



PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 25 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week within the Federation. This week, I have been lucky enough to spend some time talking to children in Saxlingham about their work. As well as looking in the children's books, I have been talking to small groups about their learning in History, and was mightily impressed by their knowledge and enthusiasm for learning! Children in every yeargroup were enthused by their topics—particularly the gory bits from castle life, the Romans and the Ancient Greeks. They are able to use a wide range of historical vocabulary accurately and with confidence and can relate their learning to other curriculum areas: geography, art, DT, English, music and PE to name but a few! It was really positive to see a clear progression in learning as children move through the school.

I am looking forward to spending some time on a similar exercise at Preston in the coming days!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
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PRESTON STARS OF THE TERM

- Ladybirds: **Max** for growing the confidence to share his ideas in our class discussions
- Bumblebees: **Robyn** for using a strategy she has been taught to speedily work out the answer to a times table question during our Maths lesson.
- Grasshoppers: **Freya** for working hard to apply what she knows in her assessments this week
- Caterpillars: **Charlie** for sharing his well thought out ideas in Science
- Dragonflies: **Phoebe** for working incredibly hard on her assessments this week.



LIVING THE MOTTO

'I can add positively to discussions.'

- Ladybirds: **Jenson**
- Bumblebees: **April**
- Grasshoppers: **Ionà**
- Caterpillars: **Jacob**
- Dragonflies: **Iris**



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Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children In Need. Across the Federation, we raised a grand total of **£215**.



**GET IN THE FESTIVE MOOD
EARLY –
GIVE A HOME TO A XMAS ELF**

FoPPs will be selling their Christmas Elf Doors during afternoon pickup on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from next week. These make great Xmas decorations or cracker presents and be completely personalised. Elf doors will be on sale either by the gazebo or the entrance depending upon the weather. £3.50 for 1 Xmas Elf Door and 2 Xmas toppers or 3 Elf doors for £10 and all profits will be used to support the school.



DIARY DATES

Monday 28th November	Dragonfly and Bumblebee Parents Evening (rescheduled from before 1/2 term)
Wednesday 30th November	Bumblebee Parents Evening (rescheduled from before half term)
Thursday 1st December	Synagogue visit—more details to follow
Friday 2nd December	Christingles in School
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas market 3.15pm
Thursday 8th December	Synagogue visit—more details to follow
Friday 9th December	Santa's Secret Stall
Monday 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 December	KS1/Reception Nativity, 9am
Thursday 15 December	KS1/Reception Nativity, 2.30pm
Friday 16th December	Collective Worship in church



DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS

We are extremely lucky to have been offered the services of a group of ex-Preston students as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Currently studying at Long Stratton High School, the team have begun working on Saturdays on some voluntary tasks around the school. They began with restoring 'the labyrinth'. You will see what a fantastic job they have done. Many thanks to the team!

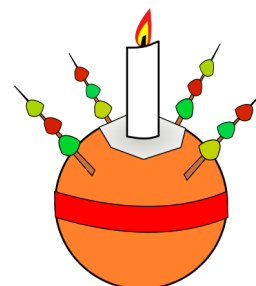


ORANGES REQUIRED FOR CHRISTINGLES

We are making Christingles on Friday 2nd December. We would be grateful if every child could bring in an orange by

Wednesday 30th November.

Additional oranges would also be gratefully received.





Santa's Secret Stall



Friday 9 December

We're excited to announce the return of 'Secret Santa'. For those of you who have children who were in the school pre-Covid, you will recall they get enormous pleasure from being able to purchase small gift for a loved one. For those of you new to this, read on to discover how it works.

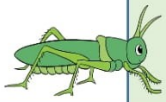
- We ask you to donate an item that would make an appropriate gift for a child to buy for a loved one – mum, dad, grandparent etc. Please bring items into school by Wednesday 7 December. We'd be grateful for wrapping paper and gift tags too if you can spare them.
- All gifts will be displayed for sale in our 'secret room'. No parents are allowed to peep!
- Children will be invited to come in to make a purchase during the school day. Younger children are helped by older children.
- Members of FOPPs will be on hand to help wrap and label presents so children are able to take home a secretly bought gift to put under the tree ready for Christmas day.
- Children should bring money to school on the day if you would like them to take part in this activity. Gifts are usually priced at 50p - £3 with most being in the £1 - £2 range.
- All proceeds to FOPPs – Friends of Preston Primary School (charity registration number 1047225), although we don't really see this as a fundraiser, rather an opportunity for the children to experience the joy of giving at Christmas.

TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 children were invited to participate in a Tag Rugby Festival at Wymondham RFC, with children from both Saxlingham and Preston representing the Tas Valley Federation.

With an emphasis on developing new skills and good sportsmanship, we were very proud of everyone who took part. The children were asked to nominate two children who had showed a particular effort and improvement through the day; they received a special certificate. Well done to Henry (Saxlingham) and Kaitlyn (Preston). Thank you to Mrs Newson and Mrs Edwards for taking the group.





Grasshopper News



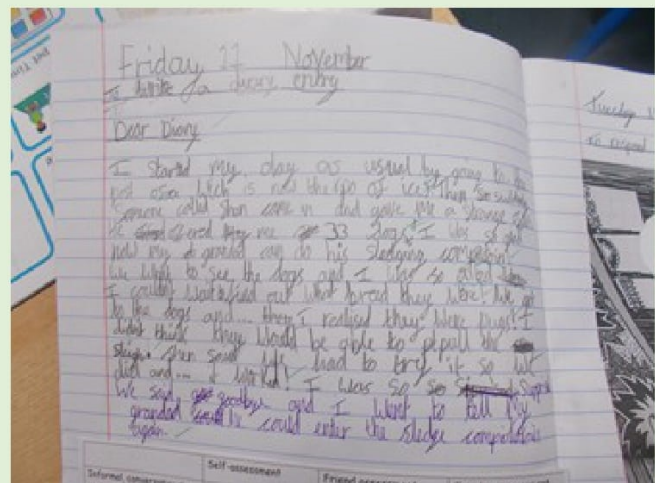
This half term, we have started a new book 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. Grasshopper Class are enjoying learning about the journey Shen and Sika are taking with their 66 pugs! The Great Northern Race has only just begun, so we have each designed a promotional race programme.



In art, we have been using different mediums to create images of pugs. So far, we have used the style of Oscar Jetson. We have also explored using a cartoon style of drawing. Soon enough we will have drawn 66 pugs ourselves!

We wrote a diary entry which retold the events building up to the race.

Once they had been written, a purple pen was used to make edits and improvements.



St Mary's Guild

Annual Christmas
Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd December
10.30 – 12

In the Church and Church
Room

Raffle

Come and win a
Christmas
Hamper

Christmas
Goodies

Cake &
Produce
Stall

Tea, Coffee &
Mince Pies