

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Here we are at that 'most wonderful time of the year'! Of course, all of the festivities bring extra demands on the school community. Can we say a huge thank you for all of your support in finding costumes, attending the Film Night & Carol Concert, learning lines and buying 'enterprise products' – amongst other things! Our children enjoy a wonderful time in school – thank you to everyone, it is appreciated.

### **Charity support**

Thank you so much for your generosity towards charitable events. Our children love participating in 'Children in Need' day and there is a lovely atmosphere in school. We talk a lot about helping each other – and 'support' is one of our school values. Our CiN Day raised £190.

Remembrance Day is another event close to our hearts. We held a moving assembly in school at 11am; the children fell silent and then placed their own handmade poppy wreaths at the front of our hall. Thank you to those members of our community who set off from our school on Remembrance Sunday – we had some lovely feedback. Our Poppy Appeal raised £260.

We also had a visit from Donna from 'The Big Help Project'. She told the children all about community food banks and how they work. The children found this interesting as they see food banks in shops but weren't sure on what they were for. We were very proud of Angel in Y6, who saved her pocket money to buy so many thoughtful items for the food bank. Thank you, Angel.

### **The Book Bus**

Thank you so much for supporting our 'Book Bus' experience. We had a really successful day, with lots of new stories to be enjoyed. Your support has given us £200 to spend on books. We will put this towards books included in the 'Accelerated Reader' project.

### **A new-look KS2 Carol Concert**

We are very lucky to have a strong partnership with The Prescot School and it was amazing to have the opportunity to hold our Carol Concert in the main hall. This spacious venue enabled us to branch out and hold a mini Christmas Market with stalls selling reindeer food, hamper raffle tickets, 'Olaf' kits and sweet jars. The children really enjoyed the experience and we were looked after very well by the staff at the school. Thank you to all who came to the inaugural event – next year will hopefully be even better!

### **A word from the House Captains!**

Blue House won this half term – look out for House Party invites in the new year!

This time of year is always a busy time at Prescot Primary. Pupils from Year three, four, five and six enjoy the talent show while our KS1 learners practise and perform their Nativity. This year the Talent Show theme was 'James Bond'. There is always a bit of fun and three or four teachers will be dressed up as if they are the judges! This year, we also had Santa as a judge! For our Carol Concert, children learned lots of Christmas songs and then performed them to their family at The Prescot School. **By Chloe & Holly**

Christmas at Prescot Primary is fun especially when you get to help sell things and set things up. "I love Christmas at Prescot Primary because I love Christmas dinner!" (Steven Hagan).

Also, choosing Mrs Higgs's favourite hat is fun. This year, our Prescot Primary Carol Concert was at The Prescot School. It has changed a lot because we had much more space to perform and to sell things! That's more money raised for the school! Thank you! **By Tyler & Steven**



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### **Parking**

We would like to repeat our plea for safe and respectful parking in Maryville Road and the surrounding areas. The Traffic Enforcement Officers will be patrolling our area more regularly and will issue penalty notices if necessary. We expect our parents to treat each other, and our neighbours, in a civil, polite manner. Please act as the best role models you can be to our children.

### **Attendance**

Good attendance remains a priority. Here are some pointers:

- If in doubt, send your child in.
- Ring the school office on the first morning of your child's absence on **0151 432 7100**. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you.
- Send in a letter on your child's return to school.
- If at all possible, avoid medical appointments during the school day. If unavoidable, please send in evidence of the appointment for our records.
- In line with Authority policy, we do not authorise any holidays during term time. However, please fill in an 'Application for leave of absence in term time' form to inform us of any plans.

### **EYFS Tesco Appeal**

Throughout January and February, you will see our Early Years logo in Tesco as one of the three nominated community groups bidding for grants of up to £4000. Shoppers will be invited to vote for the group who they think should take away the top grant. Our project aims to develop the Early Years outdoor provision, as we have an amazing space that still needs some work. Cast your vote each time you shop by putting your token into our box. We really need your support! Thank you!

### **Competition winners**

Well done to Finley Leary, Isabelle George and Bethany Moore! They were the winning t-shirt designers in our recent 'Anti-Bullying' competition. We are looking into getting some of their t-shirts printed.

### **Apple News**

We have been invited to re-apply for our Apple Distinguished School status and are awaiting the publication of our second iBook that explains how we have developed the role of technology further in school. In the meantime, you may like to download another book that we have already published on the iBooks Store. This book describes our whole school Art Project Day all about the 'Great British Summer'.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/book/growing-artists/id1313050770?mt=11>

### **Building learning power!**

As a school, we are passionate about encouraging our children to take ownership of their own learning. We want our children to know how to learn and we build classrooms that cultivate the habits and attitudes of confident, curious, independent learners. We are planning a project in which our KS2 children will build their own learning walls. Please could you find a cardboard box for your child to bring into school in January? It should be smaller than a shoebox. Thank you for your support.

So, 2018 is just around the corner! Please find attached the new calendar dates in order to help you plan. Please note Y1-5 Class Assembly dates.

Can we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a new year jam-packed with happy memories!  
Have fun, take care – and tweet your best moments!

Kind regards,

Mrs Seddon



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## CALENDAR DATES FOR SPRING 2018

Here are the current dates for the term ahead. You will be updated of additions or changes as they are added.

Date	Year group	Event
Mon 08.01.18	N-Y6	Return to school.
Mon 08.01.18 3.30-4.30pm	New Nursery	Drop In visit for new Nursery starters.
Wed 24.01.18	Y1	Dino Day. Mike the Paleontologist coming to school.
Mon 22.01.18 & Mon 29.01.18	Y5S	Bikeability Bikes & helmets in school.
Tues 23.01.18 & Tues 30.01.18	Y5D	Bikeability Bikes & helmets in school.
Mon 05.02.18	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair arrives. More details to follow.
Wed 07.02.18	Y5	Showcase Assembly for family.
Thurs 08.02.18 2.30pm	Y1	Showcase Assembly for family.
Wed 07.02.18 4-5pm	New EYFS	EYFS Open Evening.
Fri 09.02.18	ALL	Break up for half term.
Mon 19.02.18	ALL	Return to school.
Wed 21.02.18	Y4	Chester Trip. The Romans.
Thurs 01.03.18	All	World Book Day. (Come to school in book character costumes).
Tues 06.03.18	Y2	Showcase Assembly for family.
Thurs 15.03.18	Y3	Showcase Assembly for family.
Fri 23.03.18	All	Sport Relief. Details to follow.
Wed 28.03.18	R-Y6	The Great PCP Bake-Off.
Wed 28.03.18 2.30pm	Y4	Showcase Assembly for family.
<b>Thurs 29.03.18</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Break up for Easter. NO EARLY FINISH. School closes at 3.10/3.15pm</b>
<b>FUTURE DATE</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>SATs Tests start on Mon 14.05.18. Please avoid booking holidays.</b>

NB: Other class assemblies will take place later in the year.

We hope this helps you to plan ahead!



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