



# PRESTON BULLETIN



*'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full ' John 10:10*

Friday 25 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful half term. It was a pity that we experienced such bad weather at the end of the week. Luckily, neither of our schools sustained any serious damage, although both have been plagued with Internet issues at the beginning of the week. At Preston, this was quickly resolved. However, at Saxlingham, the storm had damaged a fibre optic cable within the village, meaning that the school has been without the Internet for several days now.

This week has also brought an announcement from the government regarding the 'Living With COVID Plan'. From Thursday 24 February, the government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. I would urge parents/carers to continue to be vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19 and to exercise caution if their child feels unwell as we continue to have cases in both schools (11 cases at Preston and 1 at Saxlingham) and it's in everyone's interests for us to work together to minimise the spread of infection.

On Wednesday, teachers from both schools met together to look at examples of writing from across the school. It was fantastic to see such a wonderful range of creative writing from every class.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire regarding the school's vision. I look forward to reading the responses and to updating you later in the half term.

Yours sincerely,

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## PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

- Ladybirds: **Alyssa** for showing great persistence with some tricky Maths challenges this week.
- Bumblebees: **George** for remembering and sharing lots of facts during class discussions about the Great Fire of London!
- Grasshoppers: **Emily** for coming to every maths lesson ready to learn. You've made a wonderful start to our new unit!
- Caterpillars: **Edith** for writing an emotive letter to Noah's parents, based on our Power of Reading book.
- Dragonflies: **Daisy** for trying her best all week in all of her work.

### GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am pleased to announce that Daisy Sutcliffe has been elected as our new Parent Governor.

#### WANTED:

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

FOPPS are looking for donations of good quality second hand school uniform with a view to organizing a second hand uniform sale. Please bring any donations to the school office at Preston Primary School.



#### LIVING THE MOTTO

#### 'helpful'

- Ladybirds: Fynn
- Bumblebees: Bethany
- Grasshoppers: Ben
- Caterpillars: Orton
- Dragonflies: Finley

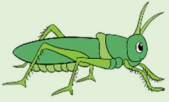
#### SEND COFFEE MORNING

Our SENDCo, Miss Rich, would like to invite parents/carers of children with SEN from across the Federation to a coffee morning on Thursday 3rd March at Preston Primary School from 9.15am to 10.00am.

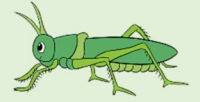
This will be an opportunity to discuss how we can work together to better support children with special educational needs and disabilities. Younger siblings are welcome - we will make sure we have some toys for them to play with.

We are planning to hold a coffee morning every term; the venue will alternate between Saxlingham and Preston.





# Grasshoppers News



This term, our topic focus has been on 'Ancient Egypt'. So far, we have learnt about the River Nile and we will soon be looking at some of the Ancient Egyptian's most famous achievements.



In D&T, we spent some time looking at what papyrus was and how we could make our own examples in class.

Using brown paper, glue and water, we carefully positioned our strips to form our papyrus. Once they had dried out, we used felt pens to draw our own hieroglyphic messages on.



## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 2 March	Caterpillars and Dragonflies Educational Visit to Cathedral
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day
Thursday 3 March	SEND Coffee Morning 9.15-10.00
Monday 7 March	Y4 cycling PM
Monday 14 March	Y4 cycling PM
Friday 25 March	Mad Science Workshop – funded by FOPPS
Thursday 31 March	FOPPS Cake Sale
Friday 1 April	End of term

## A ROYAL SALUTE AT THE ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW

Parents/carers in Years 3-6 should have received an email earlier in the week about this event, marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event involves a rehearsal on Sunday 26 June 2022 and a performance at the Royal Norfolk Show on Wednesday 29 June 2022. Please return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible so that we can plan transportation to and from the event.

## SWIMMING—YEAR 5 and Year 6

We are delighted that we will be resuming swimming for our Year 5 and Year 6 children during the Summer Term. This will be at Riverside Leisure Centre. Parents/carers in Year 5 and Year 6 should have received a letter asking for further information about their child's swimming ability. This information will help us to group the children appropriately. Please return the slip to Mr Walker via the School Offices.



## JOIN US FOR OUR PANCAKE PARTY

In the church room  
St Mary's Tasburgh



## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Please remember that children should not wear jewellery to school, and this includes wristbands.

Children with pierced ears may wear small, simple studs.

