



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd September

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WELCOME BACK!

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school today. The children have been fantastic, and have really enjoyed getting back to some of our usual routines (like our first mixed year group assembly in 18 months!)

Although it has been a much more normal start, we are aware that we may still have children or staff having to isolate and are well prepared for that. Hopefully, though, the days of bubble closures are over and will remain that way!

We have an outbreak management plan in place, so please head over to our website: <https://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/covid-19/> for information around this.

Although we are running as normal, public health teams may ask us to put in place measures if we have an outbreak (which is classed as 5 or more pupils or staff who are in close contact testing positive within a 10 day period).

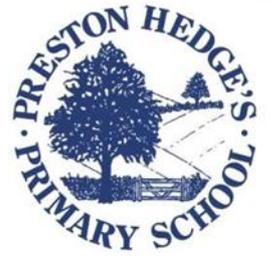
Please could we ask that you remain aware of Covid symptoms, and if you are worried that your child might have the virus, you get them tested, so we can reduce any spread and avoid going into 'outbreak' status if possible.

BEFORE WE GO COMPLETELY BACK TO NORMAL....

**YOUR VIEWS MATTER**

Many of you have mentioned that there were actually some positives in the changes we had to make for Covid (for example, whether children should remain coming to school in PE kit on PE days). Before we finalise anything, I wanted to give you the chance to have a say on a few essential matters!

Please follow the link below to a survey about PE kits, Sports Days, Parents Evenings & community events. As time is of the essence for some of these changes, please can you



complete the survey by 9am Monday (6<sup>th</sup> September). As always, we will follow a majority opinion, and I will let you know the findings by the end of day on Monday.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CN3S9DT>

## SUMMER UPDATE



We have had a very busy summer here at Preston Hedge's!

Our big outdoors is really starting to come together – there's only a couple more pieces to complete and then it will be able to be used. Shaped like a small country park, it has pathway, a stile to climb over, a firepit, and will even have a 'forest café' (for all those 'delicious' mud pies that the children can make from the boggy area!). Although the area is primarily for Reception and Year 1, we'll make sure all children get a chance to enjoy it during some of our Wellbeing sessions.

Huge thanks to Mrs Gemma Durrant, the Forest School lead at Parklands Primary for designing the area, and to Harborough Tool Hire who loaned all the heavy equipment to us for free!

In addition to this work, our multi-functional room (we will think of a name for it soon!) has had Leon, from Graffiti Stars come in to paint the back wall with all our values and words around equality and diversity. Mrs Straiton has completed the chilled reading zone of the room with another egg chair and some Kindles, and it's a really superb space – we can't wait to use it!

And finally, a huge thank you to our fabulous Mr Kendall who has spent the summer with his team re-furbishing all of our shared areas – they are amazing!



## VALUES



We are starting the term differently than usual and beginning with Aspiration! We felt that starting the school year with an aspirational focus would mean we begin as we mean to go on!

Miss Philpott remains our Values Leader this year. As always, you are welcome to nominate your children for a sticker (KS1) or badge (KS2). If you head over to our [Values](#) page on the website, that will remind you of how children can earn their rewards.

If you have a nomination for Miss Philpott, please feel free to send her the details directly to her email: [bridget.philpott@prestonhedges.org](mailto:bridget.philpott@prestonhedges.org)

## WELLBEING



We are beginning the year with Take Notice for our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions.

Miss Cadge is our new Wellbeing Leader, and she will continue to work hand in hand with our pastoral leader, Mrs Helen Kendall, to ensure that our children have a toolbox for their mental health.

## PHASE LEADERS

Just a reminder that we have brand new Phase Leaders this year. Miss Sabatelli leads the EYFS Phase; Miss Malpas leads Phase 1 (Y1 & 2); Mr Brennan leads Phase 2 (Y3 & 4) and Mr Ayres leads Phase 3 (Y5 & 6).

In a fortnight, they will send their termly phase newsletter to you, and share the curriculum that is taking place for your children this term. As always, we have an open



door for any queries or concerns, so do please feel free to contact your Phase Leader through Jay in the office on [jay.upton@prestonhedges.org](mailto:jay.upton@prestonhedges.org) .

### CLEANER & LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR WANTED!

We are looking for a cleaner and lunchtime supervisor to join our friendly team! The cleaning hours are 3.30-5.30pm 5 days a week.

If you are interested in one of the roles, or know someone who may be, please enquire to Claire at [claire.clayson@prestonhedges.org](mailto:claire.clayson@prestonhedges.org) as soon as possible!

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!