



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 10 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

### World Book Day 6<sup>th</sup> March

We were thrilled to see the school filled with so many different characters this World Book Day! We saw some fantastic costumes, a plethora of Alice in Wonderland characters (including some teaching staff!) and an excellent Sherlock Holmes on the case.



Our collective worship leaders began the day by leading a presentation on “the gift of reading” where they talked to the school about the joy of books and many benefits of reading. In the afternoon every class took part in the Sponsored Read and they all welcomed the chance to just sit, become immersed in a book, and read for pleasure.



Thanks to a fantastic effort from everyone we have raised an amazing **£1274!** This will be used to purchase new thesauruses, dictionaries for children to use in class as well as additional fiction and non-fiction for class libraries.



### Hampshire Cross Country Final 12<sup>th</sup> February

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 15 children from Year 3 to Year 6 went to Perins to take part in an after school cross country event. The event was open to all schools across East Hampshire with children running a 2K course around the sports field.



The top 12 boys and top 12 girls from the Year 5 & 6 races then went on to represent East Hampshire at the County Cross Country Final on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Down Grange, Basingstoke. This year 4 of our children in Year 5 and 6 qualified for this. One child was unable to come on the day but took the time in the morning to send a message to the others who were taking part to wish them well which really lived out our value of love. Around 180 girls and 180 boys from across the whole of Hampshire took part in this county final and it was a very proud moment for our children to be not only representing our school but representing East Hampshire. They all finished in the top 100 with Ivy coming 12<sup>th</sup> in the girls race! The children were a pleasure to take as not only were they really supportive of each other but took the time to support the rest of the runners who were finishing after them, giving them all encouragement until the very last runner in each group had crossed the finish line.



Love Hope Justice



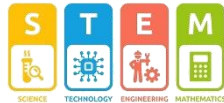
## Netball Tournament Perins 12<sup>th</sup> March

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March we took a team of Year 5 and 6 children who had been taking part in the after school netball club to a netball tournament at Perins. 8 schools from across East Hampshire took part in this, following the England Netball BEE netball programme and playing Stinger netball with 5 players on court and rotating playing positions at the end of each game. The children played 8 minute games against each other in the Spring sunshine and hail. Our children played really well as a team, winning 2 games, drawing 3 and conceding just 2.



## STEM Week

This half-term, we have been celebrating British Science Week. The focus has been on the theme of 'smashing stereotypes' within the field of science, technology, engineering and maths. Classes have each focused on the stories of different individuals who have been successful at overcoming stereotypes and barriers in order to achieve success; Sparrows on the stories of Nicky Bradley, Aluwani Nefale, Marion Randall and Anja Rohmann, a team of technical experts who are engineering the cars of the future to link to their DT topic of making moving vehicles; Woodpeckers on diversity within veterinary science to link with their science topic based on animals and their habitats; Robins on the story of Dr Jess Wade, a storyteller and scientist with a particular interest in chemistry and physics which links well to the pupils learning about solids, liquids and gases in science lessons; and Kingfishers, who have been enjoying their topic of Space in science lessons, have looked at the story Dr Nic Bonne, a blind astronomer dedicated to making space science accessible.



## Road Traffic Safety Assembly

The Junior Road Safety Officers led a whole school collective worship highlighting key points to



remember about road safety. These include "Stop, Look, Listen, Think" and "be bright be seen". Students enjoyed singing a road safety song to help remember how to stay safe around roads. They were also set a challenge to produce a poster with some of these key points included. Thank you to those who created informative posters.

## Red Nose Day – 21<sup>st</sup> March

This year marks 40 years of Comic Relief! Children will be taking part in a Fun Run in school, wearing their red noses. We would like to ask for a donation of £1 which will go straight to Comic Relief. Please see the link below on what sorts of projects the donations are spent on:



<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>

## Reminders from The Office...

### Tissues

During these cold weather months we are experiencing a lot of runny noses and sneezing during class. Please can all children be supplied with a packet of tissues to bring to school to keep on their desks during class. This will be especially important after Easter Holidays as we come into hayfever season.

## Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Wilkie C	Beau G	Max W
Rupert R	Evah P-P	Charlotte C
Ivy G	Tabby L	Camilla G
Kit G	Sara Sealy	Alfred F
Phoebe S	Harry V	Jamie B
Lily F	Lara A-S	



## 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.



Joseph W	Lucia G	Clemmie C
Florence L	Cressida G	Wilf W
Thalia J		

## Easter Egg Competition

Please look out for more information on our "Spring Egg-stravaganza!" Easter egg competition taking place at the end of term.



With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

**19th March – Kingfisher Class Trip Orchestra Unwrapped, The Anvil**

**20<sup>th</sup> March – Woodpeckers class trip Gilbert White Museum**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief – Fun Run**

**25th March – Year 5/6 Handball @ Perins**

**28th March – National Skipping Day**

**April – Robins and Kingfishers Easter Service TBC**

**4<sup>th</sup> April – last day of term**

**7th to 18<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

**21<sup>st</sup> April – Bank Holiday**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – BACK TO SCHOOL**

**5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**2024/25 Inset Days**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

**+1 day TBC**

*A list of 2024-25 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.*