



PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 2 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week. Both schools continue to be busy, not least because preparations are well under way to learn and practise festive songs for a number of Christmas events: Christingles, Christmas Performances (Squirrels, Ladybirds and Bumblebees) and Christmas services.

We have also used the Tas Valley Minibus for two visits to Norwich Synagogue. The children have enjoyed learning about how the Jewish community celebrates Shabbat. They have also enjoyed exploring the synagogue, learning about worship and the importance of Jewish artefacts. More visits are planned in the coming week.

Over the past two weeks, the children have been completing assessments in Maths, Reading and Writing. They should all feel very proud of their hard work!

Yours sincerely,
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PRESTON STARS OF THE TERM

- Ladybirds: **Arianna** for enthusiastically joining in with our phonics and trying hard to blend words independently.
- Bumblebees: **Clemency** for explaining her thoughts and ideas clearly and justifying her ideas with reasons.
- Grasshoppers: **Bethany** for superb descriptive writing about a winter landscape.
- Caterpillars: **Adam** for enthusiasm and engagement on the synagogue trip.
- Dragonflies: **Orton** for showing an excellent attitude towards his writing this week.



LIVING THE MOTTO

'I can see a task through to the end.'

- Ladybirds: **Hazel**
- Bumblebees: **Max**
- Grasshoppers: **Lily-Rose**
- Caterpillars: **Zaria**
- Dragonflies: **Jenson**



The Norfolk SENDIASS Newsletter is available on the following link:

<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=50c22b7adf>

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 7th December	Christmas market 3.15pm
Thursday 8th December	Synagogue visit—Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 9th December	Santa's Secret Stall
	Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash
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



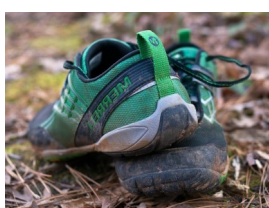
DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS

Following their excellent effort to tidy up and improve the labyrinth, our Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers have been busy once again. This time they have been weeding and digging over the raised beds by the greenhouse. The results are amazing!



POLITE REMINDER

Children should wear their school shoes on PE days and bring their trainers to change into. This will help us to keep mud out of the school buildings.



THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Preston Primary School raised a total of £109.30.





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.

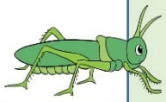
- We ask you to donate an item that would make an appropriate gift for a child to buy for a loved one – mum, dad, grandparent etc. Please bring items into school by Wednesday 7 December. We'd be grateful for wrapping paper and gift tags too if you can spare them.
- All gifts will be displayed for sale 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.

STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term, Miss Georgina Rich will be leaving the Federation to pursue a different opportunity within teaching. Over the past nine years, Georgina has been a valuable member of our team. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to her role. We wish her all the best for the future.

At the current time, Ms Ladbrooke has kindly agreed to take on the role of Acting SENDCO. Ms Ladbrooke teaches Hedgehog Class at Saxlingham along with Mrs Elliot. If you would like to contact Ms Ladbrooke about SEND, please use this email address: senco@tasvalley.org.uk

Across the Federation, the Leadership Team includes Mr Walker, Mrs Knight (Assistant Headteacher at Saxlingham) and Mrs Firman (KS2 Leader at Preston). All three of us are more than happy to address any queries from parents/carers. We can all be contacted by telephone or email.



Grasshopper News



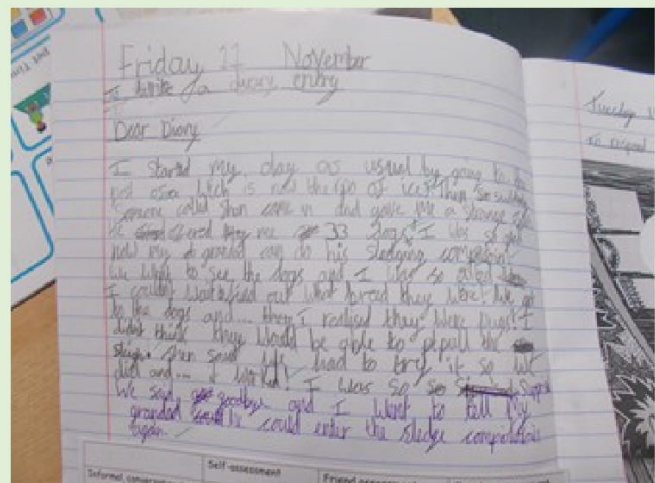
This half term, we have started a new book 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. Grasshopper Class are enjoying learning about the journey Shen and Sika are taking with their 66 pugs! The Great Northern Race has only just begun, so we have each designed a promotional race programme.



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

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND SANTA DASH

We have decided to take part in the national Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December 2022. We have taken the decision to move the date because Thursday 8th December coincides with the Year 1 and 2 visit to Norwich Synagogue; we are also planning to take part in a Santa Dash on Friday 9th December.

Save The Children provides essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food to millions of children around the world.

In order to support this important charity, we are inviting children (and staff) to wear a Christmas jumper on this day instead of their usual Preston Primary School sweatshirt or cardigan. Children should wear their normal school shirt, trousers or skirt. Children may also wish to bring in a Santa hat or other festive accessories to wear during the Santa Dash. They will also require a change of socks and footwear (ideally wellies).

If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, there is no need to buy one; they can simply switch their school jumper for a different one of their choosing (e.g. festive colours of red, green or white).

If you would like to make a donation, please do so via this JustGiving site: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/prestonprimaryschoolchristmasjumper>

Many thanks for your support.



STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May 2023.

Year 2 Assessments

Year 2 assessments are conducted throughout the month of May.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

This is conducted during the three weeks following Monday 5 June.

Year 1 Phonics Check

Year 1 Phonics Checks are completed during the week beginning Monday 12 June.

It is very important that children in these year groups are in school at these times.