

10th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term and is looking forward to the last weeks of the academic year. It has been a very busy return with a huge amount taking place and I hope to give you all a snap shot here!

Year 1 children have been completing their phonics screening checks this week on Thursday and Friday and we all have been wishing them well.

Yesterday, Year 2 went on a trip to London Zoo which they are all incredibly excited about. We will try and get some pictures for you to put on our news page on the website.

Year 4 children will be completing their times-table checks next week and we wish them well with that. We know that the children will do well because they have been putting in a lot of effort both in school and at home, learning their multiplication facts off by heart.

Year 5 Maple have been doing their swimming crash course this week and next which is going very well.

Year 6 children will soon be starting their transition to the Upper School with a presentation from Mr Callan and Mrs Dareve from the Upper School, as well as the Year 6 children joining the Year 7 assembly next Friday.

Everyone in the Lower School is looking forward to International day which is coming up on the 16th June. Parents will notice the flag bunting which is going up and we have received letters asking parents to come into school and share their cultures with the children through stories, singing, dancing, music, traditional dress, sharing their traditions and customs etc. Each class across the school will be learning about a different country and its culture and producing memorable learning that celebrates that country. This will be shared with other classes through video or learning displays. This is always a very big day that brings us all together. This is in addition to the International Culture Day for the whole school on the 6th July.

We have now completed 3 weeks of GCSE and A level exams and our students have been excellent. We were delighted to see how many students took the opportunity to join us over half term for essential revision sessions.

On 18th May, we had our penultimate Parent Partnership meeting for this year. The remote meeting remains to be very popular with parents who commented very positively on the program, and their increased opportunities to attend. Members of the leadership team presented and answered questions during the 60 minute program and it also gave me the chance to talk about our strategic direction and look at our core values at the school - **Ambition, Responsibility and Excellence** - We **ARE** Preston Manor School.

This parent partnership, led by Andy Ward (Assistant Headteacher) continues to be very popular with our supportive parent community, and is cited as excellent practice by LPPA. Parents remain encouraged to praise the school in areas and comment on areas for continued



growth. This is an important voice that continues to speak volumes of the work and dedication of our staff and families. Thank you to everyone who joined us and your continued and valued support.

On a final note this week, I am delighted to announce that we will shortly be awarded the Pride in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Award. There has been a huge amount of work undertaken this year led by Mx Briggs. The award reflects our school community's work in successfully embedding gender, gender identity and sexual orientation into the fabric of our organisation.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher