



PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week Two Autumn Term

WEEK ENDING 11TH SEPTEMBER

So in the words of Shania Twain 'looks like we made it' It's Friday, the end of our first full week and we are all still standing, smiling and loving having the children back. The classrooms have been filled with love and laughter, we've seen superheroes created, artwork beginning, the sound of music filling the corridors and all of these have made every last sleepless night worth it.

To all of you, it probably seems strange that we are doing things so rigorously, especially seems social distancing seems to be fairly relaxed outside of schools so I want to take this opportunity to explain a few things.

Moving around the site, we only ever have one class of children out of their classroom at a time, as our corridors are not 2 meters wide, this is to protect the cleanliness of our bubbles. This is why if your child is late they will stand with me until I get a gap where I can go in with them and check the corridor wearing my mask.

Lunchtimes, all classes have 'slots' in the hall to eat their dinners. Lots of school are eating in classrooms but I am trying to avoid this, can you imagine the crumbs! Between each sitting I am physically cleaning all of the tables and chairs used before the next class comes in. It is like a military operation, but again keep our bubbles totally separate.

Break times, I have heard children saying they aren't getting a break time, I promise they are! However they aren't the traditional all children outside at the same time, so in their minds they haven't got break time. Throughout the morning they are actually getting 4 breaks of 5 minutes each. This approach has been taken as we are aware that concentrating for an hour and half before a break would be impossible- we need to build their stamina. I am sure from your home learning time you will empathise! Lunchtimes again aren't all children outside but two classes at a time with a very strict 'half way point' that children can't cross between.

To be fair as the days have rolled by I think it is getting better, we are however going to make a couple of tweaks with a view that if KS2 drop off dips again we will change the start time for school. So could I please ask, given the new guidelines that will come into force on Monday

1. When you arrive for drop off or pick up **ALL** join the queue rather than hanging around the gate waiting for a space to nip in, it's just courtesy people have been waiting and jumping in a space actually encroaches on social distancing
2. Can I encourage parents to wear a facemask as you are getting closer than 2m to other adults, I won't be enforcing / policing but I want to keep you safe too

Have a good weekend, I will be deciding which family I like enough to include in our 6!

Sue Richardson - Headteacher

Upcoming Events

Wear yellow on 9th October.

Please send in any painted rocks from the holidays, so we can make our Rainbow Garden.

Normally, I send out Christmas dates but, this year, we will have to wait and see what happens with guidance.



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