



PRESTON BULLETIN

'Living Life to the Full'



Friday 22 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another productive week in both of our schools. Elections have taken place for School Council and Eco Council, with a number of other roles also being created to provide some of our children with positions of responsibility and leadership. Over the coming days, we will be organising initial meetings to plan some activities for the year ahead.

We have included a number of diary dates within this week's newsletter. We will continue to keep you updated as dates for future events are confirmed.

During the academic year ahead, we have been informed that Preston is likely to be subject to a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. Church schools are subject to the SIAMS inspection process in addition to the Ofsted process.

The purpose of a SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school. Inspectors will consider a number of factors including how the school's theologically rooted Christian vision is reflected in the curriculum and enables pupils and adults to flourish academically and spiritually. They will also investigate how the vision creates a culture of justice and responsibility in which pupils and adults are treated well. They will also consider the effectiveness of religious education curriculum.

Further information about what it means to be a Church School is available via our school websites:
<https://tasvalley.org.uk/prestonprimary/being-a-church-of-england-school/>
<https://tasvalley.org.uk/saxlinghamprimary/being-a-church-of-england-primary-school/>

Yours sincerely,

Matt Walker

Executive Headteacher

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Preston C of E Primary School

Calling prospective parents with children due to start school in September 2024! We would like to invite you to an open morning on

Wednesday 11th October

9.15-11.45am



This is a 'drop in' event—there is no need to make an appointment! There will be an opportunity for you to meet the Headteacher and the Early Years Staff. You will also be able to tour the school, see the classrooms and outdoor areas, and find out more about what we can offer in our very special Federation of schools where we support our pupils in 'Living Life to the Full'! We hope you will be able to join us! **Please contact the School Office for further information.**

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Living Life to the Full

- Ladybirds: **Lily** for practising her spellings at home and trying really hard in her spelling quiz.
- Bumblebees: **Ashleigh-Anne** for sharing her ideas confidently in English this week.
- Grasshoppers: **Seb** for showing so much enthusiasm for our science learning and being eager to share his ideas.
- Caterpillars: **Bethany** for challenging herself in Maths.
- Dragonflies: **Edith** for consistently working hard and remaining focused on every task this week

BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

'demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning and school life'

Ladybirds: **Quentin**

Bumblebees: **Ivo**

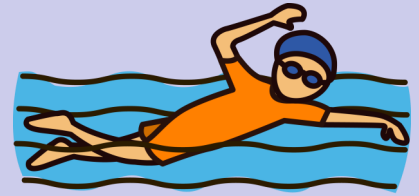
Grasshoppers: **Ollie**

Caterpillars: **Gracie**

Dragonflies: **Ella**

SWIMMING

Thank you to all Year 5 parents/carers who have returned swimming slips. We are now in the process of planning our swimming groups so that Swimming lessons can begin after half term.



We are required to hold an AGM each year and would very much encourage parents to come along. This year's will be held on Wednesday 4 October at 2.45pm in school, refreshments will be provided and younger siblings will be welcome. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about what Friends is all about and to get involved.



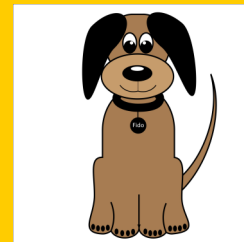
When parking within the vicinity of the school, please be considerate of our neighbours and of other road-users.

Please park safely and legally without causing obstruction to driveways of neighbouring properties. The Highway Code states that you must not park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. This is to allow drivers emerging from, or turning into, the junction a clear view of the road they are joining. It also allows them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists at the junction.



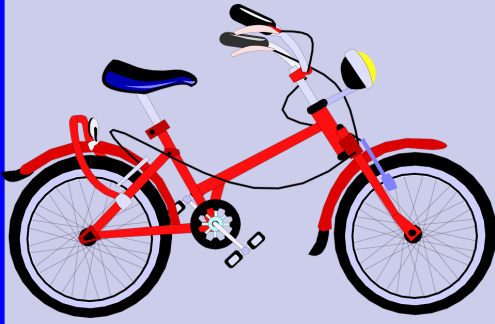
NO SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted on the school premises. This includes e-cigarettes and vapes.



