

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - January 23rd 2015



Newcastle Eagles in school - Hoops 4 Health

Last week coach Fab Flournoy and other Newcastle Eagles players, came into school to work with Year 5 and 6 as part of the Hoops 4 Health roadshow, which culminates in a basketball tournament between schools.

The children took part in a warm up session with Fab, they learnt about the importance of exercise and looking after their bodies. Then they took part in a carousel of activities led by the different players, on: food groups and the importance of a balanced diet, an anti-smoking session and then a practical basketball session in the hall. Finally, the Eagles played competitive games with the children and the winners received an Eagles goody bag. The afternoon was fantastic, and the children enjoyed working with the Eagles players immensely.

Last year our Year 6 team was overall cup winners in the North East Champions of Champions Hoops 4 Health tournament, and our Year 5 team will be playing the initial games in this year's Hoops 4 Health tournament on 3rd February. Good luck Year 5!



NUFC Foundation

Last week Ryan from NUFC Foundation came into school and did an assembly with the children on the importance of breakfast, having enough sleep and about being match fit. The children really enjoyed the assembly, and learnt a great deal.

Outdoor play equipment to be installed



Last term the School Council researched the type of new outdoor play equipment that they would like to have installed on the school field. This week saw the start of a climbing frame being installed. The



workmen will be on site for 10 days, during which time the area in which they are installing the equipment will be coned off. We are proud of the School

Council for their research and choices. Both pieces of equipment will encourage active playtimes for the children and everybody is looking forward to them being installed.

Parents evenings this term

We will be holding parents evenings appointments on the following dates: either Wed 25th February or Monday 2nd March. Further details and appointment requests will follow shortly.

Safety on the school site

We have had a few parent concerns raised about movement of cars on the school site both before school starts, and at 3.30pm. Concerns include: that cars are driving into school, there is an increase of parents and children walking down the road instead of on the path, and children riding fast on bikes and scooters within the school grounds. Please note that there are NO cars allowed on the school site or car park - unless by prior arrangement with the Headteacher, and permission is only given if there are current medical conditions which affect accessibility. Children should not be scooting or cycling once they arrive at the school gate. Thanks for your support with this matter.

School lunches

Please note, it is Week 1 of the school lunch menu next week. Please see the menu on <http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/240/menus>.

Lost property

We have a HUGE amount of lost property in school, in fact more than we can possibly store. We would be grateful if you could come into school before the end of next week (by Friday 30th January) to claim any items that your child may have mislaid. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Dog warden

We have received a telephone call from the dog warden about dog fouling around the estate. They have asked me to make the school community aware that they are checking for dog fouling in the vicinity of our school. Thank you.

Reception craft afternoon

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Reception craft afternoon yesterday. The afternoon was really well attended and we were pleased to hear that everybody enjoyed making weather mobiles with their child.

Valentine's Disco

Before half term on February 12th, there will be a Valentine disco for Key Stage 1 (2.30 - 3.30) and Key Stage 2 (3.40 - 5.00). Posters will be displayed around school and information about tickets in the next week.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesdays this term - Year 3 Swimming. **Please note, all children need their swimming kit every week thanks.**

Tues 3rd Feb - Hoops 4 Health Tournament (Year 5) at Lakeside

Tues 10th Feb - Tanya Bentham storyteller in Year 5 (Saxons) & Year 4 (Greeks)

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 - Break up for half term

Mon 23rd Feb - School re-starts

Wed 25th Feb - Parents evening

Mon 2nd March - Parents evening

Advanced notice: Thurs 5th March is World Book Day

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, January 21st 2015

Next newsletter: Tuesday 3rd February. Please check the school website for news in between, thanks.