



# 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 lovely - thank you to all the children, staff and parents who put so much effort into rehearsals and costumes etc to make it run so smoothly. The retiring collection made £320 for 'Save The children' - an amazing amount! Thank you so much for your generosity.

All the staff would like to thank you very much for the lovely gifts and cards for Christmas - it is much appreciated.

## 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 send an email via ParentMail to both emergency contacts.

We will 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.

## Celebration Assembly Book

These are the children who have been entered in the book following the last celebration assembly (20/12):

**Year 6: Jemma** - for outstanding artwork and creativity.

**Sasha** - for amazing acting skills and presentation.

**Year 5: Heidi** - for always listening and working hard.

**Rosie** - for always being a great role model for her classmates.

**Year 4: Isla** - for being an enthusiastic learner and an incredibly helpful and supportive member of the class.

**Amy** - for always being a great role model and demonstrating a great attitude to learning.

**Year 3: Tom** - for amazing behaviour at the Nativity.

**Rose** - for being so helpful in class.

**Year 2: Annie** - for always trying her hardest in all she does.

**Kaspar** - for finding ways to improve his work, no matter what he's doing.

**Year 1: Matty** - for putting in her best effort for the nativity and in the practices.

**Chloe** - for being a kind and helpful friend.

**Reception: Max and Isabela (L)** - for always being so keen to learn!

Well done to them all.

## Parents Forum

The next meeting was due to be the 29th January, but we need to change it to **Wednesday 12th February - 6pm.**

Apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

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## Head Bumps

We have reviewed our procedure with the school nurse and need to inform you of a couple of changes.

If a child receives a bump to the head, we already give them a red wristband and a letter on red paper, to inform parents to look out for signs of concussion. We have also added the following points to our procedure:

- If a child is due to walk home, the parent will be called to notify them of the head bump and we will request that an adult collects the child instead.
- If the child is due to attend a sports related after school club, we will not allow the child to participate, but request the parent collects the child at the end of the normal school day. If the child was due to attend Fun Club afterwards, the child would instead go straight to Fun Club (paying attention to point below)
- If the child is due to attend Fun Club, the parent should be called to notify them of the head bump. The Fun Club staff will be made aware so they can watch for any signs and ensure the child does not participate in any sporty or vigorous activity.

On a related topic, here is a link to the following NHS webpage "Is my child too ill for school today"  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> which provides guidance to parents as to when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't, depending on the particular symptoms. At this time of year, with so many bugs around, it is probably a helpful document for parents to have to hand.

The link provides a further link to a more detailed government webpage:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

## Traffic & Other Reminders

To avoid gridlock at the start and end of the day we ask you to follow an unofficial one way system through the village coming in along Bridge Street (over the river & passing the 'Rec') and leaving via the Clatford Crossroads. Please can I also ask you not to reverse in/ park in front of villagers' drives or to cause any obstruction - including parking on pavements. Also, not to park on the bend/corner by the pub - there is a 'virtual pavement' marked from the stone wall, right round the bend, where parking is not permitted. Please can you pass this information on to all those who pick up your children. There is also the 'drop off' zone - the coned area near the school gate, where you can stop briefly to let your child out in the morning.

Please can we also remind you that we don't allow dogs in the playground, as some children are nervous of them.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Open the Book

KS2 children were thoroughly entertained this morning by the enactment of the Bible story about the Wisdom of King Solomon. Zak (Y6) played the dramatic role of the soldier. Well done Zak!



## Diary Dates

- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Community Lunch - some Y6
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - Cluster Netball tournament (selected children)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y1 Class Assembly \*
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Cluster Hockey Festival -Y6
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y6 Class Assembly \*
- \*parents welcome to attend