

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - October 14th 2015

Parents evenings

Thank you to all of our families who attended parents evenings. We hope that everyone found the meetings helpful and informative.

Fantastic news

You will have already received the letter which was sent out yesterday, informing parents that next September we will be opening our own school Nursery at Preston Grange. The Governing Body have worked long and hard to be in a position to offer the whole of the Foundation Stage at our school, and we know that Nursery will be a fantastic addition to our school. I would like to thank the Governing Body for their hard work, commitment and support in achieving this for our school community.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed application forms, and for the positive feedback we have had since announcing the news. Please call at the school office if you would like an application form, or download one from our website (under 'Info for parents' and then 'admissions').

Shoe box appeal

Your child will have brought home the annual shoe box appeal leaflet tonight for the Samaritans Purse charity. We would be grateful if you are going to put a Christmas shoe box together, if we could have them at school by 9th November at the latest for collection by the charity. Many thanks for your support.



Exercise books

Just over a week ago we sent home all of your child's exercise books from their previous class. If you remember, we kept them for moderation purposes and also until our Ofsted inspection was out of the way. They are a memory for the children and we know that parents like to have their children's books.

Mrs Gibson's baby

For those of you who haven't heard, or seen on our school website, Mrs Gibson had a baby girl named Edith on Friday 2nd October. She weighed 8lbs and 14oz, and is absolutely gorgeous. Mum and baby are doing really well although Mrs Gibson says she is not getting much sleep!

Well done

We would like to inform parents that Mr Jamison and Mrs Wright have recently qualified as Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs), having passed the course and assessment process at the end of Summer term. This means that both of them are qualified and experienced to be able to cover classes whilst teachers are planning or on courses. We are proud of them both.

Well done girls !

We are really proud to hear that Alex Gibson (Year 6) has achieved her red belt in Judo, and her sister Erin (Year 3) has just achieved her blue and white belt in jiu jitsu. Well done girls, we are really proud of you.



Halloween Discos

Thank you to Lorraine Harrison (Mum of Jacob, Year 3) for organising the fancy dress Halloween discos for the children next week. The disco for Key Stage 1 children will be from 1.30 to 2.30pm, and the disco for Key Stage 2 children will be from 2.45-4pm. Admission costs £2, and this includes a snack and unlimited drinks. There will be stalls at the discos, including sweets stall, neon nail painting and glitter tattoos. Prizes will be given for the best costumes and best dancers. Please send your child's costume into school in a bag on the day, and the staff will be available to help them to get ready. If you are able to help at one of the discos, please contact the school office thanks.

Poppies

This year we will be starting to sell poppies and other items on Monday 19th October for a week before half term, and they will also be sold after the half term holiday. This is due to the popularity of some of the associated items that are on sale - they sold like hotcakes last year ! The poppies will be sold at the start of the day on the yard, and also at playtimes. The prices are as follows:

- a poppy - donation
- friendship bracelet - £1
- slap ruler - £1
- wristband - 50p
- reflectors - 50p
- pencils - 50p



A cheque for Maggie's

Today we presented a cheque to Kelly from Maggie's. The cheque was for £6185, which she was thrilled to accept from our school fundraising over last year. The photograph will appear on the Maggie's Facebook page today too. A HUGE thank you to all of our school community for this significant amount raised. This charity was close to our hearts and we never expected to raise such a large amount. Thanks again for your support.



Harvest Festival

This year we planned to do Harvest Festival in the morning, but we have been overwhelmed by requests for tickets, and there are none left. We have therefore decided to have an afternoon performance at 2.30pm. Should you wish to 'swap' your morning tickets for afternoon ones, please drop them in at the school office. There are sufficient afternoon tickets now for extra seats too, should you want to invite Grandparents.

A reminder that we are accepting donations of food for Whitley Bay foodbank, and produce/packets/jars and tins may be left at school up until 9am on Friday. Thank you for the donations of food that have already been sent into school.

If you wish to enter the family 'decorated vegetable' competition, please send it into school also by 9am on Friday, with your child's name and family name clearly marked, thank you. We look forward to seeing your creativity this year !

Thank you

Thanks to all of our Reception families who came into school last week to have lunch with your child. It was really well attended, and was lovely to see how much it was enjoyed by both parents and children. Thank you to Karen, Lillian and Sarah in the kitchen for their hard work and delicious lunch.



Dates for your diary

Fri 16th Oct - Harvest Festival (9.15am and 2.30pm)

Mon 19th Oct - Reception parents learning journey look

Tues 20th Oct - Year 5 & 6 Hoops 4 Health basketball training

Wed 21st - Halloween discos (pm)

Thurs 22nd Oct - Individual school photos (school photographer)

Thurs 22nd Oct - Year 6 to Crucial Crew (fire station)

Fri 23rd Oct - Coffee morning

Fri 23rd Oct - Wear it Pink Day (non uniform day for Breast Cancer)

Fri 23rd Oct - Break up for half term

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, October 14th 2015