



Preshute Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to find some time to rest during all the festivities. The Nativity service was a lovely way to end the term. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who put so much effort in to rehearsals and costumes etc to make it run so smoothly. The retiring collection made £430 for 'Save The children'. Thank you for your generosity.



Values for Life

This term, the character value is 'Peace'. We will be encouraging the children to appreciate quietness and provide opportunities for calm reflection, along with encouraging them to solve differences in a constructive way, and to develop the skills of a peacemaker. We will publish the first 2 children the teachers have nominated in the next newsletter, along with those entered in the Celebration Book following the celebration assembly tomorrow.

Bad Weather

We would like to remind/ inform you of our emergency closure procedure. We will send a text to the 'Priority 1' contact (that you provided on our data collection forms) to say if the school is closed. **It is the responsibility of the parent receiving the message to relay the details to any other adults involved with your child's care.**

We will also endeavour to put a message on our website (go to the 'Home' page, and look under the 'Welcome to Preshute' heading) saying that it will be closed. You can also listen for updates on local radio stations (ie 'Heart' & 'BBC Wiltshire') as they will broadcast the closed schools. We do our best to remain open in snowy conditions, but most of our staff travel significant distances and we have to make sure we have sufficient staff on site to open safely.

ParentMail

Following on from the positive feedback we received, we will be communicating to you via ParentMail soon. The next newsletter will also be sent via ParentMail. We will be sending out a letter in the next week or so, explaining how it will work and the Registration process.

Congratulations

Congratulations for the following achievements:

Isabelle (Y2) obtained a Distinction in her Primary ballet exam.
Ella (Y6) obtained a Distinction in her Lamda Grade 1 exam.
Alice (Y5) passed her Grade 1 piano.
Christabel(Y6) achieved a Merit in her Grade 4 'Theory of Music'.

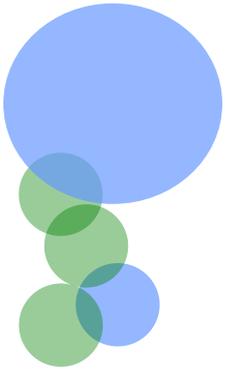
Well done to them all.

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This/Last Week in School

Last Friday, Year 3 and 4 took part in a Roman day, to kick start their new topic. This was a fantastic day that all the children enjoyed, as they took part in many different activities that were Roman based. This included making Mosaics, clay pots and bread. The children also got to experience life as a soldier as they learnt Roman commands and marched around the playground. Making pots:



Year 3 and 4 started their swimming lessons at Marlborough College on Monday. The arrangements all seemed to work well. One point though - the College would prefer **all** children to wear swimming caps please, as this protects the filters and would keep their hair drier in this cold weather. Thank you.

On Wednesday all the children took part in the assembly to say 'farewell' to our lovely Rev Miri. They read out poems and prayers they had written to thank her for her time with us. We also presented Miri with a gift. We will all miss her very much and wish her all the best for her new ministry. As mentioned in the last newsletter, please let us know if you will be joining her on her walk, tea & cake on Sunday at 2.30pm - meeting in St George's church car park.

Reception class went down to St George's church yesterday to join in Rev Miri's last 'Teddy Prayers' service.



Coming Up...

You should have received an email detailing which day your child's 'Sit in your Child's Seat' event is next week. This will give you an overview of this term's topic/ trips and other useful information.

You should also have received the Calendar of Events for terms 3 & 4. Please contact the office if you didn't receive either notification.

One event coming up soon is the coffee morning for parents, explaining more about the Rain Garden project. It is at 9am on Tuesday 30th January and would be lovely to see you there. If you are unable to attend, I'm sure Charlotte will produce a summary to distribute.

Applications for School Places

A reminder that if you have a child who will be starting primary school next September, please make sure you have applied for a place by **Monday - 15th January 2018**. Applications can be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

PPSA

The overall profit from the Christmas Fayre has been finalised and is a whopping £2,699.83! A huge thank you to all those who helped organise, run stalls and support it.