils with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. We focus on developing the whole child by:-

- Teaching leadership skills to every pupil
- Creating a culture of pupil empowerment

We are excited to be embedding this programme across the school. From our observations and discussions with the pupils, it is having such a positive impact on them. It builds on the existing work we do to support pupils’ personal development.

Well done!

Over the last year, Mrs Meier has been working on a Masters level programme in leading Inclusion. I am delighted to say that she has achieved the National Award for SEN coordination with flying colours.

The Jungle Book drama production

Last Friday, the whole school were entertained with a performance of the Jungle Book. The school hall was transformed into a theatre stage with props and costumes, lights and sound and the children all seemed to engage in the story as well as singing along with the songs. It was great to welcome a professional production into the school in inspire the children.



Love Hope Justice



School Photos

You should have received this week the photograph proof for your child's recent photographs taken here at school. Please make sure you place an order during half term, if you wish to take advantage of the free delivery service to the school, the company offer. The date for ordering has now been extended to Thursday 27th October.

Lost Property

Please may we ask that you label all your children's school uniform, with either a sew on/stick on labels or named tags. This month, we have seen a huge amount of lost property, especially within KSI which we are unable to get back to pupils. Your help with this is much appreciated.

School Dinners

After half term, the price of a school meal will be increasing to £2.80. New dinner menus have also been sent out to you and we will be coming back on Week 1 menu. For those children who are on special diets, you should have by now received your child's menus. Please may we ask that you keep an eye on your child's dinner money account and top up funds regularly. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations go to Wrens and Kestrel Classes for their overall attendance this term! Good school attendance is so important to academic achievement. We would like to achieve an attendance of 96% or above across the school. Please arrange to speak to the Headteacher if you are considering an extended leave of absence for any reason other than for medical appointments.

Class	Present %
Wrens	98.5
Kites	95.4
Kestrels	98.1
Robins	95.4
Kingfishers	92.9

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



Molly D Harrison A Logan LH
Fergus Re Annie R Eloise P
Alice R Imogen R

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.



George N Lila O Ted W
Jonathan K Evah PP Louis S
Fergus Ro Olivia W Marnie AS
Fife E

Please remember the first Monday after half-term is an Inset day and diary dates for the school year are on the school website.

We look forward to welcoming all our families back on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

2nd, 9th & 16th Nov – Swimming Lessons Yrs. 5/6
5th & 6th January - Y6 Bikeability

2022/2023 Inset Days

Monday 31st October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Friday 10th March 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

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