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Newsletter Autumn 01 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Preston Church of England Primary School after what I hope was a restful Summer break. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and parents. We hope that you will quickly get to know some new friends and enjoy your time at Preston Primary.

Our Reception children have already made an excellent start to school life and we hope that our Year 6 children from last year are settling in well at their new schools.

A huge thank you from myself and all of the staff for the generous cards and gifts at the end of the summer term. You spoil us but we are very grateful for all of your kind words and good wishes.

New Staff

I know that you will join me in welcoming our lovely new staff:

Miss Josie Dexter	Year 3 Teacher
Miss Mya Hatfield	PPA Cover Teacher
Miss Ella Turvey	Year 5 LSA
Miss Lois Crouch	Reception LSA
Miss Chloe Saunders	Reception LSA

We also say a huge congratulations to Miss Taylor in Year 4 who celebrated getting married over the holidays and is now Mrs Moseley.

As we start the new school year, I would like to thank you for your continuing support of your child's education. Working together will ensure that children thrive, enjoy school and are well prepared for the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss anything that may affect your child's education.

Looking forward to working with you again this year.

With very best wishes,

Mrs C Hodgson,
Head Teacher.

Back to School Prayer

Dear God
Help me to,
Use my eyes to see new friends,
Open my ears to listen to my teachers,
Open my mind to learn new skills.

Let my heart love everyone around me,
Help me to grow and learn each day,
I want to be the best that I can be this school year.

Amen



Safeguarding— Playground Safety

May we remind you that our playground gates will be open to children and parents in the morning from **8:30am** and children **must be supervised** before they can enter the classrooms at 8:45am. Lessons start promptly at 8.50am and the gate will be closed shortly after this time.

During after school pick up time, the gates will be reopened from 3:10pm and closed at 3:45pm or earlier if a sports club is taking place. Ball games and the riding of scooters and bicycles is not permitted during school drop off or pick up times.

Thank you.

Autumn Term Dates



Monday 9 September	-	After School Clubs Start
Monday 16 September	-	Owl Visit (PTA Event)
Friday 20 September	-	Year 4 Tennis Taster Session
Friday 20 September	-	Owl Visit (PTA Event)
Friday 20 September	-	PTA New Parent Coffee Morning (9am – Kitchen Hut)
Monday 23 September	-	PTA AGM (6pm – Kitchen Hut)
Tuesday 1 October	-	Year 6 Mock Trial—Magistrate Visit
Wednesday 2 October	-	Year 5 Ashford Water Works Trip
Monday 7 October	-	RSPCA Workshops (Year 1 & Year 4)
Tuesday 15 October	-	Year 5 Church Visit
Thursday 17 October	-	Year 3 Church Visit
Monday 21 October	-	Parent Evenings
Tuesday 22 October	-	Parent Evenings
Friday 18 October	-	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Tuesday 22 October	-	Year 4 Carymoor Trip
Wednesday 23 October	-	Flu Immunisation (all pupils)
Thursday 24 October	-	Individual School Photos

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November – Half Term

Monday 11 November	-	Jewish Dance Workshops
Monday 11 November	-	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 November	-	Year 2 Bovington Tank Museum Trip
Wednesday 13 November	-	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
Tuesday 12 November	-	Year 6 Mock Trial
Friday 29 November	-	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 2 December	-	Children Visit to Golden Oldies
Wednesday 4 December	-	Reception Visit to St James' Church
Wednesday 11 December	-	Christmas Dinner Day (bookable via ParentPay)
Wednesday 18 December	-	Whole School Pantomime (Westlands)
Friday 20 December	-	Last Day of Term (non-uniform)

Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday 3 January 2025 – Christmas Holidays

Monday 6 January - Inset Day – Teacher Training Day

Parent Communication

Please note that due to a change in our systems, we will only be communicating by text in exceptional circumstances. All of our communication in future will be via email. If you change your email address or any other contact details, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

