



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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**YEAR 1 PET WEEK!**



The Children in Year One have had a fantastic week celebrating our topic, “Paws, Claws and Whiskers”. We have had some exciting visits from some of the children’s pets, such as two fluffy guinea pigs, some cute hamsters, lots of gorgeous dogs and a snake!

The children have had the opportunity to learn all about the different animals, what is needed to look after them and even had a little cuddle or stroke! We also enjoyed a fantastic visit from Carol Lynn at Lion Learners, who taught the children all about the different animal groups and brought with her creatures from each group!

We were delighted to meet and hold guinea pigs, rabbits, and a chicken, and some children were even brave enough to touch the bearded dragon, giant land snail, millipedes and corn snake! We have had a fabulous ‘Pet Week’ in Year One and are thoroughly enjoying this term’s topic.

## YEAR 2 VISIT THE SYNAGOGUE



As part of our Judaism topic, Year 2 visited the synagogue. They were able to explore the synagogue and also learnt lots of interesting facts including: that boys and girls are not allowed to sit together during a service, the Torah is handwritten using a quill pen which takes over a year and you use a yad (which means hand in Hebrew) to point to the words in the Torah.

During the visit, they also found out about some of the celebrations such as the Jewish Sabbath and Hanukah. We will continue our learning at school and find out all about the Jew's holiest day, Yom Kippur.

## SHAKESPEARE'S TEMPEST PROJECT BEGINS



Year 4 have had an incredible experience learning about Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Our visitor introduced the children to the play's vast array of characters which they embodied to music whilst performing lines dramatically and with great enthusiasm. The morning was full of engaging call and response in Shakespearean language which the children understood brilliantly as they stayed in character as Prospero, Ariel and Caliban. A fun, creative and memorable journey through one of Shakespeare's last plays which the children clearly loved! All our year groups will be enjoying this project in the coming weeks.

## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Our 5 ways to Well Being



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019** is World Mental Health Day and our children will be invited to wear yellow and bring a family donation to raise money for the charity, 'Young Minds'. <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

For families new to our school, this is a donation, which can be of any size and is entirely voluntary.

During the day our learning will focus on our 5 ways of Well-Being (Connect, Take Notice, Be Active, Keep Learning & Give). Presently, we have a weekly session in Years 1-6 about Taking Notice. We will move onto a different part of the curriculum next term.

If you would like to know more about our Well-Being curriculum, please follow this link <http://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/9134/Well-Being-Curriculum-PHAT.pdf>.



On the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup>, Miss McDowell, our Well Being Leader and I will be available from 2.45pm for a tea and a talk. Specifically, to help with any Well-Being issues relating to your child or to discuss any aspect of our Well-Being curriculum.

### OUR SCHOOL CAR PARK!



Please can I ask that between 8.35am and 8.55am on a morning and 3.05pm to 3.25pm you only enter the school park if you have a permit.

If you or your child can't walk into school you are welcome to a permit, just ask at the office.

Otherwise, whatever the nature of your visit or vehicle please do not drive it on to the site, just to keep our little ones safe!

Thank you!



## SELF DISCIPLINE VALUE



Our school value for this term is self-discipline linking perfectly with starting a new school year.

It is lovely to see our children's enthusiasm to work towards their values badges and the support they get from their families and friends to achieve this.

If you think your child has worked really hard in September, please do put a nomination for a badge into the butterfly box in reception where they can then be appraised and badges awarded accordingly for children in Years 3-6.

Also, please do come and see Mrs Pearce in the reception classrooms if you have lost or broken a badge and she will replace it.



## DIARY DATES

Monday 30th September - 9.00am Welcome to Year 1 Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 1st October - 9.00am Welcome to Year 5 Parents' Meeting

Thursday 3rd October - 9.00am Welcome to Year 4 Parents' Meeting

Thursday 3rd October - 2.45pm Year R Parents' Reading & Phonics Workshop

Monday 7th October - Year R Pirate Celebration Day

Thursday 10th October - World Mental Health Day - Children to wear yellow please - a day on Well-Being

Tuesday 15th October - Year 2 Great Fire of London Celebration Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 9.05am - Year R Parents' Handwriting Workshop

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 2.45pm - Year 6 Parents' Residential Briefing

Curriculum Dates for Year 3, 4 & 6 in next Newsletter!

Have a lovely weekend.



## ONE LAST THING.....

### ARE YOU OUR ARTIST?

Are you the person who could help us?

If you are a painter and would be able to help us out with painting some signs, please could you let Claire in the office know, as you might be able to save us some money.

Feel free to drop in, or e-mail Claire on [claire.clayson@prestonhedges.org](mailto:claire.clayson@prestonhedges.org) if you think you might be able to help. Thank you.