



Preshute Newsletter

The School Council

A few words of explanation of this for those new to the school. This is a very important part of our school - made up of elected representatives from each class (from Y1 upwards) who come together every two weeks to help us make improvements and to oversee a special project of their choosing. To teach British values we hold democratic elections with hustings, polling booths and ballot boxes! The Y6 children showed impressive presentation skills, thinking carefully about their campaigns and speeches and then delivering them very clearly and confidently in front of the whole school. This took place at the end of last term and so the Council for 2016 - 17 is made up of:

Chairs: Stanley and Bea (Y6)

Y6 Katie

Y5 Tom and Scarlett

Y4 Hendricus and Bella

Y3 Alfie and Tamsin

Y2 Betty and Ralph

Y1 Amelia and Ben

Congratulations to all of you. Miss Knowles is looking forward to working with you.

Wellies

We intend using the field at lunchtimes every day this year. If your child is likely to want to run around on the field this Autumn and Winter I would strongly recommend that you send them to school with a pair of (named) wellies! There are plenty of boot racks around the school or they can be pegged together neatly in cloakrooms.

Applications for School Places

Y6 Parents please note that the deadline for applications to secondary school is **31st October**.

If you have a child or know of a child who will be starting primary school next September, please make sure you have applied for a place by **15th January 2017**.

Applications can be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. To get a copy of the booklet 'Finding a Primary or Secondary School Place in Wiltshire' call 01225 713010

Jeans for Genes

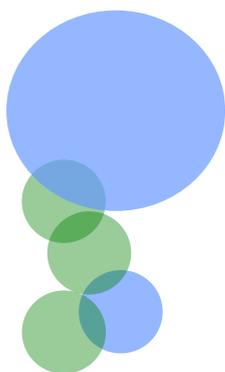
Tomorrow, all children are invited to come to school dressed in non-uniform to raise money for Genetic Disorders UK which aims to change the lives of children with these conditions. A minimum donation of £1 per child is suggested for this worthwhile cause.

Data Collection

Tomorrow, the Office will be sending home a copy of the 'Data Collection' Form that we hold in school with your emergency contact details/ medical needs etc on. As it is very important that this information is up to date, please can you check it, make any amendments, sign and return it by **Tuesday (27th)**. There are also a couple of new data items on a separate sheet that we need completing too please. We will not be sending these to those of you who have recently filled one in (ie. Class R and new starters). Please can you let us know of any changes when they occur. Thank you.

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Visit from Devizes Museum

Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic day on Tuesday when they were visited by Mark from Wiltshire Museum in Devizes. The children explored and handled artefacts and had a go at recreating a Bronze Age lozenge and pinch pot. Their questioning was super and Mark was very impressed by their thirst for learning!



Local Events

-Manton Pre-School
Toy & Bake Sale
Saturday 24th September, 10am-12noon
Manton Village Hall
Pre-loved toys & brand new
Usborne books
Cake, tea & coffee!

-St George's Church
Are you looking for a short, informal service to attend, perhaps whilst your children are taking part in sporting activities? You are invited to attend our monthly Open House worship at St George's Church, Preshute at 11.30am this Sunday, 25th September. Coffee and cake from 11 am. All are welcome to come and 'Sing, Pray and Connect'

Lost Property

We already have a box full of lost property including brand new clothing. Please can I ask you to check that your child's uniform is clearly labelled and that the name hasn't faded in the wash. Unclaimed uniform is kept in the box in Y3's cloakroom- do please come and have a rummage!

Neighbourhood Plan

Wiltshire Council is currently seeking feedback from local residents about the Neighbourhood Plan, as we all have the statutory right to influence development and growth in our local area.

The Plan includes Preshute, and the outcome will determine whether we get a new school building. It is important, therefore, that parents provide their input to the council to help our case for a new school. The location of the site has yet to be decided and this feedback forms part of the overall process.

You may have received a "Residents' Survey" leaflet through your door from Mr Ian Mellor (see the attachment) seeking your feedback. If you do support a new school building for Preshute, please write your comments in box 1 before returning it to Mr Mellor.

After School Pick Up

Can I please remind you that once the teachers have released the children to parents at the end of the school day, it is no longer our responsibility to supervise them. Please can you supervise your children closely and ensure they are not climbing on any of the equipment, as they may fall off and hurt themselves. Thank you.