Whilst most of us love our canine friends, not everyone feels the same. Please remember that dogs and puppies are not permitted on the premises.

BIKEABILITY



Letters have gone home to Year 4 and Year 5 children about Bikeability.

Level 1 (Year 4): Tues 17 October

Level 2 (Year 5): 27, 28, 29
November and 1 December

Please return the booking form by Thursday 28 September.

HARVEST

Harvest celebrations will take place on the following dates.

Preston—5 October

Saxlingham—13 October

More details will follow but we will be organising a collection for the local Food Bank.



Tas Valley Church Schools Federation

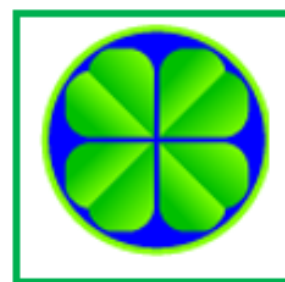


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21 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Homework Menus

Although there are a wide range of opinions about its advantages and disadvantages, homework can provide useful opportunities for children to share their learning with parents/carers. It also offers opportunities for extension and consolidation.

This term, we are trialling a new approach to homework. Each class will be provided with a Homework menu based on our current projects.

The menu will contain a number of different options. The intention is not to complete all of them! However, over the course of the project, we would encourage all children to complete a selection from the menu. It is completely up to the children which options they select and they can bring them to school whenever is appropriate.

Menus will be shared with the children in the coming days. If you have any queries or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr M. Walker

Executive Headteacher



Grasshopper News



The children in Grasshoppers have had a super start to the new school year!

They have shown so much enthusiasm for the year ahead.



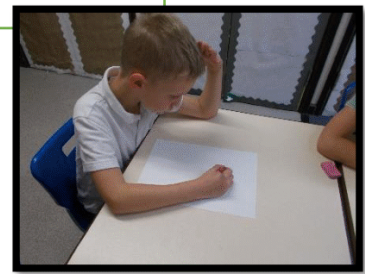
We have been exploring the text 'In Our Hands' by Lucy Farfort.



We watched a video of Lucy Farfort drawing an illustration of the main character.



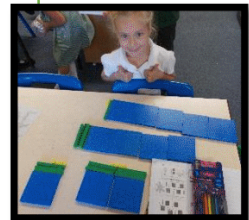
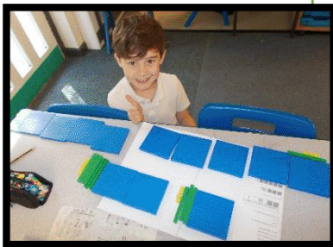
We then drew an illustration of the character too, thinking about the tips that we saw and heard in the video.



During our maths lessons, we have been exploring numbers up to 1,000.

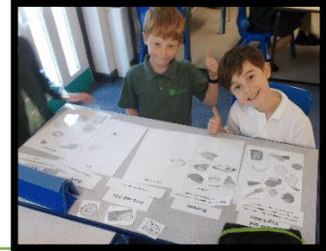
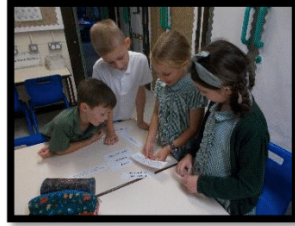
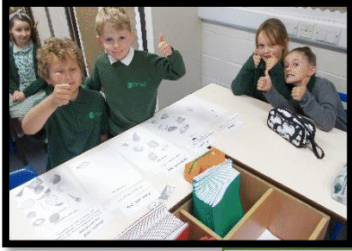
We have been representing these in different ways.

We have used maths equipment, place value grids, number lines and pictorial representations (just to name a few!).





The children have learnt how to answer the register in Spanish and have enjoyed using this skill throughout the week!



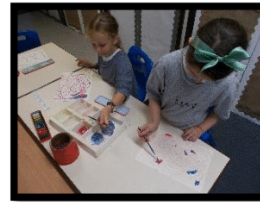
In Science, we have been exploring the five key food groups and discovering how they nourish our bodies.



We worked together to match the food groups to the ways in which they nourish our bodies.



We have also sorted foods into the five key food groups.



We enjoyed using watercolour paints and oil pastels to create the front cover of our art sketch books.

