



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Christmas Lunch

A very big thank you to our school cooks who cooked a delicious Christmas lunch for all the children and staff last Friday. The children had a wonderful time enjoying a fabulous roast dinner and the atmosphere was fantastic. There was even an impromptu sing-along!



School Carol Service

The school Carol Service at St Mary's Church was a joyful celebration, with readings and Carols chosen by the school and pupils. It was moving to hear the beautiful and clear readings from the children and their enthusiastic singing.



Nativity

It was lovely to see so many of our families attend last week's Nativities in the school hall. This was such a special occasion and the children all performed beautifully. Thank you to the class teachers who have been making sure the children learn their lines, learning all the songs and the choreography. We are also very grateful to the PCSA, who kindly made biscuits for the occasion.

Please note that this year's Nativity photograph will be published in the Basingstoke Gazette on Thursday 29th December.



Love Hope Justice

Buried Church Year 6 Visit

Last Tuesday, our Year 6 children took part in the St Nicholas Day service at the buried Church at Chilton Candover. The children enjoyed a carol service and found out all about the history of the church from Mrs Marriot.



Posada

Thank you to our early years children and families for hosting the posada. Our Mary and Joseph figures have now completed their journey and returned to school. We have very much enjoyed reading about their journey across the valley.



PCSA Christmas Disco

What a fantastic time the children had at the recent Christmas discos. I would like to extend my thanks to the PCSA for the wonderful organisation of this and all the other fundraising events that enrich our provision for the children.

Mrs Grout
Mrs Rule
Mrs Reid
Mrs Harrison

Mrs Le Brocq
Mrs Walsh
Mrs Ray

Your support is felt throughout the whole school.

Governors

The governors have had a busy half term, with lots of training, governing body meetings and visits to the school. Some of us attended the recent Inset day training for teaching staff. This training was led by the school's leadership and learning partner from Hampshire County Council, and we were very pleased to hear her positive comments about the quality of the teaching staff and senior leadership team.

Governors have attended other training provided by Hampshire Governor Services, which has enriched our understanding of how to ensure clarity of vision and strategic direction for the school and to monitor progress against the school's development plan. We've been putting this to use in our governor school visits this half term, making sure that our time with subject leaders is effective and useful for us and for the teachers involved.

The governors have met several times this half term, including a Full Governing Body meeting and Resources and Staffing committee meetings. These meetings provide us with very valuable opportunities to understand how the school is performing along many dimensions and to work constructively with the Senior leadership team. We have also attended several school events this half term, and each time it is your children who steal the show! Their enthusiasm for learning, kindness and respect for others is so evident, reflecting the school's values. A huge thank you to them for making our roles so enjoyable and rewarding.

Finally, we are particularly pleased to be welcoming three new governors later this term. We trust that they will find their new roles to be both interesting and rewarding.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all on the Governing Body.

Naomi House

We are very grateful to you for the donations you kindly gave during this year's nativity – the charity, chosen by the School Council is the Naomi House Hospice. We are pleased to announce that £141.35 was raised.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have received confirmation that you helped to raise an amazing £227.69 through your generous donations for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you!



Christmas Jumper Day

We had a very festive day in school, with the children (and teachers) wearing Christmas jumpers. £80.00 was donated in aid of Save the Children. Many thanks again for supporting this good cause.



Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th January 2023

Our Year 6 children will be completing a Bikeability Course next term. Those children who are bringing their own bike and helmet to school on both days, must also have a suitable lock to attach them to the School railings. Bikes can be left at school at their own risk, but must be removed from the School site by the end of day on Friday 6th January.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Mrs Meier and Kingfisher class would like to thank everyone who kindly supported our reverse advent calendar through donating a variety of products to support the Winchester Beacon. Mrs Meier was incredibly proud of the many children who showed the value of 'Love', as they wanted to decorate the hamper, write Christmas cards and quotes for all to read on Christmas day, to make their days more special.



After School Clubs – Spring 2023

We are delighted to announce that next term we have a selection of after-school clubs running – some by our staff and others by outside organisations. If your child has signed up for a teacher-led club, you will have already been advised if they have been offered a place. There are still a few spaces available on some of them, so please let the school office know if your child would like to join.

Please find the links below, if your child would like to join one of the clubs run by either Soccer Schools UK or Sports Xtra:-

In-house Clubs	Key Stage
Country Dancing (Wed)	KS1
Puzzles & Games (Thurs)	Whole School
Netball (Tues)	KS2
Outside Providers	Key Stage
Football (Tues)	Whole School
Multi-skills (Thurs)	EY & KS1
Tag Rugby (Thurs)	KS2
Dance (Tues)	KS1

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

www.sports-xtra.com

Reminders for next term

Pencil cases

Please may we ask that all children (other than Year R) bring to school a named pencil case, small enough to fit into a tray drawer, containing the following items:

Colouring pencils (5/6 basic colours)

Writing pencil

Glue stick

Rubber

Pencil sharpener canister

Small ruler

We find the children learn from taking responsibility for their belongings and The school provides writing pens and will always have spare stationery.

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/make up are not worn. Watches are allowed as are small studded earrings but the latter should not be worn on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Wearable tech such as smart watches with recorders or cameras are not allowed.

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. The weather is cold and a number of children only have PE shorts in their kits. Pupils may wear plain, dark jogging bottoms outside in colder weather.

Winter Reading Challenge

During the Christmas break, if your child wishes to become involved in the "Winter Reading Challenge" which is supported by local libraries, please find below the link for all the information you will need.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone/more-fun/winter-reading-challenge>

Goodbye

We say goodbye to one of our wonderful Learning Support Staff, Mrs Van de Merwe who is leaving us at the end of this term due to family commitments. Thank you for your support with the children, especially in Wrens Class and we wish you the very best for the future.

School Nurse Support

How the School Nursing team can help?

The Hampshire Healthy Families webpage at <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/> includes supportive information and advice for parents and young people. Parents/carers and young people can also use their Chat Health texting services:

Advice for parent/carers of children 0-5 years – Text Chat Health on 07520615720

Advice for parent/carers of children 5-19 years – Text Chat Health on 07507332417

Advice for young people aged 11 – 19 years – Text Chat Health on 07507332160

They offer advice and signposting regarding the following:

Physical and Emotional Health and well being
Healthy weights and lifestyles
Support during transition through school
Relationships, sexual health, and substance misuse
Parenting advice: accident prevention, sleep, behaviour and signposting for continence support
Children and young people with complex or additional health needs
Support for children and young people not in school, in accessing the Healthy Child Programme.

Building Learning Power (BLP) & Leader in Me (7 Habits) Awards

Lara AS	Sophie L	Leo N	★ ★ ★
Violet S	Alex M	Molly D	
Lily F	Rae H	Sholto G	
Jasmine B	Lila O	Florence LB	
Gabriel R	Freddie T	Theo M	
Kit G	Tabby L	Eloise T	
Charlotte C			

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.

Azalea N	Mia K	Matilda M	★ ★ ★
Harry V	Ayda H	Cressida G	
Ted W	Charlie E	Feranmi E	
Max W	Hannah B	Sophie W	
Harrison A	Elliot G	Persephone L	
Eliza R	Archie G	James B	
Max H	Olive M	Bobby SS	
Zahra B	Sophie CN	Sophie R	
Freddie W	Louis S	Ivy G	



Dates for your Diary

16th December – Last day of term

5th & 6th January - Y6 Bikeability

2022/2023 Inset Days

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

Thank you for all of your support and for embracing school life this term.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With my best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