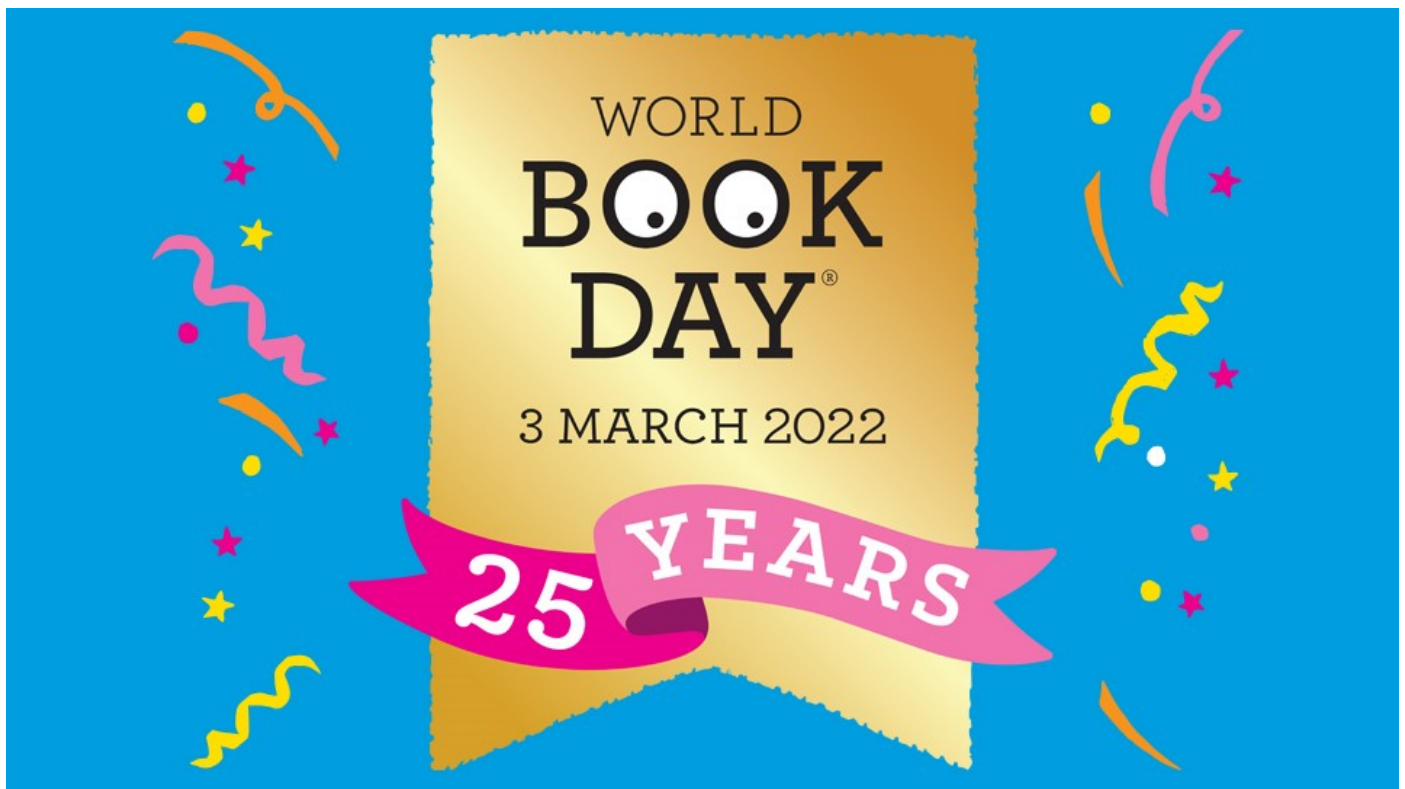
Plain school-style black shoes should be worn.

For full details of our school uniform, please see the school website:

<https://prestonprimaryschool.net/school-uniform/>

## PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents Evenings telephone appointments will take place during the week beginning 21 March 2022. A booking form will be sent out a little nearer the time.



We are planning a number of activities within school on Thursday 3rd March to mark World Book Day 2022.

### COMPETITION TIME—BOOK-IN-A-BOX

This is an entirely optional activity which can be completed at home over half term or in the week before World Book Day.

The challenge is to present a favourite book within a box. This could be a shoebox or similar sized cardboard container. Within the box, you could present a scene from the book, or a series of clues to help us guess the title of the book. Please see the pictures below for some inspirational ideas!



Bring in any entries on World Book Day so that we can enjoy looking at each other's work and see if we can identify all the books. Prizes will be awarded for the most original entries.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WOULD LIKE CHILDREN TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM ON WORLD BOOK DAY.**