



Hello!

Hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and your children are settling into their new school years. If you are new to the school then a very warm welcome to Preston Hedges on behalf of your PTA group- The Friends of Preston Hedges- you have chosen a wonderful school and we are sure your children will be very happy here. As a reminder we are a small group of volunteers who work together with the school to organise and run events for the children and their families. The funds raised during our events during the year go back into the school to support a variety of things including subsidising trips and also larger projects which there is more detail about in this newsletter. We wanted to take this opportunity as a reminder on things we offer as a PTA, highlight some key dates coming up and also update you on a big, exciting project we are working on for the school.



Pre-loved uniform shop:

As a reminder, we also run a second-hand uniform shop where we sell Preston Hedges branded items- it never ceases to amaze us how fast these little ones grow! Once your order is placed, rest assured we will get in contact with you to arrange collection. We are experiencing a high demand at the moment so a plea from us to please be patient, any issues please contact us on email at friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com

Link: [Friends of Preston Hedge's Primary School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Friends of Preston Hedge's Primary School (pta-events.co.uk)).



Co op community fund:

We were very fortunate to be selected as a charity that benefits from the Co op community Fund this year. Please remember to select us as your charity of choice via your Co op app! Every penny counts 😊 click here for details: [Co-op \(coop.co.uk\)](http://Co-op (coop.co.uk))



Our exciting plans for spending the funds we have raised:

As we revealed last year, as well as our plans to give our Library Bus some TLC and subsidising school trips, we wanted to remind you of a very exciting longer term project we are working on. Our goal is to raise funds to be able to install a **Multi-use Games area (MUGA)** to the school! This will be incredibly beneficial to the school from a team sports perspective and give a dedicated area which can be used whether you want to play football, tennis, basketball or netball.

Through all your incredibly kind support we are almost at the point where we can look at getting installation of this wonderful space booked in and are currently hoping this will be in place next year. We will be giving visibility to the costs and a totaliser to show how we are getting on shortly.

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Events coming up:

AGM: Thursday 10th October 7pm at the school:

We will be holding our annual general meeting at the school and all of you are welcome to join us. We will be electing the committee for this year and giving an update on funds raised in the previous year and plans for spends. We would love to see you there and hear any ideas you have of fundraising for the school or ways which we can spend the funds to help enrich the lives of our children. If you are interested in joining the committee, please drop us an email at friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com. If you don't want to commit to joining the committee there are a number of other ways you can get involved and we are always looking for new volunteers, no minimum commitment needed! It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and members of the community whilst supporting our fundraising efforts. There will also of course be some nibbles so come and join us, say hi and get involved.



Halloween Disco: Thursday 7th November:

Get ready for a spooktacular Halloween disco from Nicky's fancy faces. This is a popular event in the calendar open to Yrs 1-6.

Unfortunately this event is not open to Reception children but fear not there will be lots of other events in the year that they will be able to take part in. More detail to follow on how to book!

Its going to be Spooktacular!



Wreath making for parents: Thursday 28th November

We will be hosting a wonderfully festive wreath making evening for our parents at the school on Thursday 28th November with the lovely Jill Webb from Fondant & Flowers. All materials provided. Just bring along a pair of secateurs and gloves if you have them and your creative selves. You can see a picture of the wonderful creations from last year and we have no doubt we will be creating wreath masterpieces again this year! Look out for details on how to book coming soon and save the date! We promise posh mince pies and some mulled wine for some added festive sparkle!



Santa's workshop: Friday 6th December

We will be inviting children in Reception, Yr 1 and 2 only for a festive Christmas morning within the school day. This is for the children only and no parents attendance. The tickets will include a visit to "Santa's workshop" where we will be doing Christmas crafts, a visit to the grotto to meet Santa and a small gift, drink and snack. Look out for more information coming soon on how to book!

Thank you as always for your support and if you have any questions at all please do get in touch at friendsofprestonhedges@gmail.com

Thank you!

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DATES FOR Your Diary

2024

08
MAR

MOTHERS & FATHERS CAKE SALE

Come and choose a cake (or 2 or 3!) to take home for Mother's Day weekend. 2.45pm - 3.30pm.

**£588
RAISED**

22
MAR

SWEET TREATS

After school ice lollies and treats pop-up shop. Other dates for this to be announced!

**postponed
until better
weather!**

28
MAR

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY

Dare to be different with a crazy hair style, funky footwear, cool clothing and unhealthy snacks. Full list to follow

**£598 RAISED MARCH
£414 RAISED JULY**

18
APR

MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your PJs or comfy clothing for a relaxed movie night with treats of course!

**£1,180
RAISED**

14
JUN

DADS, DIDS & DONUTS

After school pop-up donut shop. 2.45-3.30pm

**£426
RAISED**

05
JUL

FRIDAY FUNDAY

After school fun. Tombolas, raffle, beat the goalie, bounce, and so much more!

**£5,171
RAISED**

07
NOV

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Get your Halloween costumes out and get ready for dancing and games.

28
NOV

WREATH MAKING

Join us in November to create your own beautiful and unique Christmas wreath to take home

06
DEC

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

There'll be arts & crafts, selfies, treats, a visit with Santa and a gift to take home!

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