



Preshute Newsletter

Celebration Assembly Book

These are the children who were added to the Celebration book last week:

Year 6: Georgia L - for challenging herself to answer questions in class and for choosing tricky challenges in maths. Jacob - for being a kind friend to Toby, helping him to feel welcome at Preshute

Year 5: Amber - her confidence in Maths is growing and she is working hard during lessons.

Ella - she wrote a lovely sonnet - following Shakespeare's rules.

Year 4: Seb - super independent writing including lovely ideas about the new year and beautiful cursive handwriting.

Olivia - challenging herself in Maths - symmetry. Produced very accurate and neat work.

Year 3: James - he got a Ukelele for Christmas and has already taught himself to play it!

Manon - she always produces lovely artwork, but she really worked very hard and carefully on this beautiful sunflower picture:



Year 2: Ralph - for super Maths work and for challenging himself.

Ava - for always learning her spellings.

Year 1: Connie & Harry - for creating a super biscuit bear model.

Reception: Esme - for her work about the Christmas holidays - we worked together to sound out the words and then Esme wrote her name independently!
Benedict - for his amazing piece of work about the Christmas holidays which he completed independently!

Congratulations to you all - well done!

Encouraging Independence

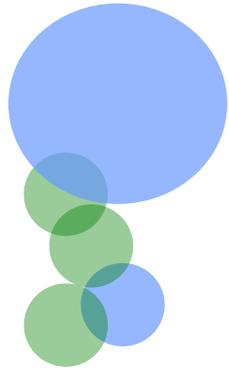
Now that we are well into the new academic year and the children are nicely settled, we would like to encourage children to come into school on their own in the mornings. Although it is lovely to see parents helping their children first thing, we would like to encourage greater independence and help the children in learning to take responsibility for their own belongings - it will also ease congestion in the corridors and allow for a prompt start to early morning tasks. As of Friday the 3rd of February we will be encouraging our children from Year One upwards to do this.

This is of course your parental choice and if you would prefer to escort your child into the school building you are welcome to. We encourage you to continue to come into the classroom as usual if you have a message for the teacher and, as always, the teachers will be available to talk to parents on the playground at the end of the day or via a prearranged appointment. You can also communicate with teachers via the yellow reading book (infants) or the blue homework diary (juniors). If you do make a note in your child's book that requires a response that day then please ask your child to place it on their teacher's desk.

If you have any feedback about this I warmly invite you to come and talk to me at the school gate or send an email to the office.

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Thank You!

We are delighted to let you know that the donations received at the Nativity service at the Chapel, for 'Save the Children', was £421.86! Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Also, we would like to say a huge thank you to the PPSA for their amazing fundraising efforts - £3200 in December alone! Also, of course, for all of you for supporting the events so fully.

Netball/ Football

We'd like to praise both the Netball & Football Teams, who played recently in tournaments.

They displayed a real sporting attitude and determination to play their best and were gracious in both victory and defeat! Well done.

A special thank you to Ben (Y1) for being a star helper in the cold and the rain while his mum ran the Netball club.

Collecting at the end of the day

Please can you make yourself available to the Teacher as soon as you can to collect your child? Some parents get engrossed in a conversation with another parent, and the children can get quite distressed, thinking their parent isn't there. Thank you.

'Prospect' Dress Down Day

Next Friday we will be joining the other Primary schools in the cluster with a dress down day in aid of the Prospect Hospice. The theme will be 'Smarties', so if children could dress up in a colour, when they line up, they'll look like a tube of smarties! (If you don't have a block colour, then any non- uniform will be fine). Instead of bringing in a donation, each child will be given a tube of smarties (full!) to take home, eat and fill up with 20p pieces. We will then collect the tubes in after two weeks and give the proceedings to Prospect.

Music Success

Congratulations to Scott (Y6) for achieving a Distinction in his Grade 1 'Theory' exam.

Outdoor Classroom

The 'outdoor classroom' has been out of bounds for a little while. This is because it has been very slippery. It has now been jet-washed and a special coating has been ordered to paint on it, but we need the right weather conditions to apply it - ie a spell of warmer weather! Hopefully this will happen soon....

TD Day Reminder

The Teacher Development day is Friday 10th February (no children in school) then the following week is the half term break.