



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No.10 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term. I do hope you have all enjoyed a lovely break and we look forward to another exciting half term of super learning.

### School Uniform & PE Kits

Our school uniform has been carefully chosen to help children feel part of the school community and give a strong sense of identity. Recently, we have noticed a number of children wearing trainers to school, which are not the correct footwear. Unless there is a viable reason why they are being worn and it has been discussed with the child's class teacher or myself, trainers should not be worn to school.

PE Kits should be in school every day – please make sure your child's kit contains the correct suitable clothing and footwear. A spare pair of socks would also be useful if your child wears tights. In colder weather, plain jogging bottoms may be worn for PE outdoors.

Please ensure that your child does not wear big accessories such as colourful hair bands, jewellery or nail varnish, hair dye or tattoos. Please also make sure that shoulder length hair is tied back and that your child has a spare hair tie for PE if needed.

Watches that do not record video/audio are allowed to school. In fact, it helps children with learning how to tell the time if they have their own analogue watch.

### Doves Celebration of Learning

It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and carers to Doves "Maths" celebration of learning today. The pupils led this event brilliantly and created games based on their maths learning and strategies used this term. Thank you for your lovely comments.



### Parking reminder

Please do not park on the zigzag lines outside the school or on the road where the school buses park i.e. opposite the village hall carpark and shop. This area must be kept clear for the school buses. Cars may park in the layby, Stenbury Drive or further down the road.

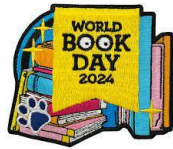
Love Hope Justice

## World Book Day

World Book Day this year takes place on Thursday 7th March and to help celebrate this annual event we are inviting all the children to come to school dressed as a book character on this day. Please do not feel that you have to spend money on an expensive costume. Some of the most creative costumes have been home made.

Here are some starting points for ideas...

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>



World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged at book stores for one of ten special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more.

Each class will be taking part in a variety of activities throughout the week in celebration of reading and World Book Day. Please encourage your child to continue reading at home. This will then help towards gaining their "storywings" award.

We are delighted to be welcoming Lu Fraser, author of the "Littlest Yak" and "Mavis the Bravest", who will be reading one of her wonderful books to our KS1 children during the morning.

## Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Austin H	George W	Zahra B
Tobi A	Fergus R	Annie R
Apryl W	Rupert R	Freddy F
Sholto G	Cenk H	Joe G
Ayan R	Alex M	Emma W
Savanna C	Walter F	



## 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.



Freddie W      Eloise P

## Farewell and good luck

Mrs. Brown, in our lovely Admin team will be moving on at the end of the month for a promotion. We are going to miss her enormously and wish her the very best in her future.

With kind regards

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

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  
29<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

## 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.*