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GREAT PRESTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter 11th January 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and I do hope you have had a wonderful Christmas.

Our first week back has been extremely positive and staff throughout school have thoroughly enjoyed seeing children return to school re-energised and ready to embrace every challenge they have faced.

On Wednesday, a team of talented swimmers represented Great Preston at the Brigshaw Learning Partnership Swimming Gala. Following an impressive display of hard work and determination, the team were awarded a very well deserved first place. What a fantastic start to the new year!

Enjoy your weekend and I hope to see many of you next week at Mrs O'Carroll's online safety meeting.

Yours in learning,
Mrs Katie Pashley

Safeguarding



Mrs O'Carroll will be delivering a session for parents surrounding the use of online games and we would

Monday 14th January at 5pm. Please return the slip sent home with your child if you wish to attend so that we know how many people to expect.

New date added to calendar

PTA coffee afternoon Friday 18th January 2019 at 2pm- everyone welcome!



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 who are this week's attendance superstars with a combined attendance of 99%. Well done Year 5!

Our Vision Statement

We are delighted to share with you our newly developed vision statement:

'Believe and Achieve Together'

At Great Preston C of E Primary School, we unlock possibilities and engrain hope, such that we all develop a sense of curiosity and individualised aspirations. From this place will come good citizens with a strong moral compass, strengthened by our deeply-rooted Christian values, helping children and adults to respect both themselves and others. Learning to think in different ways, our school community will become resilient, collaborative, reflective and creative so we are all able to make wise and discerning choices in both our learning and life paths, flourishing as 21st Century learners.

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4.13



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



Developing Inspiring Teachers

Deadline Tuesday!

Please note that the deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2019 is 15th January 2019. All children must apply for a school place even if they already attend our school nursery. To apply online, please go to www.leeds.gov.uk

Perseverance Celebration

This week we celebrated the following children who have all demonstrated perseverance in some way:

Nursery: Jace H and Tommy G

Reception: Ethan F and Kye H

Year 1: Tyler H and Ava L

Year 2: Eli R and Cameron K

Year 3: Poppy D and Heath BB

Year 4: Kye D and Lily S

Year 5: Archie B and Charlotte N

Year 6: Alex N and Martha R

Lead servers: Aerynn M and Lewis J

Well done to you all!

Welcome



This week we have welcomed two new members of staff: Mrs Eva Brown and Mrs Megan Batty have joined our Early Years team in Nursery and Reception respectively. We look forward to welcoming our new Nursery children next week.

Training Day Consultation

Thank you ever so much to those of you who have taken the time to respond to our consultation regarding training day dates for next year. We are currently collating the responses and will share the findings as soon as possible.

Reminders

Please could we remind parents to avoid bringing dogs into the school grounds or tying them to the school gates.

Please remember to ring school **before 9am** if your child is going to be absent. Any child arriving late will need to come into school via the main entrance to be signed in by their parent or carer. This will ensure that registers are accurate and all children are accounted for immediately.

Packed Lunches



Please be aware that children who bring a packed lunch to school are being encouraged to take home any leftover food rather than to dispose of this in school. This should reduce the amount of food being wasted and also ensure parents and carers are fully aware of how much children are eating at lunchtime. We will of course continue to encourage children to dispose of empty yogurt containers and so on at school.

Important Dates

Mon 14 th Jan	Online safety meeting for all parents 5pm
Tues 15 th Jan	Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena
Wed 16 th Jan	Year 6 SATs parent meetings 9am and 5pm
Wed 16 th Jan	Nursery and Reception Bedtime story night 4.45pm
Fri 18 th Jan	PTA Coffee afternoon 2pm- all welcome!
Tues 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 15 th Feb	Break up for half term