



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

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WE'RE BACK - MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH!!!



We are excited as you all are to get back to some normality and we cannot wait to see all of the children back here at school!

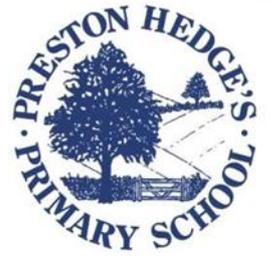
If you borrowed any technology (ipads or laptops) from us during the lockdown, please can you return them on Monday, as we will need to use the technology in school. Many thanks in advance.

WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March was World Book Day and, for the first time, we celebrated books online!

It was great to see so many children dressed up like their favourite book characters and so enthused about reading. World Book Day offered up a treat of activities to complete at home ranging from Tom Fletcher setting reading challenges for children in Year 1 to creating potions based on the Harry Potter books in Year 4.

As well as this, Year 2 learnt how to become illustrators from Steven Lenton – a well-renowned child's illustrator for the book series Shifty McGifty. In Year 3, based on the books by Roald Dahl, they created their own chocolate factories and some 'marvellous medicines.' Year 6 were introduced to new authors such as Sibéal Pounder, Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, authors and illustrators of the some brilliant new books - 'Bad Mermaids' and many more. Furthermore, Year 5 were developing their writing skills, looking at how to write fantastic families from Zanib Main, the author of Planet Omar.



Some children were also reading in some weird and wonderful places at home and on their walks. It has been great to see children reading at home so much and how much they love reading. Reading opens up a portal into an infinite number of worlds and seeing so many of you reading was a real pleasure. We look forward to celebrating reading more very soon and we hope you all had a wonderful World Book Day! The images below are how some children spent World Book Day reading:



## SCIENCE WEEK



We are returning to on-site learning with a 'Big Bang' as during the first week back we will be celebrating British Science Week. Throughout the week we will be engaging in a variety of scientific investigations where we will be exploring Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Our favourite scientist, Atomic Tom, will be virtually on hand to wow the children with explosive (but safe!) scientific demonstrations to help inspire our young scientists. During each day, the children will be taking part in a practical Science investigation and the week will culminate with a fantastic Science Celebration day on Friday the 12th March, where the children can come into school dressed in a scientific fashion.

In addition to our amazing experiments, the FOPH are organising a Science themed competition to raise money for our ambitious Eco Dome project. Please paste this link into your address bar for further details:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofprestonhedges/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=34872#.YDkSMmTfUIQ>



## UPDATED BOOK SCHEME

As you are all aware, we have invested heavily to update our reading scheme, which had unfortunately got a bit out of date, and was not as clearly progressive as we would like it to be.

We now have all of the new books in, and you will receive a letter today detailing what the new levels and bands look like (these are different to what they were before) and our plans to assess and get the books out to the children. Please bear with us here, as all of the children need to be assessed to ensure they have the right book, but we will get them out as quickly as we possibly can!

Many thanks to Miss Malpas and the team who have been working so hard to get this into place for the children! If you have any questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Malpas.

## STAFFING UPDATE

I just wanted to update you that Mrs Wilde in Reception (formerly Miss Lang!) is expecting her first child! Many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Wilde!

Also, our lovely Mr Sinnamon will be leaving us at Easter to take up a role at Pineham Barns. This is a fabulous opportunity for Mr S, who will be 'second in command' over there, and we thank him for everything he has done, and wish him the best of luck in his future career.

Our fantastic teacher, Mrs Valente, will be taking over the class responsibility of 3S.

## OTHER COMMUNICATION TONIGHT

Thank you for so many in getting onto Arbor, please look out for a further letter about the app from Mrs Clayson tonight.

You should also receive a letter tonight about the Relationships Curriculum, which we are legally bound to teach from the Summer term. The letter will detail some information about what that entails and consultation around this.

## LATERAL FLOW TEST SITES

Many of you will have seen that families with school age children can access free lateral flow tests. The DfE advises that these can be picked up for use by the adults in the household (Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being



asked to take a test. They are meant for the adults in the home. ) Here are the details I have been sent if you wish to take part:

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Please do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times. Please click below to find your nearest collection point.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

[Have a lovely weekend!](#)