



Friday 21st July 2017

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year – where did the time go?

First of all, we would like to share some of our staff news.

Congratulations to Mrs Doyle, who had a beautiful baby boy in June.

Welcome to Miss Doyle who, having completed a successful training placement in Y4 this year, has since qualified and will be teaching current Y4DW in Y5 alongside Mrs Scott. It will be great to have Miss Doyle on board.

We are – as you will know - saying goodbye to some long-standing members of the team this week.

Mrs Bullock, our Y2 Teaching Assistant, is retiring after seven years with us. We wish her well as she looks forward to her retirement.

Miss Parsons, our Nursery Teacher, has secured a new post at a school in Liverpool. She has spent a wonderful year in our Nursery and we know that our children have loved having her as their teacher. Good luck Miss Parsons.

Mrs Swift from Y6 will be leaving us after fourteen years. We appreciate everything that Mrs Swift has done for the children and staff of Prescot Primary. She will be greatly missed but we will send lots of PCP well wishes as she moves to her new school.

And this week marks the end of Mrs Loftus' time with us after seventeen years. As SENDCo and Assistant Head, Mrs Loftus has formed many strong relationships with staff and parents but as a teacher, she's had a huge impact on our children. She has many adventures ahead of her and I know she will take a little bit of PCP with her wherever she goes.

Thank you to all of our amazing staff who are saying goodbye.

### **Changes to routine.**

Your children have now all met their new teachers and seen their new classrooms. We know that it takes a little time for your children to settle into new routines in September. Just a few points to note:

- Y1 children moving to Y2: you will enter by the door in the corner of the middle yard, opened by a member of staff at 8.30am for Early Doors. Children will then go straight to class and begin a morning task.
- R going to Y1: An 8.30am start will begin for you following October half term. We prefer to get the children settled into a routine before opening the doors early.

### **Prescot Primary welcomes 'Kids in Bloom'.**

We are excited to welcome a new childcare provider into school to provide wrap-around care in our current two year-old room. This local company currently have many settings across the area – one of which is situated at Malvern Primary School. You may see some new faces for our youngest children who require extra hours; we are looking forward to forging a strong partnership with the Kids in Bloom team.

Follow them @KidsinBloom2015 or search: kidsinbloom.co.uk.

If you are interested in a place for your pre-school child, ring our main office on 0151 432 7100 for more information.

### **Careers Showcase 2017**

Thank you to all of the parents and visitors who supported us during our 'Careers Showcase'.

We had such wonderful feedback about our curious children but we really could not have offered such an experience without the amazing contribution from visitors – many of whom said that they 'couldn't wait for next year!'



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### Library Update.

Last year, when we achieved our Reading Quality Mark at Gold level, we had a target of creating our own library space. We feel strongly that, although we have many 'Book stops' and reading areas around school, we needed a quiet space for our children to get lost in a book. Mrs Boadey has been working towards this goal.

We can't express thanks enough for your wonderful generosity! We have had lovely donations of used and new books alongside the fantastic response to our year group fundraisers. From pyjamas in Y1 to funky hair in Reception, matchboxes in Y4 to Smarties in Y3, you have all been amazing. We were further surprised at the Y6 Leavers' Performance when we were presented with nearly £100 from the Y6 parents. Such a lovely thought! Thank you. The new furniture has arrived and – after some building work has been completed – we hope to transform Learning Suite 2 into the new 'Prescot Primary Library'.

If any parents or grandparents want to help run the library throughout next year, please look out for more details that will follow in September. (All volunteers to be DBS checked).

### Summer Reading Challenge.

We would also like to let you know about the **Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge 2017**. The Knowsley reading agencies and libraries are challenging children to read 6 books over the summer holidays. They will crack codes, solve mysteries and collect clues in their detective folder. Children will receive a special reward after finishing a book and will also receive a certificate if they complete the challenge. It's a fabulous initiative to get more children and families into the library over the school holidays, and to make reading a fun part of the summer break.

Reading for pleasure is strongly encouraged at Prescot Primary and we would love to be updated on Twitter of the children visiting the library, reading and completing this challenge over the summer holidays.

There will also be a variety of animal activities in our local libraries over the summer too, from zoo lab to magic shows and craft activities.

Happy reading!

@PrescotPrimary or @PCPRead2write and please use #PCPReading

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

### Current Y2 and Y3 iPad provision.

As an Apple Distinguished School and a school that values innovative ways to teach and learn, we have committed to continue our 1:1 iPad scheme next year.

Current Y2 children will have a 1:1 iPad for classroom use only in September. Once clear routines are in place and the children are aware of e-Safety rules, the children will be allowed to take the devices home.

For our current Y3 children, they will receive their iPad – **NOT an iPad mini 4** - in September. Once we have had a parents' meeting/e-Safety briefing, we will allow the devices to go home. In preparation for this, could current Y3 parents please buy a tough case for an iPad and ensure that your child has a school bag with two straps – preferably a ruck-sack. More details to follow in September.

### Holiday iPad use.

Here's a little reminder for all of our pupils who already have their own iPads. We hope you enjoy them over the summer! Please do use them to research facts, read, take photos and create wonderful artwork. You may take them on holiday within the UK but not if you are lucky enough to be travelling abroad. You may use them with friends but please remember to use them safely.

Have fun but please take care of your devices and return with them in tact and charged on the first day back!

### House Teams – old & new.

Thank you to our 'Bear' House Team Leaders – superbly lead by **Luke, Joseph, Libby and Maisie**. We wish you well in Y7 and look forward to hearing about your future leadership roles. After a rigorous application process, we are pleased to announce our new House Teams from our 'Eagle' cohort! The Houses will be captained by: **Tyler Heyes (Red), Chloe Rusk (Green), Steve Hagan (Yellow) and Holly O'Hanlon (Blue)**. All applicants did so well and all now have senior leadership roles ready to start in Y6. We are very proud of our pupil leadership programme.

Future Y5 children will be asked to apply for Digital Leader roles in September.



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### **School meal changes.**

The price of a school meal will increase to £2.20 per day/£11 per week in September. For our current Y2 children, the offer of free school meals has come to an end. At the start of term, could new Y3 parents please advise the main office of your child's meal choice eg, continue with a school lunch or bring a packed lunch instead.

### **Dates for September**

School starts back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, with the new Y6 children leaving for PGL on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Due to the home visits for new Nursery children, returning Nursery children will start back on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. However, our Nursery children and parents can pop into Nursery to say 'hello' on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September between 3.30-4.30pm if they would like to see the new room and staff.

Term dates can be found on our Prescot Primary app, find this on the App Store.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/prescot-primary/id959708247?mt=8>

Finally, we wish all of our Y6 children lots of luck as they move into Y7. We know that you are true Prescot Primary learners – resilient, positive and confident even when faced with a challenge. You have been a joy to teach and we know you will succeed wherever you go. And to those parents who are ending their time with us – we hope you enjoyed the journey too.

To you all, thank you for your continuing support and enthusiasm for learning.

Have a wonderful break. Stay safe and see you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Seddon



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