



Preshute Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a busy half term on our lead up to Christmas. We hope you all enjoyed the break. The Calendar of Events for this term is attached to the email.

Values for Life

This term, the character value is 'Creativity'. We will be encouraging the children to explore, celebrate and enjoy the world in all its mystery and diversity. 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 assembly next Friday.

School Photos

Please return any orders for school photos by Monday (6th) at the latest.

Mayor's Christmas Cards

The Mayor would very much like to involve the children at Preshute and Marlborough St Mary's in designing his Christmas cards. There will be two age groups from each school which will be up to 8 and 9 to 11. If your child is interested, please complete their design on a piece of A4 paper, writing their name, age & school on the back.

The closing date will be Monday 20th November.

Coat Reminder

All children should have a coat or a waterproof in school every day, as we will always try to get them outside for some fresh air unless it's torrential rain.

Poppy Collection

We will start selling poppies and other fund raising bits and pieces from Monday morning (ie wristbands, friendship bracelets, slap rulers, erasers, pencils & reflectors) ranging from 50p to £1 or more if you want to! Please send some money in with your child if you would like to support this worthy cause. The Royal British Legion will accept old £1 coins, so you are welcome to put any you may still have in the collecting tin. We will be observing the 2 minute silence next Friday, the 10th.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 17th Nov. We have decided not to sell any merchandise in school this year, but will hold a non-uniform day. The children can wear something spotty in exchange for a donation please.

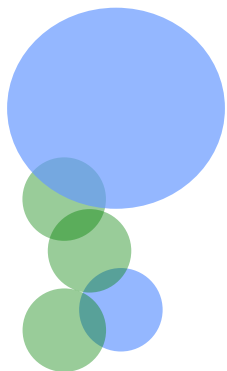
Congratulations

Well done to Lydia (Y4), Beatrice (Y3) and Imogen (Y5) for playing music at the 'Brighter Futures' 24 hour music marathon - helping to raise money for this local charity that improves care and equipment at the GWH in Swindon. Donations are always welcome via the website below. <https://www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk>

Congratulations to Hendricus (Y5) Freya (Y5) & Oliver (Y4) who, between them, won 2 shields, 1 trophy, 9 Golds, 4 Silvers and 1 Bronze at the recent Marlborough Penguins Swimming Championships! A special well done to Oliver, who also broke 4 club records and received the 'Special Award for under 9' category along the way!

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Rain Garden Project

We would like to say a huge “Thank you” to Charlotte Hitchmough (ARK) and ALL the volunteer families and villagers who have helped with digging, planting and painting to kick-start this project. The Britain in Bloom judges visited right at the start of the project, when the fence was half painted and the planting was done at the front of school, but no planters or down pipes were in yet. They were very impressed with the garden’s potential and awarded Preshute’s Rain Garden a ‘Thriving’ Level 4 award. This is a fantastic achievement at the start of a project and all involved should be very proud. We will be further involving the children in school over the coming months and encouraging a love of nature.

Learning Outside the Classroom

All of Key Stage 2 (Y3-6) had a really ‘magical’ day at the Harry Potter Studios at the end of last term - it has inspired the children with their ‘Potions’ & ‘Magic’ topics.



Classes 1 and 2 have had lots of fun yesterday and today going ‘into the woods’ where they took part in shelter building, fire building and toasting bread and marshmallows.



PPSA News

Easyfundraising

Some of you are already using the Easyfundraising website as you shop online - this is a fantastic way to raise money for the school and we hope lots more of you will sign up pre Xmas! Easyfundraising work with thousands of online retailers like John Lewis, Amazon and Tesco. When you reach their sites and complete a purchase through Easyfundraising.org.uk, the retailer pays a commission for your purchase, which is then donated to Preshute Primary. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to sign up - it really is very simple and won't cost you a penny.

Dates for diary

- Popcorn Club - Friday 10th November - please look out for e-mail via your Class Rep for booking and pay via ParentPay
- Wreath Making - Thursday 30th November £20 - to book your space email lindsaybarkholt@gmail.com
- Xmas Fayre - Saturday 2nd December 4pm - 7pm - look out for further info!
- Disco - Friday 8th December

Thanks

- Thanks to all those who entered the PPSA logo competition, closing date tomorrow - some very creative idea's! We will let you know when judging takes place and of course the Winners!
- Thanks to everyone who dressed up for non-uniform day, the monies raised made a healthy contribution to books and furniture in the library.
- Your child should be bringing home their Christmas card design very soon - please return your card order (if wanted) by **8th November**.