

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - May 22nd 2014



Film Club

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 have been attending Film Club which is soon drawing to a close until next school year. Children experience a variety of films, old and new. Each child has a log in and can write reviews on the Film Club website. There is a weekly competition too. "It's a pity I can't come back next year!" commented one Year 6 member. Watch out in Autumn Term for more details.

Universal Infant free school meals for Key Stage 1 pupils

You will have heard in the news that the government has decided to make school meals available for all infant children free of charge, starting in September 2014. You will still need to pay for school meals for children in Year 3 and above, unless you are eligible for Free School Meals. The price of a school meal will be £2.06 per day, or £10.30 per week from September.

Children in our current Reception and Year 1 classes were sent home with a registration form which must be completed and returned to school by **June 6th**.

Alternatively you may register online at www.northtyneside.gov.uk/schoolmeals where you need to click on the Free School Meals link at the bottom of the page, complete the form and save it. Then this form needs to be attached and e-mailed to:

student.support@northtyneside.gov.uk

After school clubs

Once children have registered for an after school club, a register is given to each class teacher, showing which children are in which club. Over the last two weeks there have been a few situations where children have been due to attend a club, but then have not turned up at the club. This then involves staff having to ring around parents and emergency contact numbers, in order to find out where the child is. We would be grateful in future, that if your child is registered for an after school club, that you inform the school office if your child will not be attending on a particular day. This will save unnecessary time for staff to ring around. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We appreciate that sometimes there are delays or difficulties in collecting children at the end of the school day. On the rare occasion that you may have any difficulties collecting your child, please inform the school office before 3.30pm. However when is a child not collected at the end of the day, and the office have had no contact or message from parents, as stated in a previous newsletter, we will send the child over to after school club at 3.40pm, where the children will be able to stay, but there will be the cost of a full

session (£8), however long the child stays before being collected.

Class organisation for September

In September, the organisation of classes will be as follows:

Reception - Mrs Gibson, Year 1 - Miss Wright, Year 2 - Miss Knowles, Year 3 - Miss Minto, Year 4 - Mrs Udberg, Year 5 - Mrs Blackett, Year 6 - Mr Burgess

At the end of next half term, we will be having a 'move up' afternoon so that the children spend time in their new classroom with their teacher.

Road safety

On Friday this week, Harry the lollipop man will not be on duty on Malvern Road. Please tell your child if they walk home that way, to be extra careful when crossing the road.

Bonjour la classe!

Preston Grange has long enjoyed a close relationship with our feeder school John Spence Community High, an outstanding school. Visiting teachers come on a regular basis to share expertise and to begin to know our children. Madame Ward is one such teacher who has taught our pupils for a number of years. Her enthusiasm is infectious and children learn French through songs and games. Madame Ward has worked across the primary age range this year and even our youngest pupils can parlez Francais!



Healthy Schools Award

Our school has been awarded the North Tyneside Healthy Schools Award once again. Elaine Robson from the Local Authority presented the certificate in an assembly this week. Thanks to Miss Knowles for her hard work and for leading our school in this area of the curriculum.

Family barbecue

The Friends of Preston Grange ran a very successful evening last year, and will be doing the same this year. There will be a family barbecue on Friday 4th July from 5.30 until 8.00pm, with an American Independence Day theme. Please come along, it was a fantastic night last year. More details will follow from the Friends.

Walking across the car park

We have had a very near miss with a child running out behind a car that was parked on the school site, but was pulling out of the space. This should never have occurred, because there should never be anyone walking across or down the road. There is always the chance of movement of cars in the car park, and although it may be quicker taking a shortcut, we are concerned about our childrens' safety. In order to avoid any incidents like this again we ask that you remind your child that there should never be anyone on the road (car park). Please use the path around the outside of the car park. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Tennis teams

Recently our Year 3 and Year 4 tennis teams took part in a

competition with local schools. We are incredibly proud that both teams came 3rd! We were even more delighted with the wonderful feedback from a parent who accompanied the sports trips, who praised the childrens' sportsmanship, behavior and manners. Thank you very much to all of the helpers who accompanied the tennis teams.



Time Travel



Year 5 took us back in time 150 years with their Victorian themed assembly. We learnt about how strict school was then (and how boring). Our teachers are currently taking tips from no-nonsense Victorian teacher Miss (Sophie) Tanner! Some children showed how child labour was used for menial jobs, working long hours in dangerous environments. Assembly ended with a rousing song and the final words...wait for it..."school wonderful school"

The children worked hard and we thank families who provided costumes and props.

Dates for your diary

Fri 23rd May - break up for half term

Mon 2nd June - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

Tues 3rd June - Skipping Festival Year 4 (am)

Wed 4th June - Year 6 Relationships session (school nurse)

Thurs 5th June - Year 6 Kwik Cricket festival, Tynemouth CC

Thurs 5th June - Robinwood Year 4 parents meeting

Friday 6th June - North Tyneside Reading Festival (Year 2, am)

Thurs 12th June - Year 6 class assembly

Thurs 12th June - High Borrans information meeting for parents of Year 5 & 6

Key dates for the last half term:

Thurs 3rd July (pm) - sports day

Mon 14th July - annual reports sent to parents

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, May 2014

