

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are here at the end of another half term. This one seemed to zoom by! We have all packed such a lot in! And now it's time for a well-earned **TWO WEEK** break.

Prescot Primary 'Family' news.

Congratulations to Mrs Ward-Thompson and Mr Grainger who have both welcomed bouncing baby girls into their families over recent weeks!

We would like to say thank you to Mrs French who has been teaching in Y6 for the past half term. Mrs French has really enjoyed her time with us and we hope to see her working with our children in the future.

It is with a mixture of pride and sadness that we must share the news of an upcoming departure. Mrs Blackburn has made the difficult decision to leave the job she loves to go back to university. Mrs Blackburn has been at Prescot Primary for 14 years and has welcomed many new starters in her roles as Nursery and Reception Teacher. She has also taught in Y5 and has, for the last year, been our SENDCo alongside Mrs Hewitson.

Whilst we cherish Mrs Blackburn's love of learning and eagerness to step once again into university life, we are very sad to be losing such a committed, caring member of staff and a wonderful friend. We know that many of you will be feeling the same and so we all say 'good luck' and 'keep in touch' as Mrs Blackburn follows her new path. Mrs Blackburn's last day will be Wed 25th July.

Mrs George will take over as EYFS SENDCo from September with Mrs Hewitson continuing in her SENDCo role.

Singing for Songbirds

You will have already heard about our exciting summer project, 'Sing for Songbirds' in partnership with Chester Zoo. We recently welcomed a team of young conservationists from St Bernard's Primary in Ellesmere Port to come and present their wonderful 'songbird' work from last year. They were very passionate about why we must support this cause and help to spread the message. They officially passed on the 'campaign baton' to us, (in the form of a cuddly Bali Starling!). It was lovely to see our Zooples ask so many questions and really look after our friends from St Bernard's – and thank you to the parents 'ZOOPPs' who also attended.

This project has some key objectives that we want to achieve for all of our children:

- To raise awareness of 'extinction'.
- To deepen understanding of the term 'endangered'.
- To know how we can all help to conserve and protect the planet we inhabit.
- To respectfully campaign for change.

This project has started in earnest, with teaching teams attending training and the children becoming connected with the cause during our recent Chester Zoo Safari Ranger visits to class. We also have our zoo trips to look forward to. The culmination of the project will be an exhibition in our hall that will showcase the children's work off in style. From **Wed 11th July to Fri 13th July**, we will open our doors during the school day to families, friends and community members. SAVE THE DATES and keep up with our progress on Twitter.

Y5 'Dot Art' Project

Eva Ablewhite, Harriet Kilshaw and Ryan Macklin were chosen by a panel of art experts to be our three finalists in the Liverpool DotArt competition. After public voting, Ryan was chosen to be the representative for our school and his work will be on display at the Liverpool School of Art and Design. The three finalists will attend the exhibition on 21st June with their parents. Well done to everyone who has taken part.

It has been lovely to welcome new children who will start our Reception in September and they will be visiting their new classrooms after half term. Please return any outstanding forms if you have not all ready done so. We are also looking forward to meeting our new September Nursery children very soon. A busy time of year in our Early Years setting!



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SATs

Well done to all of our Y2 and Y6 children who have remained focused and calm during the annual 'formal' testing period. We strive to prioritise the wellbeing of our pupils in times of potential stress and we have received feedback to thank us for looking after the children so well. Although we want our children to work hard, we recognise that each child is so much more than a number. All children have earned a good rest – but there's still lots to do when we return!

'World of Work Week'

On Thursday, we held our second annual 'Careers Showcase' in school. This has proved to be an enriching event that helps to broaden the horizons for our pupils. Our visitors represented a variety of professions including: NHS, Outdoor Education, Dog Training, Lecturing, Human Resources, Plumbing, The Royal Mail, Jewellery Making, The Police and many more. The children enjoy meeting new people and had plenty of questions to ask.

Our visitors equally enjoyed the day and gave us some great feedback:

'Excellent day giving young people the chance to see different ways to earn a living.' Nick from Kumaro Outdoors.

'Fantastic day. Very bold and inquisitive children asking lots of good questions.' Tim from Angels Solutions.

'Fab day, really enjoyed it! Can't wait for next year!' Sarah from the NHS.

