

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – June 4th 2019



Snappy Opera

Year 5 have been working with Mahogany Opera (a national opera company which focuses on bringing opera to new audiences) all this term. Alongside schools in North Tyneside and across the whole country, the children have been focusing on singing, acting and stagecraft to put together our own 10 minute 'Snappy Opera'.

Excitingly, the children will be performing as part of the North Tyneside Snappy Opera festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse on 3rd July. They are having so much fun putting together our opera and can't wait to perform it for an audience!

School lunches

There is a new catering menu which has started today. There are 3 weekly menus that rotate. Please see the menu options below or visit [www.https://my.northyntside.gov.uk/category/240/menus](http://www.northyntside.gov.uk/category/240/menus)

Medically Prescribed Diets - Reminder

If a parent contacts us with regard to a pupil requiring a medically prescribed diet or a change to an existing diet, you will be directed to Catering Services in order to arrange a meeting with a manager from Catering Services. This is very important as Catering need to maintain strict control over all children's diets. If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Catering Services on 0191 643 8355 or catering.services@northyntside.gov.uk thanks.

Summer Fair June 29th

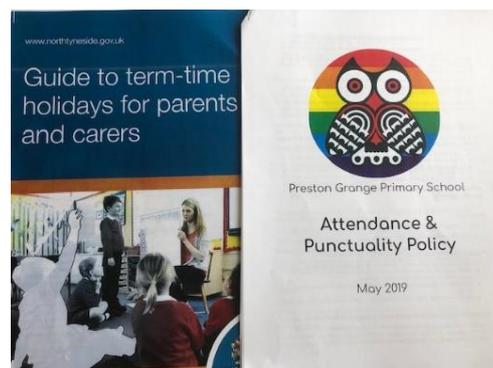
On Saturday 29th June from 11am – 2pm, the Friends of Preston Grange have planned and organised a fantastic Summer fair. Here are some reminders about the Fair:

- Don't forget to book your table for the table top sale at the summer event on 29th June with the office ASAP (set up from 9am)
- Don't forget if you'd like to volunteer to help at the Summer Event to contact Lisa Short, Emma Williamson or the school office ASAP
- For our Summer Event we're running a raffle, if you would like to donate anything for this please contact Lisa Short, Emma Williamson or the school office

Thanks so much for your support!

Attendance Policy

The children brought home last night, an updated copy of our Attendance & Punctuality policy, along with a letter from our Chair of Governors Miss Lamb and a guide to term time holidays from North Tyneside Authority. Please see our website if you don't receive your paper copy.



It is a statutory requirement that children attend school and due to increasing numbers of term time holidays being taken (over 500 schools days last academic year were lost), **the Governing Body have decided that any parent who takes their child out of school for a term time holiday as of September, will be fined, regardless of when it was booked.** Once the holiday is taken, the information is passed onto the Local Authority who will then take action. This is completely out of our hands once it has been referred to the Local Authority.

Please note, since Nursery is not statutory to attend, this only takes effect once your child is in Reception class.



NTLT Star awards

Thanks to Sam from North Tyneside Learning Trust, who came in to assembly to award two of our children with certificates for Jack in Year 5 and Charlie from Reception. They both were nominated under the Achievement category.

Charlie has also been put through to the finals and invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Old Assembly Rooms on July 2nd. Well done to both boys, and good luck to Charlie for the finals!

After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend any after school clubs this half term, it is on a first come, first served basis. Please could all forms be at the school office by Thursday at the latest thank you.

Congratulations

We have known for some time that Miss Daley is expecting her first child in early September. She is a highly valued member of staff and will be a huge miss when she takes her maternity leave, but we are all delighted for her, and can't wait to see the baby! Miss Daley will begin her maternity leave at the end of Summer term.



Classes and teachers for September

Please find below, the classes and teachers for the forthcoming academic year starting in September:

Nursery – Mrs Lawrence
 Reception – Miss Knowles
 Year 1 – Miss Wright
 Year 2 – Mrs Gibson
 Year 3 – Mrs Gardner
 Year 4 – Mrs Udberg
 Year 5 – Mr Russell
 Year 6 – Mrs Jones

Please note: Mrs Gardner who has worked at school this year, will be covering Miss Daley's class whilst she is on maternity leave.

Reports

This year, annual reports will be sent home with the children on Friday July 5th. This will be the format for the reports:

Annual Report to Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am pleased to share with you your child's annual report for 2017-18. This gives an overview of your child's achievements this year, as well as some indications for their progress in the year ahead. I hope that you find its contents informative, and that you enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the progress made.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss its content with your child's class teacher.

