



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Carol Service

We are so proud of the children for singing so enthusiastically with their hearts at the carol service in Church on Tuesday. Well done to the children who read their prayers and readings so eloquently and with such grace. It was also lovely to see so many parents/carers.



We are grateful to those of you who made a donation for a programme – a total of £71.00 was raised for Naomi House & Jacksplace.



We listened during the address in the service to a list of negative behaviours that move people closer to the 'dark'.

At Preston Candover CE Primary School we actively teach positive behaviours and virtues so that the children live the best lives they can for themselves and for others to flourish.

Our approach is to educate children about honesty, friendship, kindness, the significance of balancing courage with consideration and respect.

Focusing on positive behaviours and actions has a powerful impact on the overall well-being, motivation and resilience of the children and everyone in our community.

Christmas Nativity

We hope you all enjoyed watching this year's Nativity shared by Year R and Year I children. The school hall was full with families, which was lovely to see and the children were truly outstanding, mastering all the songs and remembering their lines.

The charity provides hospice care to children and young adults who have complex health care needs. This year's nativity picture will be published in the Basingstoke Gazette on Thursday 14th December.

Christmas Raffle & School Lunch

Last Friday we held our mince pie & coffee morning, which included a fabulous Christmas Raffle. Thank you to the PCSA for their hard work in running this event and for arranging an amazing selection of donated prizes for the raffle. We are delighted to announce that £608.00 was raised



Love Hope Justice

from the sale of raffle tickets. This will go towards new IT equipment for the children to use in the school library. Thank you to all parents who participated. Your support is truly appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day

The school was a “sea” of festive jumpers last Friday and £84.00 was raised on the day which will be sent to “Save the Children” charity. Thank you for supporting this annual event on the school calendar.



Brass Performance

This term, our junior children have been immersed in the world of brass instruments during their weekly music lesson. Last Tuesday, the children showcased their skills in a lively concert to the rest of the school, which was certainly loud, but very enjoyable! Well done to everyone for persevering with learning to play a brass instrument. Next term, the children will be playing “Samba”.



Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd January 2024

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 Tuesday 23rd January.

After-School Clubs – Spring Term

SoccerSchools will be running a number of clubs for us next term and details of these, together with how to register your child can be found at the link below.

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

Breakfast Club

If you wish your child to be considered for a place starting in January, please contact the school office.

Christmas Disco

It was wonderful to see the children loving life, dancing to their heart's content at the school disco yesterday evening. They had great fun and we loved it too!



Next term

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Graham Aston will be joining us at the beginning of the new term as Robins class teacher.

We also welcome back Miss Chandler from her maternity leave. She will be working part-time with Mrs Cooke in Sparrows Class.

Baby News

Huge congratulations to Mrs Hulme who has welcomed a baby girl, Amelia to the family. Mum and baby are doing very well.



Reminders for next term ...

Pencil cases

We find the children take great pride and learn from taking responsibility for their own belongings and it supports them in being prepared. The school provides handwriting writing pens and will always have spare stationery.

Please may we ask that all children in KS2 have a named pencil case, small enough to fit into a tray drawer and on their desk. Some of the pencil cases are very large and children in lower KS2 need enough desk space to position their exercise books and other resources.

The following items would be helpful:

5 to 6 colouring pencils including primary colours.

Writing pencil

Rubber

Pencil sharpener canister

Small ruler

Glue stick

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.

Coats

As the weather is cold now, please make sure your child brings a named coat with them every day.

Leader in Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Maddie CN
Ivy G

Austin H
Jamie B

Sophie L
Rae H



Wilfred W
Cressida G

George A

Florence LB

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.



Alex M

Sophie L

Jamie B

It has been a super busy Autumn term. We have enjoyed having numerous events and welcomed visitors to our school. We have also had many comments on the exemplary behaviour of the children. It is a testament to the collective efforts of everyone who contributes to the positive ethos of our school. Thank you.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With kind regards

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

22nd & 23rd Jan – Year 6 Bikeability

2023/2024 Inset Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Tuesday 2 January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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