



# Preston Primary School

## Half Termly News

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It is a privilege to be appointed as permanent Headteacher of our wonderful school. I am very passionate about maintaining our many strengths and positive reputation in the local community. We have a strong, consistent and inclusive curriculum. We are successfully preparing our children for their future by using technology in our daily teaching and by threading our school values and school aims through everything we do. We are an inclusive school and very proud of this. We have an integrated approach to inclusion, involving all children, including the children in our enhanced provision (the Nest). Our children are particularly nurturing and supportive of each other because they work alongside children who have different needs and talents. Another strength of our school is the positive and effective relationships children form with each other and with the adults that teach and care for them. Our school culture values the relationships we have with you as parents and guardians. Working in partnership with you improves outcomes for your child. I am very much looking forward to leading the future development and next phase for our fantastic school.

I have been overwhelmed by your kind words of support and encouragement each morning on the drive. I can't thank you enough.

Mrs Oliver



### Our School Values



This half term, the children have been working hard to show our value of 'Teamwork.' We have taught the children that effective teamwork means working well with others, taking on a role in a group such as a scribe or reporter, contributing to a group's decisions, and supporting and resolving fall outs in a group. In our assemblies and in class we have talked to the children about how teamwork is an essential skill for the future and how it relates very much to our school aim of 'Ready for Work.'



### Enriching our Curriculum

At the start of this half term, Unit 4 visited Cockington galleries to meet the exciting and enigmatic Artist, Szabotage. He welcomed the children with warmth and enthusiasm and shared the inspiration behind his creations. The children eagerly asked questions delving into how Szabotage became an artist.

Barn Owls and Woodpeckers, two classes in the Nest, visited Hakuna Matata the animal sanctuary. The children loved meeting the pigs, horses, chickens, and giant rabbits as part of their Science topic.

Unit 4 were invited by Paignton Academy to watch the production of 'Matilda.' It was wonderful for our children to see ex pupils in this amazing performance. It is important to motivate and inspire our children through links with local secondary schools.

In Foundation Stage, children had a visit from some junior doctors and the Police as part of their topic of 'When I Grow Up.' They have linked their learning to the school aim 'Ready for Work.'

Reverend Bray visited Unit 2 for a discussion on the significance and traditions of Easter.



### Red Nose Day

We are delighted to share that we raised £352 for Comic Relief. Thank you for all your donations. We shared with the children how the money raised can support many charities and projects in the UK and in other countries. Being a good citizen is one of our school aims. We want our pupils to understand their place in the world, consider others, and feel they can make a difference to people's lives. This is supported by raising awareness of charity.



### Wider Achievements

Celebrating children's successes and achievements is important to us at Preston as we know it helps build character development. As well as celebrating children's successes through house point certificates, school value stickers, achievers cups, postcards and phone calls home, we would like to celebrate the children's achievements outside school. Please email in to admin with a photo and information and it may feature in our half termly newsletters. Thank you.

### Art Long Enquiry

Our children have been fully immersed in our Art enquiries which has allowed them to explore, compare and contrast various artists such as Van Gogh and Lowry (Unit 2), Paul Cezanne and Pieter Claesz (Unit 3), and Szabotage, Hilary Pecis and Craig Long (Unit 4). The children have been learning how to compose objects to create a still life painting using water colour paints. It has been wonderful that children across the school have been inspired and worked alongside the fully engaged local artist Jo Lindsay. Through creating their own paintings, our children have demonstrated remarkable creativity and enthusiasm for their learning. It has been wonderful to witness children's artistic talents; we definitely have some budding artists of the future!



### FOPPS (Friends of Preston Primary School)



#### Mothers Day

Thank you to FOPPS for organising another very successful Mother's Day Shop. The children absolutely loved choosing their gifts, showing our school value of independence.

#### Storyteller

Thank you to FOPPS for funding the storyteller, Malou Evans, who visited us on World Book Day. The children were delighted by Malou's return to school to share new tales and her love of storytelling. The performances were fun, interactive, and inspiring.

#### 50th Anniversary

To commemorate our school's 50th anniversary, all children have created drawings of themselves. We are particularly excited about the tea towels featuring your child and their classmates! Information about how to purchase the personalised commemorative items will be sent to you. Thank you FOPPS for organising this.

#### Easter Eggs

Thank you to FOPPS for purchasing Easter eggs for every child in the school—these will be sent home before the end of term.

We hope that you all have a fantastic Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 15th April.



### School Meals

From 15th April our catering supplier will be GROW. Menus and further information can be found on our school website. If your child requires a special diet menu, please complete the online request form [Special Diet Request Form](#)

Please ensure your child's meal account is topped up before you order. If your child is entitled to FSM/ Universal FSM, you will not need to add credit but you will still need to pre-order meals. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

### Rock up and Read

The children have really enjoyed sharing books with you this half term during our 'Rock Up and Read' sessions. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying books together. These sessions promote our reading for pleasure culture and relates to our school aim of 'love to learn.'



# Diary Dates

Thursday 28th March— 50th Anniversary of the opening of the school celebration/last day of term

Monday 15th April—Return to school (Summer Term)

Thursday 18th April—Tempest Photography for class group photos, also Year R and Year 6 groups

Thursday 25th April—Sparrows Sports Festival at Paignton Academy

Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May—Waste Officer in school with the Eco-Team (waste audit)

Tuesday 30th April—FOPPS Bag2School collection

Unit 4 Music Long Enquiry Shared Outcome—Wednesday 1st May Eagles/Thursday 2nd May Hawks/Friday 3rd May Kestrels

Thursday 2nd May—Tawny Owls Sports Festival at Paignton Academy

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Unit 3 Music Long Enquiry Shared Outcome—Tuesday 7th May Starlings/Wednesday 8th May Swifts/Thurs 9th May Sparrows

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May—Year 6 SATs week

Monday 13th—Wednesday 15th May—Year 4 Residential

Unit 2 Music Long Enquiry Shared Outcome—Tues 14th May Tawny Owls,/Weds 15th May Snowy Owls/Thurs 16th May Little Owls

Tuesday 21st May—Unit 2 Book Look at 2:45pm

Wednesday 22nd May—Unit 4 Book Look at 2:45pm

Thursday 23rd May—Unit 3 Book Look at 2:45pm

27th May-2nd June—Half Term Break

Monday 3rd June—Non Pupil Day

Thursday 6th June—FOPPS Discos

Friday 7th June—Connect Swimming Gala

Tuesday 11th-Thursday 13th June—Year 4 Multiplication Check

Thursday 13th June—FOPPS Father's Day Shop

Thursday 13th June—Hawks Sports Festival at Paignton Academy

Wednesday 19th-Friday 21st June—Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 26th June & Friday 28th June—Unit 3 trip to Exeter

Thursday 27th June—Snowy Owls Sports Festival

1st, 2nd, 3rd July—Unit 2 Trips to Torquay Museum

Wednesday 3rd July—Year 6 Production at 2pm and 6pm

Friday 5th July—FOPPS Summer Fair

Monday 8th July—Sports Day (Tuesday 9th July—Reserve date for Sports Day)

Wednesday 10th July—Pupil Annual Reports emailed out to parents

Thursday 11th July—Foundation Stage Sports Festival

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July—School Values activities

Tuesday 16th-Wednesday 17th July—Transition in new classes

Friday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2:15pm in the Hall and last day of Summer Term.