Michael Tidd
 Headteacher

Class Teacher's Comment

Subject attainment

Core Subjects		Foundation Subjects	
Speaking & Listening		Art	
Reading		Computing	
Writing		Design & Technology	
Mathematics		French	
Science		Geography	
		History	
		Music	
		Physical Education	

Pupils' attainment is compared to the expectations for their year group. Attainment is graded in the following bands:

Greater Depth: Pupils working beyond the standard expected for their year group, showing greater depth of understanding.

Expected: Pupils who are working at the standard expected for their year group.

Working Towards: Pupils working at the appropriate age curriculum, but who have not yet secured all the expected learning for their year group.

Below: Pupils who are not yet working on the objectives linked to their year group.

Summer 2018

Preparation for Learning

	Attendance	Behaviour	Effort
Exceptional	Attendance is 99% or higher. Always in school on time.	A role model for other pupils due to their excellent behaviour.	Goes beyond expectations in lessons and with home learning.
Good	Attendance is 96% or higher. Very rarely late to school.	Always meets the Medmerry Expectations for behaviour.	Consistently good effort with all work set.
Room for Improvement	Attendance falls below 96% or occasionally late to school.	Occasionally misses learning opportunities due to behaviour.	Effort is sometimes good, but not always consistently applied.
Cause for Concern	Attendance is below 90% or frequently late to school.	Incidents of poor behaviour cause disruption for other pupils.	Shows a poor attitude in lessons or to home learning.

A full transcript of your child's attendance up to Friday 6th July will accompany this report.

Pupil's Comment

Targets for the Year Ahead

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Headteacher's comment

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Timmy the class attendance owl

In the last week of half term, these were the class total attendances:

Reception – 100%
 Year 1 – 93%
 Year 2 – 97%
 Year 3 – 99%
 Year 4 – 98%
 Year 5 – 88.2%
 Year 6 – 96.4%

Our school target attendance is 96.5%. Congratulations to the classes who achieved above target attendance and well done to Reception class for 100% attendance! They will be awarded Timmy the Owl for a week.

SEN meetings

Mrs Gibson will be inviting parents of children into school for Summer term SEN meetings at the end of June or beginning of July. You should receive your letter in due course.

Sports Day

We will be holding Sports Day on Thursday 27th June in the afternoon, starting at 1.15pm. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Open afternoons

Following the annual reports being sent out, we will be holding two open afternoons. At these, you will be able to look at your child's work across the year alongside your child, and the class teacher will be available for if you have any questions after you have received your child's annual report. Please find below the timings for different classes over the two afternoons:

Thursday 11th July

1-2pm Years 3 & 4 parents

2-3pm Years 1 & 2 parents

Friday 12th July

1-2pm Nursery & Reception parents

3-4pm Years 5 & 6 parents

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available, and we hope to see as many parents as possible at the open afternoons.

Tuck shop

Recently Miss Knowles worked with the School Council to test some new snacks to sell at tuck shop on Fridays. The children tasted and considered snacks from a company called Fruit to Suit. All of their snacks are weighed and have nutritional information to match school food standards. The School Council did an amazing job considering which ones they thought would be popular for the children!

These items healthy & less sugary items will be on sale in tuck shop next term. In the meantime, a reminder that children should only bring 50p for tuck shop. Thanks for your support!



Operation Encompass

We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project,



named Operation Encompass: The Next Steps, aims to educate children and young people about healthy relationships.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and empathy and rules and expectations, so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring friendships/relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.

Y6 leavers

We are currently discussing with the children what they would like to do for their end of year treat and will write to parents once this has been agreed with the children and organised.

On Tuesday 16th July, we invite you into school for a leavers assembly at 10.50am. Following the assembly, we invite you to stay and have lunch with your child. A letter with all end of year 6 arrangements will be sent out shortly.

Lost Property

We are once again awash with lost property and know that as parents you will want to claim your child's belongings. Each night for the rest of this week, lost property will be put outside on the yard (outside KS1 door) where we invite you to have a look through and take anything that belongs to your child. Thank you!

Move up Morning

On Thursday 11th July in the morning, we will be having our move up morning. This is when the classes all move up to their classes for September and the children spend the morning getting to know their new class teacher for next year. On this day our new Nursery children are also invited into school.

Can anyone help?

We have cleared the school allotment garden, with help from the children. We are now looking for anyone that may have a contact for a landscape gardener who could plan a garden design with the children and help to put the garden together? If you know anyone that could help us, we'd be grateful if you would contact the school office. Thank you so much!

Preston Grange has got Talent

We will be holding our annual PG Has Talent competition again, and ask that any children who might like to perform start rehearsing their acts.

There will be in-class auditions on Friday 14th June, and the winners voted by each class will go through to the final which is on Monday 15th July, which all families of the finalists will be invited to.

School uniform orders for September

The deadline date that we have been given by Emblematic, our uniform suppliers, is 16th June. Orders must be placed online if you wish for the uniform to be delivered to school by the start of term.

