



PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 9 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer break and that your child has settled quickly back into their new class. It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children into both schools; all the class teachers have commented on how well the children have adapted back to the daily routine of school. Despite the sad news in the media today, there is a positive energy across the Federation as we look forward to the new year ahead.

After the terribly sad news of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, which was announced yesterday evening, our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family. As a school community, we appreciate the sadness that some people will be feeling, and we will continue to deal with this sensitively over the coming days. Today, we have held a special a Collective Worship in both schools to remember The Queen, and we will continue to provide opportunities for the children to discuss, reflect and ask questions as they process this important news.

In the coming days, further information will be released regarding the arrangements for The Queen's funeral. The Local Authority has indicated that schools will close on the date of the funeral, but this has yet to be confirmed.

The Local Authority has asked schools to provide the following information about bereavement charities where parents/carers can access further support: [Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](http://winstonswish.org), [Child Bereavement UK](http://ChildBereavementUK.org) or [Nelson's Journey | Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk | \(nelsonsjourney.org.uk\)](http://nelsonsjourney.org.uk).

Please Turn Over

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Tas Valley Church Schools Federation

Over the summer months, work has been undertaken to upgrade the websites for both our schools, including a new site for the Tas Valley Federation. These new sites should be launched in the next week or so.

At Saxlingham, work has been completed to repair the external windows and we are hoping to move forward with a replacement climbing frame for Squirrel Class in the very near future.

At Preston, a new video entry system has been installed on the pedestrian gate. Work has also been begun to clear and ultimately restore the wildlife area. On our INSET days, staff have been busy engaging in Safeguarding Training. We have also completed training in readiness for launching our new DfE approved Systematic Synthetic Phonics Scheme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. Children in Reception and Year 1 will begin the new phonics program by the third week of term. Please look out for information regarding how parents/carers can support their children with reading and phonics at home.

Please remember that we send the majority of school correspondence by email. Please check your email regularly for any important updates. We will continue to send out weekly bulletins on Fridays, which will also be available to download via the school websites. Please look out for a 'class curriculum letter' which will be sent out to you over the coming days; this will detail your child's learning for the term ahead.

As always, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about them settling in to the new school year.

Yours sincerely,
Mr M. Walker
Executive Headteacher

FOPPS CAKE SALE

Friends will be holding one of their popular **cake sales** on Thursday 29 September at the end of school. These are usually excellent fundraisers and popular with the children! Donations of cakes, homemade or shop bought, will be gratefully received. Please send these into school on the day of the sale.



We are required to hold an AGM each year and would very much encourage parents to come along. This year's AGM will be held on, Tuesday 4 October, 7pm in Preston Primary School Hall. Refreshments will be provided! This is an opportunity for you to find out more about what Friends is all about and to get involved.



PRESTON STARS OF THE TERM

- Ladybirds: **The Whole Class** for settling in really well into Ladybirds and the Year 1 children supporting the Reception children wonderfully.
- Bumblebees: **Isabelle** for starting the school year with a proactive and independent attitude.
- Grasshoppers: **Violet** for a superb attitude in maths and supporting others in her class once she had finished.
- Caterpillars: **Ethan** for showing enthusiasm and a readiness for learning in all lessons.
- Dragonflies: **Orlaith** for a very positive start to Year 6.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons resume on the following dates:

Drums: Monday 19th September

Piano: Wednesday 21st September

Spaces are available for both if anyone is interested. Please contact the office.

Drums: £5 for 10 minutes lesson or £10 for 20 minutes lesson

Piano: £6 for 10 minutes lesson



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Tasburgh Village Fete has been postponed following the news of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

PREMIER SPORTS CLUBS

This half term, we are offering the following after school clubs (3.15-4.15pm) through Premier Education.

Football Club for Year 1 and Year 2—
Wednesday

Netball Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6—Friday

If you would like your child to have a place, please contact the school office via email (office@tasburgh.norfolk.sch.uk). Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A waiting list will be created in the even that the club is over-subscribed.

Details of a Key Stage Two football club will be sent out later this half term.



PE KITS

Ladybirds Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Ladybirds Reception	Reception will not need to wear PE kits for the first few weeks of term. We will update you when this changes.
Bumblebees	Wednesday and Thursday
Grasshoppers	Tuesday and Friday
Caterpillars	Tuesday and Friday
Dragonflies	Tuesday and Friday

From the week beginning 12th September, all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 will have a weekly cricket coaching sessions through 'Chance to Shine.' At Saxlingham, this will take place on Thursdays; at Preston, this will take place on Fridays.

On PE days, children should come to school wearing appropriate PE uniform. Children should be smartly dressed in the following kit:

Navy/black shorts

White T shirt

Trainers

Plain jogging bottoms and green school sweatshirt may be worn in colder months.

Many thanks for your support.



HELP WANTED



You will already have read that work has begun to clear and improve our wildlife area with the vision of renewing the space with sensory plants and features and a seating for quiet reflection.

We are potentially trying to source some tree stumps and logs to make a seating area. Tree stumps and logs would also create habitats for minibeasts.

Please contact the office if you are able to help with sourcing this.

POLITE REMINDER: Year 5 and 6

The second instalment of £50 for the Hilltop Residential Visit is due on Friday 16th September. Please contact the office to make payment.