



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

PressTales

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'What do our children learn in lessons at Presdales?'

In our parent survey last academic year, several parents responded to say that they did not know what their children were learning in subject lessons. All of our curriculum plans have been on the school website for some time, but it is worth reminding parents they are available [here](#) if you wish to read them.

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to the 46 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition last weekend. All students passed. Over the past year, many establishments offering DofE across Hertfordshire either ceased to offer the qualification, or reduced their cohort size. I am pleased to say that Presdales were still able to complete 151 awards last year, putting us in first position for the number of awards achieved across all establishments that offer DofE in Hertfordshire. Thank you to Miss Haywood for her leadership of this program, and to Mr Bedwell for the support he provides on expeditions.

Parents Association/Raffle Prizes

Since COVID, there has been little that the group has been able to get involved in. As we move forward, they are keen to recruit new members who would be willing to support their fundraising efforts. If you are able to offer any support, or want to know more about the PA, then please complete the Google form below.

Pre-COVID, the PA organised the annual Christmas Fair. This year, the school will organise an internal version of this event for students only. However, we would still like to run the Christmas raffle. We are looking for prizes and will be contacting local companies over the next few weeks. If you, or someone you know, is able to donate a prize for the raffle, then please complete the Google form below.

Click [here](#) to complete the Google form for PA and raffle prizes.

Wisepay/EduLink

Student school meals account information is no longer visible to parents on EduLink. To check your child's balance, including details of top-ups and transactions, please use [WisePay](#). You can also access Wisepay from the school website.

Select 'My Wise Account' from the WisePay home page. The left-hand side shows your top-ups. The right-hand side shows transactions from the till system. We will no longer be reminding students at the tills to top up their accounts. Instead, we will send email reminders to parents when their account reaches a negative balance. We would be grateful if parents could regularly check their child's account to ensure it remains in credit.

A convenient way of checking balances and top ups is by using the WisePay app, which is free to download. The school organisational code is **37131546**. You will only need to enter this when you register your account.

If you have any queries on the above please contact finance@presdales.herts.sch.uk

If your enquiry relates to till transactions or pricing in the canteen please email kitchen@presdales.herts.sch.uk

COVID testing

A reminder to students to continue home testing twice weekly. The number of positive cases in school has reduced significantly since the beginning of term. Students can now collect boxes of LFTs directly from the school office when they run out.

We have been asked to share the following:

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting.

COVID Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

The immunisation team will be using Presdales School as a base to provide vaccinations on Monday 18th October. Feedback from other headteachers is that the day is likely to be disruptive for students due to issues that the school is not in control of. Several schools have reported that the vaccination team has not had time to vaccinate all consenting students. If this is the case, then another session is likely to be arranged at Presdales, or at an alternative venue.

All students who are receiving the vaccination on Monday will need to wear a facemask whilst they are being vaccinated.

Where consent has been given, students will be called from lessons throughout the day. We are unable to give specific times for individuals in advance.

We have been asked to share the consent information again:

'Please click this [link Covid Consent Form](#) and complete the form. You will need this unique code number EE137985 which identifies your child's school. The electronic link will close at 12pm on Sunday 17th October 2021. Please note this form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. If you have difficulty completing the form, please call 01727 732062 to give a verbal consent.'

Please contact the number above if you have any questions regarding the vaccinations.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher