



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 8 – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Y6 Bikeability & Road Safety

Our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability training last week and in their own words, this is what they thought:-

*In bikeability, we learned so many amazing things, like how to go around a parked car safely and how to signal to drivers clearly. We also learned how to do the ABCD check on our bikes (air, brakes, chain, direction) and if all of these were in good condition, then we could safely ride our bikes on the road. We learned four key skills OCP (observation, position, communication and priority). All of these are very important to safely use your bike on the road. Overall, we all did amazingly well and had so much fun in this brilliant experience - by Cenk & Kirah*



### KS1 Toys over Time

The children have been exploring how toys have changed throughout time and the factors that contribute to these changes such as socio-economic, pop culture and advances in manufacturing technology. Last week, Key Stage One invited parents/grandparents into classrooms, along with toys from their childhood. The aim of this session was to synthesise our learning so far and to develop our abilities to become curious historians by asking purposeful questions. Prior to the session, the classes looked at forming a good question based upon the information they wanted to find out. The children wrote their questions and took them with them as they moved around the classroom to the different toys which then prompted discussion with those presenting them. The event was a huge success! We had such a wide range of toys brought in which meant we can now make rich comparisons within our future discussions. Most importantly, the children came away from the session with so much enthusiasm and engagement. Thank you to all family members who attended the session.



Love Hope Justice



## Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. Please find below a useful link, which will help support you and your child.



<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

Attached are some useful tips to encourage children to share how they are feeling.

### Coats

As the weather is chilly at the moment, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm named coat.



We are also finding a number of hats, gloves and scarfs with no names on them – please make sure they are named, so they can be returned to the correct class child if mislaid! Thank you.

### PE Kits

Please make sure your child has their complete PE kit in school every day. This term, a number of children are having to borrow items from the lost property box as they have left their kit at home or mislaid items. It would also be a good idea to put a spare pair of socks in your child's bag - especially for the girls who are wearing tights to school during this cold weather. Thank you for your support.

### Water

Please continue to make sure your child brings in a named water bottle every day in order to stay hydrated. We understand from some of the children that they are being encouraged by their parents to drink at least one to two bottles of water whilst at school and we have noticed that some children are making repeated visits to the toilets during the day or having the odd accident. In the light of this and after checking the NHS guidelines, it is suggested that primary school age children should drink 750ml during a typical school day. The remainder of their daily fluid requirements should come from their diet and other drinks outside of school time. We take a sensible approach and remind the children to drink at morning break, lunch time and during the afternoon as necessary.

## Cross Country Event @ Perins

Last Monday, six children from Years 5/6 attended a Perins cross country event - running 2k around the Perins fields. The event was open to all schools across East Hampshire with 88 children taking part from seven different schools. All of our children who took part finished in the top 14. The children were then free to go home, however they all wanted to stay on until the very last runner from all the schools had completed the course – this was lovely to see. Each child involved also thanked the organisers from Perins before they left. The Headteacher at Perins has said that he felt inspired by the enthusiasm, commitment and passion to do something for the joy of taking part and that was so evident in the faces of all the children who took part. The top 12 boys and top 12 girls from the Year 5/6 races will go on to represent East Hampshire at the County Cross Country Final on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Down Grange, Basingstoke. We are delighted to say that all the children involved this year from Preston Candover will get to go to. Well done everyone!



## Early Birds Club

It has been lovely to see the children attend the Early Birds Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning this term. If you would like your child to be offered a place after half term, please contact the school office. The cost is £4.00 per child, to include fresh fruit.



## Parents Consultation Meetings

A reminder that these will be taking place on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February in the school hall. Appointment slots are for 10 minutes only, so please try to be on time. We look forward to seeing you all. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work – for KSI, this will be in the area outside their classrooms, with KS2 work situated in the library area. Parents/carers are responsible for their children's behaviour whilst waiting for their appointment.

Please note that there will be no SoccerSchools after-school football clubs on both of these evenings. The only club which will continue to run is the music lessons with Hampshire Music Service on Tuesday 6th February. Please make sure you collect your child promptly at 3.30pm when the lessons finish.

## Values

In collective worship this week, we have been thinking about the value of Humility. Please see attached some ideas for exploring this at home with your child.

## Leader in Me (7 Habits)

### Leadership Awards

Max H	Cressida G	Verity A
Lily F	Jonty A	Clemmie C
Ivy G	Tabby L	Anhelina D
Gigi N	Sara S	Austin H
Audrey B	Gabriel P	Daisy G
Annie R	Maddie CN	George W
Kit G	Violet S	Florence LB
Lara AS	Bobby SS	Elodie SB
Wilf W		



### 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.

Ottilie A	Leo H	Charlotte C
Olivia W	Leila P	Jonty W
Freddie W	Joe G	



### Dates for your Diary

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Consultation Mtgs  
12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half term  
7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Robins Class Trip – The Living Rainforest  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief

### 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, including holidays can be found on the school website.*

With kind regards

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Headteacher