



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September 2023

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our brand new EYFS families and welcome back to our Year 1 families! Let me firstly introduce myself, my name is Mrs Chapman and I will be leading EYFS and Year 1 this academic year whilst Mrs McAlindon is on maternity leave. I am also one of the Year 1 teachers here at Preston Hedge's Primary School. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me. I am always at my classroom door in the mornings/afterschool and I will also be at the school gates every Wednesday from 3.10pm.

SOME EXCITING NEWS!

Some wonderful news to share with you all...

Our lovely Mrs McAlindon and her husband Dean welcomed their beautiful son Luca into the world last week; weighing a healthy 7lb 8oz! Both Mum and baby are doing well and are back home, settling into life as a family of 3. We send our love and congratulations to them as they embark on this new journey together.





EYFS

WELCOME TO RECEPTION!

Our wonderful Reception team here at Preston Hedge's Primary School are Mrs Pearce (RP) and Mrs Seaman (RS) supported by Miss Botterill and Mrs Leggett. Mrs Allen will be teaching in RP on a Friday and RS on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

A message from Mrs Pearce and Mrs Seaman:

Hello, it was lovely to meet you all on our recent home visits! What a joy it has been welcoming all of our new children. They are settling in really well and it has been wonderful seeing them already; form new friendships, follow the school routines and fully immerse themselves into our first topic! They have most definitely enjoyed exploring our



wonderful indoor and outdoor
learning environments!



UNDER THE SEA



Let's dive into our first topic 'Under the Sea' linked to 'The Rainbow Fish'. This topic will help the children learn all about themselves, and celebrate how different and unique we are! During the term we will be focusing on developing our Expressive Arts and Design skills by creating under the sea art work. We will be exploring colour and how colours can be changed, using tools to create effective patterns and understand how we can use different textures to create multimedia representations! The children will also explore key features of living things under the sea by using their senses in exceptional first-hand experiences. There's no doubt that your child will come home and tell you all about the exciting learning opportunities they have had!

DATES AND REMINDERS

25th September – children will be staying for lunch and will need to be collected from the office (main reception) at 12.45pm. Please ensure you have booked your child's lunch for that week. If you have any queries regarding the booking of lunches please do contact the office or speak to your child's teacher.

2nd October – children are full time and will need to be collected from their classroom doors at 3.15pm

Friday 6th October – Return of Parent Readers. Come into school at 2:45pm and share a story with your child in their classroom.

12th October – Reception Celebration Day – "We Are All Different"

PE – Reception's PE day will be every **Wednesday** (this will start from 4th October when the children are full time). On the day, the children should come to school in their PE kit (please refer to the website for the kit details) and wearing trainers. Please can you also ensure all jewellery has been removed.

Big Outdoors – Just a reminder to bring in your child's **named** Big Outdoors puddle suit and wellies. The children will start the week beginning 3rd Oct

RS – Tuesday PM

RP – Thursday PM



YEAR ONE

Our fantastic Year 1 team here at Preston Hedge's Primary School are myself; Mrs Chapman (1C) and Miss Knott (1K) supported by Mrs Waddington and Mrs Andrews. Mrs Waddington will be teaching in 1K on a Monday and in 1C on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

We have been delighted to welcome the children back after the summer break and are very proud of how well they have settled into Year 1.



ENGLISH

For this first half term, we are focusing on writing simple sentences. We will build upon the foundations that the children have learnt in Reception; using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. To begin building more complex sentences by including adjectives to make our sentences more exciting and conjunctions to extend our sentences further. We will use our senses to help us describe a woodland setting during our first big write. Our non-fiction literacy unit later on in the half term will be based around invitations; the features that are included and practising how to write the perfect invitation.

MATHS

We begin this half term by focusing on the children's basic number skills; 1 to 1 correspondence (counting), number recognition, number composition and number patterns. We will then move on to looking at addition and subtraction skills. These will be introduced practically using lots of different resources before moving onto the abstract concept.



CURRICULUM

This term in Year 1 our topic is 'The World Around Us'. The children will have many opportunities to go into the Big Outdoors area to enhance their learning. We will be learning about which animals live in British woodlands, their habitats and ways in which we can look after them. Before using a variety of maps both physical and digital to investigate our local area of Wootton/Northampton. With the changing of the seasons, we will be investigating the seasonal changes that occur and work within the community to celebrate harvest.

PE REMINDER

As mentioned in our recent welcome to the year meetings, children need to attend school in appropriate PE kit on their allocated PE day. All jewellery including earrings and watches must be removed and long hair tied back. If recently pierced earrings can't be removed, children will be unable to participate in practical activities but can still join in the daily mile. The slides from the welcome meeting are all available on our website in the correspondence section.

DATES

Friday 5th October – Return of Parent Readers. Come into school at 2:45pm and share a story with your child in their classroom.

Friday 13th October – Salcey Forest Trip.

Friday 20th October – Campfire Celebration Afternoon

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1K – Monday PM



IC - Wednesday PM

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Our latest correspondences will be updated onto our school website every Friday. You can view these by visiting our parent page.

<https://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/>

You can also visit our Twitter page for photos and videos of our exciting curriculum learning and our Facebook page for any school updates.

<https://twitter.com/phpsschool?s=11>

<https://www.facebook.com/prestonhedgesprimary/>

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs Chapman