



PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 16 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have been able to join us for some of our Christmas celebrations over the couple of weeks! I have been privileged to watch two wonderful performances of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' in Saxlingham and Preston! In both schools, the children sang, danced and acted brilliantly, making the audience very proud indeed; it's amazing to think that our Reception children have only been in school for a term! We have also enjoyed Christingles, Christmas Carols and Christmas lunches, as well as joining with other Norfolk Schools for a Virtual Pantomime on Wednesday afternoon. Tomorrow, Preston are ending the week with a Collective Worship in St. Mary's Church, and the Saxlingham Owls are visiting Saxlingham Hall to sing Christmas songs to the residents. Thank you so much to all the staff who have worked so hard to make these things possible, and to the teams at Tas Valley Benefice for their continued support and fellowship with the schools.

I can scarcely believe that I have now been Headteacher of the Federation for a whole year! I am really looking forward to an exciting 2023 at the Tas Valley Federation!

On behalf of all the staff at Preston and Saxlingham, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Yours sincerely,
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PRESTON STARS OF THE TERM

Ladybirds: **Ben** and **Arthur**

Bumblebees: **Zoe** and **April**

Grasshoppers: **Theodore** and **Freya**

Caterpillars: **Ruby-Mae** and **Ella**

Dragonflies: **Finley** and **Tabitha**

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.

STAFFING UPDATE

As this term draws to a close, we wanted to update you about our interim management and staffing structure.

Mr Walker will continue to work across the Federation as Executive Headteacher. In addition, the Leadership Team will be Mrs Knight (Assistant Headteacher at Saxlingham) and Mrs Firman (Acting Assistant Headteacher at Preston).

We are also delighted that Ms Ladbrooke will be taking on the role of Acting SENDCO. To support Ms Ladbrooke with this role, Mrs Whitefoot will be teaching Hedgehog Class on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Whitefoot is well known to the Federation, as she has worked in both our schools. She has been getting to know the Hedgehog children over the past half term.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The winners of the Church Christmas Card Competition were April (1st place), Jay (2nd place) and Genia (3rd Place). Prizes were presented by Rev Austin in church this morning.

Walking in a Bookish Wonderland: A December Reading Challenge for Kids

- Read a book about a winter sport.
- Ask a Librarian: Visit your local library and ask a librarian, "What are some of your favorite books published this year for readers my age?" Then check one out!
- Read a book about a holiday you don't celebrate at home.
- Celebrate National Short Story Day, December 21, by exploring an anthology or collection of short stories and using it as inspiration to write your own short story.
- Try reading a book aloud to the tune of your favorite winter song, such as "Jingle Bells" or "Winter Wonderland."
- Think ahead: What's something you want to learn more about in the New Year? Read a book on that topic to get a jump start!
- Read a book while wrapped in a favorite blanket. Add a cup of hot cocoa if you'd like.
- Think about all the books you've read this year and choose your favorite. Flip through it one more time and ask yourself, "What made it feel special?"
- Read a book by an author who has a first or last name that starts with the same letter as yours.
- Gather up old books you no longer read and donate them to those in need. (**Visit Brightly** to get ideas on where to donate your books.)



Merry Christmas & Thank You from FoPPs



FoPPs would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity over this festive period.

Your support has allowed us to raise a further £290 for Preston Primary school from the Nativity refreshments, raffle and Secret Santa stall.

The school is currently deciding how best to use these funds but we will update you as soon as they decide.

FoPPs would finally like to wish you and your children a fabulous Christmas and New Year.



Christmas 2022
at Tasburgh Church

Christmas Carols by Candlelight -
Sunday 18 December @ 6.30pm

In the week before Christmas you can go around the village to find a stone with a hand painted star on it and bring it along to the *Crib service* on

Saturday 24 December @ 4.00pm.

(Check the FB group 'Tasburgh Times' regularly to find out more).



Midnight Holy Communion -

24 December @ 11.30pm

Christmas Day Service

25 December @ 10.00am