



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 5 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Memorial Woodland – Planting Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

We had a super day planting trees in the new memorial woodland. All the children were given a “hairy” plant pot, conker, instructions and a tote bag to bring home, so they can try to grow their own tree. It would be great to hear how these are growing over the next few months.



Our thanks to the Sainsbury family, Jantiene and Preston Farms for involving the school in this wonderful project.



### Hampshire Music Service – Musical Opportunity

Attached to this newsletter you will find details regarding an amazing opportunity for the children in Years 3 – 5 to learn to play either the French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium or Tuba. If your child is interested, please complete the application form and return it to them as soon as possible.



### Winchester University Partnership

We are a partner school with Winchester University and each year, we support and train new teachers into the profession. Welcome to our trainee student teachers, who will be training with us during two short placements this year.

### Tesco Blue Token Award

On Monday, the school were presented with a cheque for £1,000.00 which has been awarded through the Tesco Blue Token Award Scheme. The money will go towards a school project called “Plant, Grow, Eat & Educate”, which we hope to start in the spring term next year.

Love Hope Justice



Tesco have also asked whether we can support the Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal this year. They are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts for infants, children and young people up to the age of 19. A box to collect any donations is available at the school office from now until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – please help to support this worthy cause.



### Christmas Hampers/Mince Pie Coffee Morning – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

A reminder that tickets are on sale from the school office for the Christmas raffle, which will be drawn next Friday. Thank you to those of you who have already donated items for the class hampers.



All monies raised at the event will go towards new computer equipment for the children to use in the school library.

### Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Next Friday will be busy – not only are we having the Christmas Hamper Raffle / Coffee Morning, but we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. If your child would like to wear their favourite festive jumper, a suggested £1.00 per child will be collected by your child's class teacher during registration.



If your child would like a Christmas lunch – please make sure there is enough funds on your child's sco-pay account to cover this at £3.00 ph. Alternatively, your child can, of course, bring a packed lunch. The Christmas Lunch is always a wonderful festive occasion, which is enjoyed by everyone. Please see menu attached.

### After-School Clubs – Spring Term

Details have already been sent out about next term's after-school clubs. For those children interested in Choir Club, please return the application form as soon as possible. SoccerSchools will still be running a number of clubs for us and details of these, together with how to register your child can be found at the link below.

[www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking](http://www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking)

### Breakfast Club

If you wish your child to be considered for a place starting in January, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### School Disco – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Letters have gone out this week – please make sure you return this to the school office, with the right monies in a sealed named envelope if your child would like to attend.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year, you helped to raise an amazing £183.50 through your generous donations for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you!



### School Flu Immunisation

For those parents who have given consent for their child's flu immunisation this week - if you would like more information about this and are able to offer them any feedback about how it was managed – please see link details below. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/parentfeedback>

### Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Sophie L	Anhelina D	Daisy G
Leila P	Ivy G	Freddy F
Joe V	Sholto G	Olivia W
Sabrina B	Bobby SS	



### 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.



Alice R	Joseph W	Imogen R
Azalea N	Audrey B	Elodie SB
Vanna C	Rocco R	Gabriel P
Max B	Maddie CN	Cenk H

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole School Flu Vaccinations**

**7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity (Early Years & Year 1)**

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Lunch/Christmas**

**Jumper Day**

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Coffee & Mince Pies: Hamper Raffle**

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service Yrs 2-6**

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of term, lunchtime finish**

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Year 6 Bikeability**

**2023/2024 Inset Days**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Tuesday 2 January 2024**

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