



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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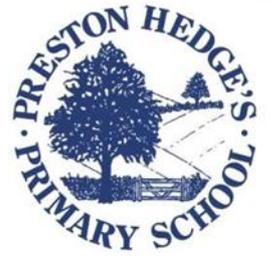
I am sure that, like us here at Preston Hedges, you are filled with sadness at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

We have remembered her in our assembly today, and the children have had a chance to talk about their feelings with their teacher, if they wished to do so.

We join with the rest of the nation in giving thanks for her long years of service, and we are thankful that we were able to come together to celebrate the extraordinary achievement of her Platinum Jubilee.

If this news has particularly affected your child (perhaps reminding them of a loss in their own family) please let Mrs Kendall know, and she will offer a Wellbeing check.

Revd Lakshmi Jeffreys has been in touch to share that St George's church will be having a service of Evensong at 6pm this evening, expressing sadness at the Queen's death and thankfulness for her life. All are welcome.



WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer. The children have settled back into school beautifully, and their new teachers are very impressed with their behaviour and their focus!

PHOTO PREFERENCES & ARBOR INFORMATION

As we have a few updates to these, please can you log on to Arbor and re-confirm your photo preferences. Can you also check that we have the right contact details so that we are able to get in touch with you if needed.

Many thanks!

DATES, DATES, DATES



Here are some key dates for your diary:

Welcome to Year Group Meetings

Our 'Welcome to Year Group' meetings are in person for the first time in 3 years, and will cover some key year group information for you all. Here are the timings:

19th Sept – Y1 Meeting at 2.30pm
20th Sept – Y2 Meeting at 2.30 pm
21st Sept – Y3 Meeting at 2.30pm
22nd Sept – Y4 Meeting at 2.30pm
23rd Sept – Y5 Meeting at 2.30pm
26th Sept – Y6 Meeting at 2.30pm

Of course, if you have any questions before this, please pop in to see your child's class teacher, or email via the office.



Parent Workshops

Alongside our videos on the website, we will be holding some face to face meetings to share our teaching processes around the following subjects:

Maths – written methods and fractions – Tuesday 27th September at 6.30pm

Reading – how our reading books work and Comprehension Sessions – Tuesday 4th October at 6.30pm

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Why Spelling Patterns & What a PAG session looks like – Tuesday 11th October at 6.30pm

Statutory Assessment Briefings

(for year groups with a Statutory Assessment in Spring/Summer 2023)

Y6 SATs Meeting - 15th Nov

Y2 SATs Meeting - 16th Nov

Y4 X Tables Meeting – 22nd Nov

SUMMER UPDATE

Once again we have had a very busy Summer!

Our Reception outdoor area has had a bit of a revamp, and we are really looking forward to our Reception children joining us next week and using it!

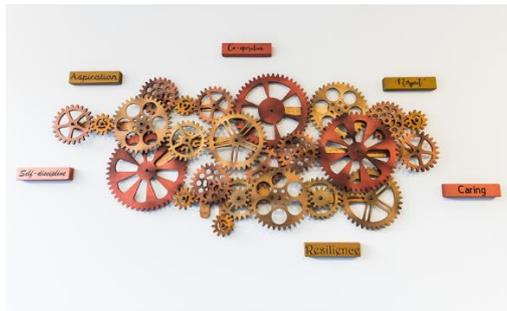


Mrs Straiton, who leads up our Equality and Diversity Champions, has been busy working with our favourite graffiti artist, Leon. His team have painted our key diverse figures from our History curriculum in our hall – it looks fab!



As always, a huge thank you to our fabulous Mr Kendall who has spent the summer painting and repairing our school to keep it looking as beautiful as always!

VALUES



Mr Brennan is our Values Leader this year (and runs our Preston Parliament). 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 Mr Brennan, please email via the office on marije.tilley@prestonhedges.org

PHASE LEADERS

There is a slight change to phases this year:

- Phase One now incorporates Reception and Year 1 – Mrs McAlindon (Miss Sabatelli) is the Phase One Leader
 - Phase Two is now Year 2 & 3 - Mr Brennan is the Phase Two Leader
- Phase Three encompasses Years 4,5 & 6 – Mr Ayres is our Phase Three Leader

As always, we have an open door for any queries or concerns, so do please feel free to contact your Phase Leader through Marije in the office on

marije.tilley@prestonhedges.org



REMINDERS

For safety reasons please can we ask that your children walk their bikes and scooters through the school grounds and do not ride them.

We kindly request that dogs do not come on to the school site unless they are a medical assistance or guide dog.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!