



Preshute Newsletter

Welcome Back

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils in Reception Class and further up the school. We are sure that they will be very happy at Preshute Primary; the staff are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of them!

A warm welcome to new members of staff too!

This is the first of our fortnightly newsletters that aim to keep you in touch with what's going on and to share important information. We send out a hard copy to all new starters as well as an electronic one for the first newsletter of the year, but thereafter we only send them electronically. Please can you let Ange know if you didn't receive an e-copy.

We welcome additional helpers in school so if you have any time to spare on a regular basis when you could hear readers etc, please sign up on your class list or speak to the teacher. You will also need to have a DBS check completed - please speak to Rosanna.

Summer Reading Challenge

Can all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge from Marlborough library bring in their certificates/medals next Friday (20th). We can then celebrate them in the assembly and take a photo for the next newsletter.

School Bus

We have been allocated a new bus company this year by Wilts Council - Swindon Bus Company. Please bear with them as they are learning their new route and timetable - also bear in mind that the timetable given is approximate and is always subject to delays for various reasons out of the driver's control. Thank you.

House Captains

We'd like to offer huge congratulations to our new House and Vice House captains. They are all Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward for election and then prepared and delivered a speech to their houses, and were voted for by the other children:

Dragons - Jemma and Oli
Centaurus - Annie and Tamsin
Gryphons - Alfie and Scarlett
Unicorns - Mabel and Beau

Well done to all the Year Six students who showed what amazing public speakers they are! We are very lucky to have such enthusiastic and dedicated pupils.

Diary Dates

A few reminders/ updates:
The Safeguarding Training on **16th Sept** mentioned on the Calendar of dates you already have, is now an 'Update' session because of changes to Safeguarding from September 2019. This session is for those volunteers who attended the Safeguarding training given by Mr Baker in Term 3. It will only be for half an hour - 6 to 6.30pm. We will be organising another date soon for new volunteers, and those who haven't attended the previous training.

There is a Parents Forum meeting on **30th Sept at 6 - 7pm**. Please send in any specific requests for topics to the office, or speak to Mr Baker or Mrs Mundy on the school gate. The PPSA AGM now follows this meeting.

There is an **extra** Parents Forum meeting on **24th Sept at 6pm** for parents whose children attend the before and after school care clubs (Early Bird & Fun Club) this will be an information session regarding the evolution of these clubs.

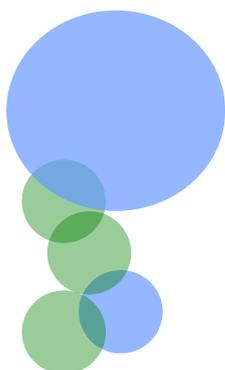
Our Harvest Festival is on the **4th October**. We will be asking for donations again for the foodbank, to be brought in that morning please. Tinned/dry goods only please - toothpaste/ shampoo etc are also gratefully received.

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Contact/ Medical Details

Please let the office know if you have any changes to address, telephone numbers or changes to medical conditions. It is vital that we have up to date information, so we can contact you in an emergency.

Parent Governor Nominations

As per the previous communication please return your nominations by 3pm on 20th September. Blank forms can be picked up from the office. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Mr Baker, or ring to make an appointment with the Chair of Governors, Peter McGuigan.

A Few Important Notices/ Reminders

- We have children in school who are allergic to nuts and are at risk of going into anaphylactic shock if they come into contact with them. For this reason we are a nut free school and ask you to check that your child's packed lunch is, indeed, nut free. You will be surprised what you find in the small print when you look at the ingredients listed in some prepared foods! (Peanut butter, choc spread-Nutella)
- Along with other schools we also ask you not to bring dogs into the grounds as some of the children are scared of them. Please leave them near but not obstructing the school gate.
- 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 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. Thank you for your co-operation.
- Remember to change your child's Year Group when ordering lunch from Sue Brady!
- Please can families leave the school grounds promptly at the end of school, so that clubs can start and also because the gate is locked at 3.15pm for safeguarding reasons.
- Please supervise your children carefully in the playground after school - the equipment in the outside classroom (next to the mobiles - Y1 & Y2) is for use during school hours only and some of it has been damaged by children outside of this time. The children in school are being reminded about respecting property and putting things away when finished with them.
- No jewellery is permitted in school, except stud earrings for pierced ears (please remove for PE).
- If you pay for clubs/trips by cash, you will be given a receipt by the office (this does not apply to bus tickets). Without proof of receipt, the school cannot be liable for missing cash payments further down the line. Please ensure you obtain a receipt from us - ie do not leave cash on the office desk. Thank you.