



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

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CHRISTMAS!



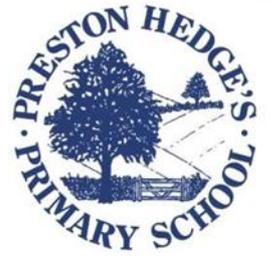
We have a busy two weeks ahead of us! Here's some details about all of our Christmas activities!

- Christmas Cards: We are asking that cards are only given to children in the bubble, and are brought into school **no later than** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will then be handed out to the children using gloves on the last day. Any cards arriving after this time **will not be given out**. If you don't want your child to bring cards home, please let your child's class teacher know
- We have been working hard on our Y5/6 Christmas Performance and our Reception Nativity. We are planning for the videos to be uploaded on the final day of term, so please watch this space!
- Christmas Party Day. All year groups will be having their Christmas Party Day on the last day – 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children are welcome to come in their party clothes and we will have lots of 'bubble' fun!

We are asking that children bring their own individual party packed lunch (as we cannot do our usually buffet style lunch due to Covid reasons). This still allows the children to have a lovely Christmas Party lunch with their friends from class.

Please remember to cancel any bookings with ABM on this date if you are providing the party packed lunch from home.

- As we cannot celebrate with our families as we usually do, we wanted something that the community could have and use. So we have an extra-special postbox that



will appear on Monday outside the Studio Club door. This postbox sends letters directly to Father Christmas at the North Pole! So please encourage your child to write a letter to Santa, and we will make sure that letter gets to him!!

- It's Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, so everyone at school can come in their Christmas jumper (and mufti)
- Christmas Lunch – ABM have organised their Christmas lunches for **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. The lunches will be delivered to the classroom as normal lunches are, and we will make sure that the children have festive music to make it a bit special! **The deadline for ordering is today.**

Please note, there are no other meals that day, so if you do not want to book a Christmas meal, please ensure your child brings a packed lunch that day.

### FOPHS!

Our fabulous friends have also got lots of lovely festive things going! Here are the details for you , if you are interested in your child joining in these activities:

#### For Years R, 1 and 2

Your child is invited to have a small Christmas Breakfast on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.

Tickets cost £5 per head, each child will receive a small gift and a small breakfast, both prepared with PPE.

During their breakfast they will receive a special message from someone special!

Booking available at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofprestonhedges>

#### For Years 3,4,5 and 6

We have put together some Christmas themed treat bags.

Choose from Girls Craft or Toy Bag or Boys Craft or Toy Bag.

Each bag costs £5 each and due to limited numbers, we are limiting purchases to one per student. Bags are purchased on a first come first served basis.

Booking available at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofprestonhedges>

#### Christmas Raffle

This years raffle will be all on line based. Each ticket will cost 50p each. Please email [FOPHraffle@gmail.com](mailto:FOPHraffle@gmail.com) to purchase tickets. Prizes so far include An Echo Show, Smyth Vouchers, Afternoon Tea for 2, see our Facebook page for a full list of prizes and donators.

If you have a prize or a service you feel you could donate please contact us at [friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com)



## OXFORD OWL ONLINE READING



Just a reminder that Oxford Owl has lots of lovely eBooks that are free for the children to read. You just need to register on the following link:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks>

## REPORTS

Our end of term reports will come out at the end of this term. As times are different, and we know that you are anxious to see the impact of the lockdown on your child, we have adapted the report format to give you this clarity. The reports will detail to you whether your child:

- Is making good progress and is on track to achieve their year group expectations
- Is making rapid progress and is on track to exceed their year group expectations
- Continues to have some previous year group gaps that we are working on.

Please rest assured that if your child does have gaps, we will explain what the key elements are in the report, and we will continue to put further interventions in place as we continue through the academic year.

## FLEECES

Although it is getting colder, our guidance is still to ensure adequate ventilation is in the classroom to minimise the risk of transmission.

We are aware that the uniform shop doesn't have any fleeces in stock until January, so wanted to reassure you that your child can wear their own fleece to ensure they have another layer.

We are watching the temperature carefully, and whilst we must ventilate, we are asking teachers to make sensible choices as it is continuing to get colder.



## THE WOOTTON ANGEL TRAIL

We are taking part in the Wootton Angel Trail, an Advent walk organised by the church, and they have asked us to share the following:

Covering a distance of approximately 3.5km around the paths of Wootton, Wootton Fields and Simpson Manor, this treasure hunt / quiz walk is for everyone to enjoy as you discover the nativity story.

From 9<sup>th</sup> December you will be able to download a map of the route and a quiz sheet from [www.stgeorgeschurch.org.uk](http://www.stgeorgeschurch.org.uk)

All of the scenes are visible from the public footpaths, apart from at Merrifield House, where you will find the display in the main entrance at the end of the drive.

Look out for angels to guide you along the route!

Remember:

- Please take care when walking – there are uneven paths, robots and other delights to navigate!
  - Always be careful when crossing the roads.
- Please be considerate of others, maintaining social distance and adhering to government guidelines.
  - Please do not touch the displays.
  - If you are walking in the evening please take a torch.
- Anyone under 18 remains the responsibility of parents / guardians

We hope this walk brings you joy and will be a fun (and healthy!) addition to your Christmas festivities.

## AND FINALLY....WHAT A WEEK!

After such a long time and after we were doing so well...!!

Thank you to everyone for your support this week. Roll on the vaccine!



## DATES

ABM Christmas Lunch – 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper Day – 11<sup>th</sup> December  
FOPHS Breakfast with Santa – 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Party Day – 18<sup>th</sup> December

Have a wonderful weekend!

Here are some images from the last couple of weeks:

The daily mile in Y1:



Eco decorations in Y2:





Reading, reading, reading in Y3!



...and in Year 6!



Making music in Year 4:



...and dancing to music in Y5:

