

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - February 10th 2015

Electric Gates

We will very shortly be installing electric gates at school. This means that there will be absolutely **no** vehicle access for any parents on site, at **any** time of the day, unless the driver has a blue badge and prior permission from school. The no vehicle access includes the full school day; including no cars coming onto site for breakfast club, nor picking up from after school clubs. The Governing Body has made this decision for the safety of our children.

Lost shoe

We would be grateful if you could help check your child's shoes at home please. Ross Dunn has lost one of his school shoes, a black size '2H' shoe. Please can you contact the school office if you find the missing shoe which may have accidentally come gone home perhaps with another child after a PE lesson. Thank you.

PE Update

Thank you to those people who have already donated old/out-grown T-shirts, shorts and sand shoes for our spare PE kit collection. They are greatly appreciated. Also, we would like to remind parents that earrings must be removed for all PE lessons. This is in accordance with our school and local authority policies.

New outdoor equipment

Creative Play has finished our climbing frame and Pirate Ship (seen here) on the school field. When the ground dries, the School Council will be unveiling both to the rest of the school. The children, understandably, are desperate to be able to play on them. We think that they are an excellent addition to the outside equipment that we have on the school site.



Preston Grange has got Talent

Last week saw the first round of Preston Grange has got talent. There were four acts and the School Council were the judging panel. The winners were Charlie Brunton and Jess Clements from Year 3, who sang 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver. Well done for fantastic performances from Sam and Charlie (Y4)



for their football skills, Reece, Bevan and Andrew(Y4) for their 'Dumbros' comedy act and finally well done to Harry and Lewis (Y4) for their 'Happy Harry's' funny magic show.

Reception Superheroes

Yesterday was Superhero Day in Reception class, and the children came into school all dressed as their favourite Superhero characters. Please find a gallery of photos on our school website. Thanks to parents for their support in sending the children into school in their costumes.

Maggies assembly

Last week, Kelly from Maggies Centre in Newcastle came into school to do an assembly for the children. It was an excellent assembly, which dealt with the diagnosis of cancer in a non-threatening and interactive way. All children were engaged and enjoyed the assembly.



Class fundraising for Maggies

This week all classes had planned to do their own fundraising for Maggies. Year 6 did a sponsored run, Years 3 and 4 did an inter-class hockey tournament. Reception and Year 2 are having baking and cake tuck shops, Year 5 are holding a 'feed and find fishing game', and Year 1 are doing a sponsored spell. Please see the website for detail and more photos of the events as they happen this week. Thank you to all families for the fantastic support and sponsor money, we are impressed as usual at your response and support.



Parents evenings

You will have received a letter tonight also about parents evenings which will be Wednesday 25th February and Monday 2nd March. Please note, that there are two designated evenings for this and a fixed number of appointments on these evenings to speak to your child's class teacher. Please return the slip for an appointment at your earliest convenience to ensure a slot to discuss your child's progress and attainment.

World Book Day - 5th March

This year World Book Day is 5th March. We would like to ask children to come into school in costumes which are based on the books and characters of David Walliams.



Storyteller in Year 4 and 5

Today Year 4 had a Greek visitor in class, and Year 5 had a Saxon visitor. The visitor told the children all about life in Ancient Greece and Saxon times.

Friday 13th February

This Friday we are having a non-uniform day as part of supporting Maggie's #showsome love campaign. We would like children to come into school wearing red, pink, or anything with hearts on, and would suggest a £1 donation for Maggie's. Karen our school cook will be making cakes with hearts on, and we will be having our final day of class fundraising. Thanks for your support.

Dates for your diaries

Thurs 12th Feb - Year 4 Quick sticks Hockey at The Parks (pm)

Thurs 12th Feb - Year 1 Multiskills at JSCHS

Thurs 12th Feb - Year 5 Puberty, school nurse

Thurs 12th Feb - Valentine discos (2.30-3.30pm KS1, 3.40 - 5.00pm KS2)

Fri 13th Feb - Year 2 Multi-skills at JSCHS

Fri 13th Feb - Break up for half term

Mon 23rd Feb - School re-starts

Mon 23rd Feb - NUFC Family Football starts 3.30-5pm

Wed 25th Feb - Parents evening

Mon 2nd March - The Big Pedal starts

Mon 2nd March - Year 2 at Dance Festival rehearsal (12 - 1.30)

Mon 2nd March - Parents evening (NB there is no NUFC Family Football tonight)

Mon 2nd March - Image Musical Theatre in school performing 'Tom's Midnight Garden'

Tues 3rd March - Dance Festival at The Parks (Year 2) 6-7.30pm

Thurs 5th March - World Book Day

Wed 18th March - Heights & weights of Reception and Year 6 children

Thurs 19th March - Football team to JSCHS

Fri 27th March - Tyne and Wear netball finals (Y6 team) at The Blue Flames (pm)

Fri 27th March - Bikeability level 1 (Year 4) am and pm sessions

Tues 31st March - Year 3 skipping festival at JSCHS

Thurs 2nd April - Break up for Easter holidays

NB. Children return to school on Monday 20th April

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, February 10th 2015