



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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A HUGE THANK YOU, AGAIN!



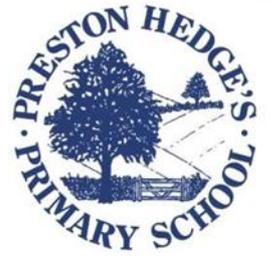
Thank you all, again, for the positive start you have made to remote learning.

We are really pleased to hear such positive feedback from so many of you. These are really challenging times for everyone and we have many different kinds of family needs, so it is really good to hear that our 'blended' approach of daily contact alongside differentiated and scaffolded work is supporting our children and meeting family needs appropriately.

We are particularly pleased that lots of you have shared how the differentiated and scaffolded instruction videos are enabling your child to work much more independently, and that you find the opportunity to go back and rewatch is really helpful for your child's learning of new concepts.

Furthermore, many of you have commented on how you are finding the dual structure really helpful, as the videos enable you to organise your day the way you want it to happen, rather than enforcing a schedule that doesn't work around your home needs.

A few parents have asked if work can be uploaded the night before to help them organise the day; therefore from next week, all work will be uploaded the evening before. Please don't let your children start work before their zoom call, though, just in case their teacher has any useful information about their work that day!



We know that for some of you there feels a lot of work. We cannot change this, as it is our legal requirement to provide this for you. **However, every household has different challenges, and you must do what is right for yours!** If you are struggling at getting through all 3 subjects a day, please let your child do what they can. It is better for children to do a little bit from each session so that they keep up to date with the curriculum, rather than spending hours working through one subject.

We totally understand the challenges you face so please have a chat with your child's teacher if you have any worries here at all.

REWARDS AND CELEBRATION!

We are still celebrating our fantastic children on our Friday Zoom calls, so please let your child's teacher know if there's anything to celebrate regarding school values, and please keep your child going on their reading challenge, as reading as much as possible is one of the most important things your child can do over lockdown.

ZOOM



Our Zoom calls are very popular, and it's a lovely way to ensure social interaction for our children.

Last week I sent out an email explaining a little bit of Zoom etiquette and explained a little about safeguarding and data storage. If you decide that you don't give consent for your child to take part in Zoom, please drop Jay an email on:
jay.upton@prestonhedges.org

VIRTUAL ONLINE SAFETY EVENT

Many thanks to those of you who managed to attend this week's virtual Online Safety meeting with Simon Aston. If you didn't manage to attend, Simon is prepping a video for us, which I will share as soon as I have it!



READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME



To help you to carry out any 1:1 reading with your child at home, Mr Ayres (for Years 2 and above) and Miss McDowell (for years Reception and 1) have some helpful videos and resources to support you – including the kind of questions that you can ask your child.

These will be uploaded to Seesaw next week, so please look out for them.

We are in the process of buying a system that gives us more access to e-books. As soon as this is in place, we will let you know how to log on and use it.

KEEP US UPDATED

Although your child may be working remotely, just so that we can understand how our community are, if you or your child tests positive for Covid – 19, please do let us know.

WHAT COMES NEXT? AND WHEN?

None of us know what the government plans are going forward (and unfortunately schools don't receive any information any earlier than you all do!) but please be assured that as soon as I have any information, I will share it with you all.

Please stay safe, everyone.