Preston Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to our new school year! I hope you all had a good summer. It was lovely seeing all the children again with their new shoes and definitely some much taller!

A very big warm welcome to all our new children who have started with us. Our new Reception class have settled well already and we are enjoying getting to know their lovely little characters.

Just a few reminders for the start of the term to refresh your memory.

School starts at 8:45am children who arrive later than 8:45am will be marked late in the register and if they arrive after 9:15am they will be recorded absent for the morning session. As you are aware attendance at school is important and we will continue to keep records that are shared regularly with our attendance officer once a term. If for any reason you are finding attendance for your child an issue please speak to us, this includes punctuality. Letters about your child's attendance and punctuality will be sent out at the end of each term if we are concerned. Please be aware that holidays in term time are not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances. If you wish to take your child out of school for any reason this must be communicated to us in an email.

The children all looked very smart in their new uniform, just a reminder that trainers must only be worn on PE days.

Kookaburra Class	Monday and Thursday
Hummingbird Class	Monday and Thursday
Penguin Class	Monday and Wednesday
Kestrel Class	Monday and Friday
Kingfisher Class	Monday and Friday

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As it is the new term, I must remind you and make you aware that we have a few children in the school with a peanut and dairy allergy. As always we ask you to be mindful when sending in food. The children in Kookaburra and Hummingbird class have fruit at playtimes, we do allow the children in the rest of the school to have a snack at playtime but this must be a healthy snack (fruit).

You may have read or heard about Benedict's Law in the news. From September all schools need to have an allergy policy and hold spare EpiPens in school. We have a number of children in the school community with allergies and intolerances to certain foods and with guidance given to us from the DFE and food standards for school I am requesting that cake is no longer sent into school for children's birthdays. If you wish to send something, this is your personal choice and not expected, it must now be in the form of a small packet of sweets that will go home in the children's bookbags and not eaten at school. Thank you for your support with this change.

As you are aware the company that supplies our school lunches (Caterlink) are strict on meals ordered. Your child will only be given a school meal if it has been ordered and paid for (if applicable). If your child has not had a meal ordered then we cannot provide them with a school meal as there is only be enough food sent up from the kitchen for those who have ordered. In this instance you will be phoned to supply an alternative for your child.

As always please be mindful of your parking, I will always suggest that you park in the village and walk up to school. Please ensure if you park in Mill Lane other vehicles can pass your car and that you do not park on the zig zag lines. I realise parking is not ideal but I appreciate your efforts to ensure the health and safety of our children and families. Parking is only permitted in the parking bays marked out in the village hall car park. Parking is not permitted in The Downs, these parking spaces are for the residents, their visitors and carers only.

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I have enclosed a calendar of events for the full school year. This will include dates of events that happen annually. There may also be other things happening but these will be communicated to you separately. A note of warning, as always, these dates are subject to change.

European Day of Languages

We will be celebrating in school with a slightly different school day. The children can, if the wish, come dressed in anything that relates to Spain. They could come in one or both colours of the flag. Traditional Spanish outfits or a Spanish football team are a few ideas. There is also a Spanish themed meal on the day if you wish to sign up. The children will be in their houses on the day and they will visit each classroom and take part in a different activity related to Spain. Activities include DT making models of Spanish landmarks and Art being inspired by the work of Gaudi. The day is designed to develop children's cultural awareness and learn some fun facts and practice their Spanish.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in all things and if there are any questions about anything then please let us know.

Kindest Regards

Mrs H Clements