



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 7 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! A new year is time for reflection, renewal and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you for the kind gifts and cards for the staff at the end of term. It was very thoughtful and generous of you.

We encourage you to actively engage in school events and attend the parent-teacher meetings this half term. Please help by ensuring that your child attends regularly and is punctual. Good attendance is key to academic success.

### Contacting the School

Every child has been given a home communication book and this is for you to fill in at home, should there be a message for your child's teacher or for example, a change of collection arrangements. Please encourage your child to share the message with the teachers. Where possible, please only email the school office, if there is an absolute emergency as the teachers do not have emails open whilst teaching. Please see attached a document regarding sharing concerns with the school.

### Year 6 Bikeability - Reminder

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 brought into school on Monday morning and may be left at school at their own risk, but must be removed from the school site by the end of day on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### After-School Clubs – Spring Term

SoccerSchools will be running a number of clubs for us this term 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)



After-School clubs start next week, so please make sure your children know which club they are attending and on which day!

### Early Bird Club

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

### Reminders for this term:

#### Bus Schedules – Spring Term

If there has been a change of travel arrangements for your child this term, please make sure you inform the school office immediately. They will then send you out a new bus schedule to complete and return to update their records.

### Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school with a named winter coat this term. The weather can be very temperamental, so it is important that everyone is able to enjoy themselves outside – whatever the weather.



### 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. Last term, we noticed that some of the fancy items and gadgets in pencil cases did distract the children at times.

Love Hope Justice

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 desks. Some of the pencil cases are very large and children need enough desk space to position their exercise books and other resources.

The following basic 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, extensions, nail varnish/make up are not worn to school. Please also make sure your child wears appropriate school shoes, especially with the wet weather we are experiencing.

Watches are allowed as are small studded earrings but earrings should not be worn on PE days. Long and shoulder length hair should always be tied back. Wearable tech such as smart watches with recorders or cameras are not allowed in school.

Please may we ask that **all school uniform is named**, including, bags, outdoor coats and 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 in colder weather.

Please keep an eye out for the Class Curriculum letters for this term, which will be coming out shortly.

We look forward to the rest of a rewarding school year.

With kind regards

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

Happier January calendar attached 😊

### **Dates for your Diary**

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Year 6 Bikeability**  
**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Consultation Meetings**  
**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half term**

### **2023/2024 Inset Days**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Tuesday 2 January 2024**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

*A list of 2023-24 Hampshire school dates,*