'Lovely pupils, very well-behaved! They loved having their fingers measured and making rings out of pipe cleaners!' Odile from Odile & the Bijoux Box.

'Such a rewarding experience with really interactive, polite and helpful children.' Cathryn from Tetrapak.

'Had a lovely afternoon, the children are a credit to the school and the school staff so welcoming. The children really enjoyed listening to heart beats.' Kerry from the NHS.

Look out next year for a chance to #shoutaboutyourjob

Mobile phones

We would like to remind you that while Y6 children can bring a mobile phone to school when they start to walk home alone, we do not feel that it is appropriate for other children to bring a phone to school. We ask any Y6 child with a phone in school to place it in a basket as they enter the classroom first thing in the morning. They should **not** keep phones in bags or use their phone throughout the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking

We have had many positive comments about our pupil-like signs that line the zig-zags close to the school gates and we can see that so many of you walk down Maryville Road or park sensibly nearby. Thank you to all of you who put our children first.

We have been informed, however, of some parents who are obstructing residents' driveways and we have also witnessed cars driving up to our school barrier and dropping off at this point. Both are unacceptable and could potentially cause accidents or upset. Traffic Management continue to regularly patrol the area and we urge parents and carers to be mindful of others during those busy times of the day.

Please see the attached calendar dates for the last half term of the year. It is always a half term full of key dates for many of our children, especially those Y6 children who are getting ready to move on to Y7. We would like to ask parents to provide children with sunhats and apply suncream as the weather heats up. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that you all have a lovely spring break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Seddon

Summer Uniform

Could we ask that your child continues to follow our Uniform Policy throughout the final half term? We have noticed more and more trainers/ankle boots/strappy sandals in school. Please wear school shoes and send in a note if trainers must be worn for any reason. Please wear SIMPLE hair accessories; boys with longer hair should tie it back or find a suitable headband to keep it out of their eyes. Thank you.



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CALENDAR DATES FOR 2018

| Date | Year group | Event |
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| Mon 11/06/18 | All | School opens for Summer Term 2 |
| Mon 11 to Fri 15.06.18 | Y1-6 | Sports Week. Y1&2: Wed 13.06.18. 1.30pm. Y3&4: Thurs 14.06.18. 1.30pm Y5&6: Thurs 14.06.18. 10am |
| Fri 15.06.18 | ALL | Race at our Place in aid of Cancer Research UK. |
| Wed 20.06.18 | Y6 | SRE Workshops (Sex & Relationships Education: Part 2) |
| Fri 06/07/18 | Y6 | Y6 Conference in school. 'Futures'. Non-uniform. |
| Tues 03.07.18 | Y5/6 Selected | Digital Leaders' Pupil Conference (North West). At The Prescot School |
| Wed 11.07.18 To Fri 13.07.18 | ALL | Zoo Project Showcase in the hall. Doors open throughout the specified days. Visitors welcome. Details to follow. |
| Tues 10/07/18 | Y6 | 'Big Bang' trip. Details to follow. |
| Mon 16.07.18 | Y6 | Y6 Review Meetings. (Optional). |
| Tues 17.07.18 to Fri 20.07.18 | ALL | Scholastic HALF PRICE Summer Book Fair open. |
| Thurs 17.07.18 | R | Celebration assembly. 2pm |
| Wed 18/07/18 | Y6 | Leavers' Festival: Performance & Picnic, around 5.30pm. |
| Thurs 19.07.18 | R | Giggletotz show in school. |
| Thurs 19.07.18 | N | Nursery teddy bears picnic |
| Thurs 19.07.18 | Y5 | PGL Information Evening for current Y5 parents. |
| Fri 20/07/18 | N | Nursery closes for Summer |
| Fri 20.07.18 | R-Y6 | Reports to go home. |
| Tues 24.07.18 | PPs | Proposed Prescot Pilots' Celebration Event. Evening. |
| Tues 24/07/18 | N | Nursery Graduation 10am (Children who are going to Reception only) |
| Wed 25/07/18 | R-Y6 | School closes for Summer. EARLY FINISH. School closes at 1.30pm |
| Tues 04 – Fri 07.09.18 | Current Y5 | PGL Residential, Boreatton Park, Nr Oswestry. |



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