

Updates from Preston School Association, 10th September 2021

Welcome to new members and welcome back everyone!

It's great to see everyone back at school and we're looking forward to getting back to being able to hold events this year. Please see below for some of the things we're planning.

An especially warm welcome to Preston School's new families and staff; you are automatically members of the Preston School Association, and we hope you will join in one of our events soon! Please don't hesitate to ask any of the committee members or email prestonpsa@gmail.com if you have any questions about what we do.

It was particularly lovely to meet our new reception families on the first day of term and to have been able to reinstate the PSA tradition of "Tea and Tissues" in the staff room. Thank you to the school for accommodating us.

Dates for your diaries

September

- Monday 13th – Friday 17th – **School Uniform Drive**: nearly new school uniform will be available to view and take home at school pick up in the afternoon. The clothing is available free of charge to all Preston families, though small donations to add to PSA funds are welcome. We will also be collecting donations of nearly new uniform at the same time.
- The pupils have already started racking up more laps of the daily mile for our **Pond-to-Pond Challenge**, which will run until the end of September.
- Unfortunately, we have decided to postpone the "funday" we penciled in for Saturday 18th September, as, when we bring back Campover, we want to do it **really** well.... Watch this space!!!

October

- Quiz Night** for parents and staff - exact date TBC, but start dusting off your general knowledge for a return to one of our most popular and competitive events!
- Thursday 21 October – **Autumn Disco** for pupils after school. Exact timings / details to follow.
- Monday 18th-Friday 22nd October – **Bags 2 School** collection.

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November

- Christmas Cards** featuring original artwork by Preston pupils will be available to order.
- Thursday 18th November 7-9pm **Art Gallery Gala Evening**. Please join us for wine and canapes, and an exclusive viewing of Preston pupils' artwork. Professional printed copies of the artwork will also be available to order.
- Friday 26th November, 3pm-5pm **Christmas Fair**. An event that surely needs no introduction ... look forward to the return of your favourite stalls and games.

December

- Thursday 16th December **Christmas Disco** for pupils after school.

Pond-to-pond challenge

THANK YOU to everyone who has given so generously so far - to date, our JustGiving appeal page has raised £1,465, and there have been some additional sponsorship monies and donations made separately, which means that we are well on the way to meeting the costs of creating Preston School's fabulous new pond.

Pupils are still working hard in September to complete more sponsored laps, so please keep spreading the word to friends and family and share our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/pondtopondchallenge>

Contact the PSA

Please get in touch via our email address or stop one of the elected committee members when you see us around school if you have any questions about what we do, what we're planning, or if you have ideas or want to volunteer. Volunteering doesn't have to be a year-round commitment; we always need help on an event-by-event basis.

Katie Page (Chair), Vicki Pullinger (Treasurer), and Carys Steadman-Lloyd (Secretary)
on behalf of the PSA