As you will have noticed, we have permanently changed our school logo following LGBT month, and this will be introduced onto our new uniform for any future orders.

Please visit <http://emblematic.co.uk/schools/pgps> to order school uniform.

Dates for your diary.....it's VERY busy!

Wed 5th June – Y4 @JSCHS for Design & Technology (pm)
Wed 5th June – Y3 rugby coaching each Wed
Wed 5th June – Active lunchtimes with Coach Craig begins (each Wed)
Wed 5th June – Y5 Snappy Opera rehearsal
Thurs 6th June – Y3 @Reading Festival (am)
Thurs 6th June – Girls football coaching with Coach Courtney (12-1) (each Thurs)
Thurs 6th June – Y6 Hoops 4 Health basketball coaching (pm)
Thurs 6th June – Y4 ukulele with Chad each Thurs
Thurs 6th June – Girls football team @JSCHS (3.45 – 5.15pm)
Fri 7th June – Class photographs in hall (am)
Fri 7th June – Y5 @JSCHS for French
Mon 10th June – Phonics screening check for Y1
Mon 10th June – French Language Assistant in school (pm) each Mon
Mon 10th June – Summer Sports after school club begins (R, Y1 & 2)
Tues 11th June – iPad band performance Whitley Bay Playhouse
Tues 11th June – Y2 visit to Winter Gardens
Tues 11th June – Y5 Snappy Opera rehearsal
Tues 11th June – Cricket after school club begins (Y3-6)
Tues 11th June – Puzzles & games after school club begins (Y1, 2, Rec)
Wed 12th June – Y4 arrive at Robinwood (residential)
Wed 12th June – Y3 rugby coaching
Wed 12th June – Basketball after school club begins (Y4,5,6)
Thurs 13th June – New Nursery children transition
Thurs 13th June – Y6 H4H basketball coaching
Fri 14th June – In class auditions PG has talent
Fri 14th June – Y4 arrive back from Robinwood approx. 4pm
Fri 14th June – No swimming for Y3
Tues 18th June – Y4 @The Big Gig, Northumbria Sports Central
Wed 19th June – Y4 tennis finals tbc
Wed 19th June – Snappy Opera Y5 rehearsal
Wed 19th June – Y6 @JSCHS for design & Technology
Thurs 20th June – Samba drumming Y6
Thurs 20th June – Y3 & 4 basketball coaching with Coach CC

Thurs 20th June – Y5/6 rounders @JSCHS after school
Mon 24th June – Y5 bikeability level 2 (6 chn)
Tues 25th June – Snappy Opera Y5
Thurs 27th June – Sports Day (pm)
Thurs 27th June – Girls football team @JSCHS after school
Sat 29th June – Summer Fair (11am-2pm)
Thurs 27th June – New to Reception parents meeting 9 – 9.30am
Fri 28th June – Y5 Pirate Day @JSCHS
Tues 2nd July – Y6 samba drumming
Wed 3rd July – Snappy Opera rehearsal at Whitley Bay Playhouse
Wed 3rd July – Y4 @JSCHS with parents
Thurs 4th July – Y3 & 4 basketball coaching with Coach CC
Fri 5th July – Party in the Park (choir)
Fri 5th July – Reports to parents
Fri 5th July – Y6 Hoops 4 Health @Eagles Arena
Fri 5th July – Y6 @JSCHS for French
Mon 8th July – Y5 bikeability – 6 chn Level 2
Tues 9th July – Y5 bikeability 6 chn Level 2
Wed 10th July – Y3 visit to Great North Museum all day
Thurs 11th July – Y6 samba drumming
Thurs 11th July – Move Up Morning
Thurs 11th July – Open afternoon Year 3 & 4 (1-2pm), Year 1 & 2 (2-3pm)
Thurs 11th July – Hand hygiene session with nurse
Thurs 11th July – Y3 & 4 basketball coaching with Coach CC
Thurs 11th July – Y6 at samba drumming rehearsal
Fri 12th July – Reception & Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic
Fri 12th July – Open afternoon Reception (1-2pm), Y5 & 6 (3-4pm)
Mon 15th July – PGPS has Talent finals (1.30pm)
Mon 15th July – Y5 bikeability 6 chn Level 2
Tues 16th July – Nursery end of year show tbc
Tues 16th July – Y6 leavers assembly 10.50am + parents stay for lunch
Wed 17th July – Nursery end of year show 11am
Wed 17th July – School's 50th birthday celebrations! (pm)
Thurs 18th July – Y3 & 4 basketball coaching with Coach CC
Fri 19th July – Break up for Summer

N.B. Children return to school on Tues 3rd September

Tracey Taylor
Headteacher

June 4th 2019