

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - November 8th 2013



Thank you

Before the half term holiday, the children all enjoyed a fantastic Halloween disco, organised by the Friends of Preston Grange. I would like to thank the Friends and everybody who helped to make the event such fun for the children, including Darth Vader himself! If your child has not yet received their photo with Darth Vader, please let the school office know thank you.

Many thanks also go to the Year 6 girls, for showing enterprise and buying Halloween bits and pieces to sell on a stall themselves. Thanks to Tasnima, Jess Wallace, Lyla and Jess Yip for their initiative and fundraising for the Friends of Preston Grange.

After school club collection of children

As you are aware, all of our after school clubs finish at 4.30pm, but recently there have been some children regularly collected very late from clubs, sometimes as late as 5pm. I would be grateful if all parents could ensure prompt collection from clubs, as staff are unable to look after children beyond 4.30pm. If you think you may be late, I would be grateful if you could ring the school office. Unfortunately if children aren't collected by 4.35pm, children will be taken over to our after school club in the mobile classroom, where they will be charged for the session at out of school club (£8). Thank you for your support with this matter.



November

You may be aware that it is Movember this month. It is a charity event that raises money and awareness of men's health issues, and men have to grow a moustache in the month of November. You may have noticed that Mr Burgess, Mr Conaty and Mr Jamison in school are all taking part in the event, and are growing a moustache.

On Friday 29th November, the whole school will be celebrating 'Movember' and we would like the children to come into school on that day, wearing a moustache. Prizes for the most imaginative and creative moustaches! The children will also be icing biscuits with moustaches. You may wish to support this charity by sending your child with a suggested donation of £1 for the charity. If there are any Dads or Grandads out there also supporting the charity, I would be grateful if you could send a photo of your finished moustache into the school e-mail account!

Dogs

I would like to remind parents that we are not allowed dogs on the school site for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Speedmark Challenge prizes

Thank you to Miss Wise who pointed out that the children have not yet received their prizes from the recent Speedmark football challenge. I have looked into this, and found out that we had to wait for everyone to send their sponsor money into school. I can confirm that we have now sent the whole school sponsor money to the company, and that the prizes should be in school in the next week or two.

Congratulations

Well done to all of our Year 5 and 6 children who recently competed in a sportshall athletics competition at John Spence High School. We are very proud that our Year 6 boys won gold, our Year 6 girls won gold and our Year 5 boys won silver !

Scholastic book orders

If you wish to order any Scholastic books from the recent Scholastic magazine that was sent home, please make cheques payable to Preston Grange Primary School, and return your order to the school office by November 21st at the latest thank you.

Parental contributions for trips

We are still collecting the last of the parent contributions towards the whole school trip to the Theatre Royal pantomime on November 27th. We would be grateful if you have not sent your £4 parental contribution as yet, that you send it into the school office as soon as possible. This trip has been heavily subsidised by the Friends of Preston Grange, who have bought all of the pantomime tickets for the whole school, and we are only asking for £4 per child to cover transport costs. We are unfortunately not close enough to a metro station to be able to make use of public transport, and due to the large numbers of children and adults we are trying to transport, we are unable to simply use the public bus.

With most school trips, we ask for a voluntary contribution from parents. In these cases, school does not make any profit from the contributions, it merely covers the cost of the trip. We are however, noticing an increasing trend of parents who are not making the contribution and unfortunately the school budget is unable to subsidise these visits, which therefore may lead to us having to cancel visits or activities in the future.

The planned visit to the library contribution covers the bus transport plus the cost of the visiting author who the children will be working with. We would be most grateful for all payments for this trip to be made as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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