



# PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 11 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a contrasting week at our two schools. At Saxlingham, we have continued to have very low cases of COVID-19, and a normal week of activities has taken place. I am sure that the children really enjoyed the 'Knights Workshop' on Wednesday.

Unfortunately, it's been a very difficult week at Preston. By Thursday, we had reached 36 confirmed positive COVID cases amongst pupils and 4 staff. It has been extremely challenging to continue to staff the school, as it is currently impossible to source a supply teacher unless you have booked well in advance. As I said in my update to Preston parents yesterday, I am so very grateful to ALL the staff for their hard work, dedication and flexibility; many have worked additional hours in order to keep all classes open and maintain a safe and happy learning environment for the children.

This week has shown that when there is a first infection within a household, there is a high probability that other household members will subsequently test positive within the coming days. The key message is that we all need to take sensible steps to prevent against the spread of infection, e.g. conducting regular LFD testing on symptom-free children and exercising caution if a child feels under the weather in any way.

Hopefully, things will start to settle and return to normal as we move into the next week. We look forward to welcoming back those children and staff who have tested positive once they have completed their self-isolation period.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support, and I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
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## PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

- Ladybirds: **Malie** for persevering with her throwing and catching.
- Bumblebees: **Ella** for putting forward excellent ideas about a Science experiment.
- Grasshoppers: **Logan** for super art work.
- Caterpillars: **Ava** for her excellent work commemorating International Women's Day
- Dragonflies: **Jake, Rose, Emily and Elliot** for delivering an excellent assembly.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

FOPPS will be selling good quality second hand school uniform after school during the week beginning Monday 28th March. Please continue to bring any donations to the school office at Preston Primary School.



### LIVING THE MOTTO

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- Ladybirds: Zoe
- Bumblebees: Robyn
- Grasshoppers: Eliza
- Caterpillars: Izzy
- Dragonflies: Amelia

### PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents Evenings telephone appointments will take place during the week beginning 21 March 2022. Please complete the booking form as directed.

### SWIMMING—YEAR 5 and Year 6

We are delighted that we will be resuming swimming for our Year 5 and Year 6 children during the Summer Term. This will be at Riverside Leisure Centre. Parents/carers in Year 5 and Year 6 should have received a letter asking for further information about their child's swimming ability. This information will help us to group the children appropriately. Please return any remaining slips to Mr Walker via the School Offices by Monday 14th March at the latest.



### IMPORTANT NEWS—CAKE SALE!

One of our Y6 pupils, Rose, has organised a cake sale in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal. She will be selling cakes at Tasburgh Sports and Social Club on Friday 11th March between 7pm and 9pm. Please come along and support her!

## DIARY DATES

Monday 14 March	Y4 cycling PM
Friday 18 March	Non-uniform day for Ukraine
Monday 21 March	Y4 cycling PM
Friday 25 March	Mad Science Workshop – funded by FOPPS
W/C 28 March	FOPPS Second Hand Uniform Sales
Thursday 31 March	FOPPS Cake Sale
Friday 1 April	End of term

Wednesday 18th May	Federation Trip to Banham Zoo
Friday 17th June	Year 6 Trip to Hautbois Outdoor Centre—more details to follow soon!

## COVID VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS OLD

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

## UKRAINE APPEAL

On Friday 18th March there will be a non-school uniform day and children and staff will be invited to wear something blue and/or yellow because these are the colours of the Ukrainian flag. Please donate any of the following items and we will send them to a collection centre so that these things can be forwarded to those people who have been forced to leave their homes:



- Non-perishable food items such as protein and cereal bars, 3-in-1 coffee sachets, small packets of raisins, chocolate bars, cuppa-soups (please check use by dates and do not bring glass items).
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, wet wipes, sanitary items, nappies.
- Anti-septic cream, first aid kits, plasters, bandages, multi-vitamins, surgical tape, barrier cream.
- Torches, batteries, basic £1 reading glasses, socks, thermals, hats, scarves, gloves.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.

Please bring in donations on Friday 18 th March. We hope that you will support this very worthy cause!

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Chair of Saxlingham School Council

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## FOPPS CAKE SALE

FOPPS Cake Sale will take place on Thursday 31st March after school. As always, cake donations are greatly appreciated. Please bring them to school foyer at the beginning of the school day.



## BANHAM ZOO TRIP



Please look out for a letter and consent form that have been emailed to parents/carers today about our upcoming Federation trip to Banham Zoo. Please return payments and consent forms to the school offices by Friday 22nd April 2022.

## Caterpillars' Catch Up

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Caterpillar and Dragonfly classes visited Norwich Cathedral for a day entitled 'Through the Window'. Cathedral staff had organized a series of activities for the children to enjoy: looking at the stories told through the stained glass windows, taking part in a retelling of the Easter story, and finding out about the daily life and history of the cathedral itself.

One of the children's favourite experiences was designing their own stained glass windows on acetate- an activity so popular that we have since ordered glass painting pens for school! (And even more relaxingly, the adults' favourite activity was having a nice lie down to admire the cathedral's intricate ceiling!)

While it is often traditional to compliment the children on their behaviour following a trip, they really were incredible. Every adult who encountered them complimented them on their listening skills, attention and maturity, and the activity leader even took me to one side to ask if they were really like this all the time! We couldn't have been prouder of the respect they showed to this special place and its staff and visitors.



