



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October

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SOME HAPPY NEWS!...

...It's a boy!!!

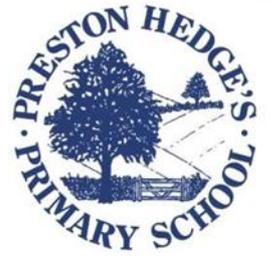


Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Dyson on the birth of their son! Dougie Thomas Dyson arrived on 7th September weighing 8lb 2 oz.

Mum and baby are doing very well, and I am sure you will join with us in sending them our very best wishes!

GOLDEN TIES





It has been a week of celebration at Preston Hedge's!!! We have had 8 individual 'Golden Tie' assemblies in Years 3 - 6, and would like to wish them all huge congratulations!

Being awarded a golden tie is a huge achievement, and we are very proud of our fantastic role models!

3 TASTES OF THINGS TO COME.....

1) PRESTON HEDGE'S RADIO



We are very excited to share that very soon we will be launching Preston Hedge's Radio!

Mr Ayres, our Computing Lead, will be running a lunchtime radio club in his year group, and all children will get opportunity to use the radio station in lessons to record podcasts, mix music and other exciting things!

We are currently training everyone up, but as soon as that is in place, we will start it rolling out to the children!

2) PRESTON HEDGE'S BOOK CLUB



After half term, we will be making a few changes to how we read in school and at home as we are replacing Classic Texts and Class Readers with the Preston Hedge's Book Club!



The Book Club will take the best of both elements, but ensure that the children are reading a range of different books – including those by popular modern authors – ensuring that they engage and excite our children.

We will continue to choose reading books offer appropriate challenge, whilst giving our children a more diverse range to read from.

More details will follow when we are ready to launch our Book Club!

3) EQUALITY & DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

Mrs Straiton is looking for Preston Hedge's Equality & Diversity Champions from Years 5 and 6!

The children will be role models for the school, and will prepare virtual assemblies and podcasts where they will share and support our children in celebrating our unique differences and sharing similarities.

If your child would like to have an opportunity to be a part of this, please do encourage them to share why they should be an Equality & Diversity Champion for our school with Mrs Straiton.

VALUES



Miss Philpott is now our Values Leader, and here is a note from her about our focus since we started back:

This term we are focusing on the school value of 'Resilience'. We are encouraging the children to share any challenges they are facing to find a way to overcome any barriers or worries that they may be experiencing; for example, if they were concerned about adjusting back to the school routine or re-engaging with their peers, they have a support network!

As we did last year, the teachers are on the lookout for children who are consistently demonstrating fantastic Resilience this term to nominate them for their white Resilience



badge. We would also like to encourage parents of children in Years 3-6 to nominate their child if they feel they have consistently demonstrated one of the school's values.

They are:

Caring, Self-Discipline, Resilience, Tolerance, Cooperation and Aspiration.

I will be holding a virtual Values assembly every fortnight to celebrate the children's achievements!

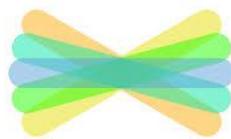
FRIENDS' LOTTERY

It's a very strange time for fundraising, but our fantastic FOPH are still working hard to raise additional funds!

Their target is to raise enough to purchase some VR Headsets to use in lessons, enabling the children, for example, to take a virtual tour of Space, or 'walk through' a real place to describe a setting in their writing.

The FOPH have launched a lottery to support this fundraising venture as much of what they would normally do is impossible in this current climate, so if you are interested in taking part, please do head over to their Facebook page for more details.

SEESAW & HOMEWORK



SEESAW

Apologies if any of you had any teething troubles! Please let us know if there's anything that we can help with, or if your child's QR code isn't working properly.

Although homework continues in the same way as always (a sheet or working in books) we will upload the e-version onto Seesaw rather than the website, as we can sometimes add other helpful elements to it (such as a video or walk through for some homework pieces eg Maths in KS2).



If there was a bubble closure at any point, work would seamlessly transfer to Seesaw as it did during lockdown.

Year 1 will start their Seesaw homework after half term, so please don't worry if your Year 1 child hasn't got any homework yet.

PARENTS EVENING

We have been advised by the local authority & the DfE that Parents' Evenings should be held as virtual meetings in the current climate.

We, therefore, plan to host 10 minute Zoom meetings for parents on the 15th October, and the 19th -22nd October (spread across 5 days) with a maximum of 6 meetings a session. These 10 minute sessions will take place between 3.50-5.50pm, and you will be able to book your slot on the Parents Evening System as usual.

Although we have given a 2 hr slot for each evening, we do plan to limit these to 6 meetings in order to ensure any technical hitches don't impact negatively on people's appointments.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the office.

Appointments can be made from 5pm today and will close at 12pm on Wednesday 14th October. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://prestonhschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. The email address information is taken from your child's first contact detail that is listed on the Data Collection Sheet. Please login with the following information:

Your details: Title, First Name, Surname, Email Address, Email Address Confirmation
Then: Your Child's Preferred First Name, Child's Surname, Child's Date of Birth
Press Login and Continue.

You then choose the date and the time of appointment you would like/that is available. You will be given the links to follow after this point to confirm your booking.

There will be the option for 2 appointments per child, please note however, this is only for separated parent families, who need to have different appointments.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



MENTAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATION – FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER



Just a reminder that we are having a Wellbeing celebration day on Friday 9th October for World Mental Health Day.

The children are invited to wear something yellow, and we will have a day of fun wellbeing activities!

ENTRY TIMES & CARS

Please can we remind you to stick to your entry timings, as keeping the flow of traffic around the school site is really important. Please don't feel that you need to arrive 5 minutes early – please try to be as close to your year group drop off and pick up times as possible.

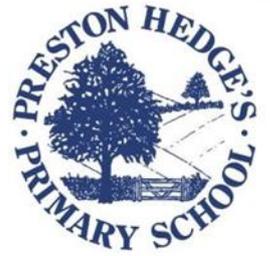
Could we also remind you that unless you have a disability or a previously agreed reason to drive on site, cars are not allowed. This is to avoid any accidents as there are lots of families walking on site.

Thank you for your support with this.

YEAR GROUP MEETINGS!

We would normally have year group meetings in Year 1 – 6 to share details of what life is like in that year group, but obviously in the current climate, we cannot do that. So we are going virtual!

Mr Sinnamon has almost completed filming our Y1-6 videos and will then edit them. We plan for them to be up on the website by next Friday!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wellbeing Celebration Day – Friday 9th October

Virtual Parents Evenings- From 3.50 – 5.30 pm on Thursday 15th Oct; Monday 19th October, Tuesday 20th October; Wednesday 21st October & Thursday 22nd October.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Just a few images from the fortnight:

Sporting prowess in Year 6 & Year 1





Art in Reception



Science in Year 3...



And Year 4...



Staff superheroes in Year 1!

