

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - May 15th 2018



Building works

We are pleased to inform parents that our new extension is nearly complete, and once the building work is finished we will be fitting the room out with 32 desktop PCs to be used as an ICT suite. For those parents who remember, we always used to have an ICT suite, but this room was used to create the Nursery. To have an ICT suite again will further enhance our ICT curriculum and opportunities for the children. We will be fitting the ICT suite with 32 PCs and in addition, we are buying 40 new ipads. Here is the work in progress and Mr Russell our ICT subject leader measuring the space for the benching and PCs. It's very exciting!

Mr Russell is currently completing Apple teacher training, and this will have a huge impact on our ICT curriculum and ICT in general.



Emergency contacts

We keep details for every child in school of emergency contacts should your child be unwell. It has been drawn to my attention that there are a few parents who only have one emergency contact on their form.

If this is the case, your form will be sent home and you will be asked to give the school office a second phone number. We hope that you appreciate that is for the health & safety of our children; if your first emergency contact is unavailable there will be difficulty or delay in contacting you. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Class coffee mornings

Thank you to everyone who has attended their child's class coffee morning so far this term. We have had some lovely feedback and the children have told us that they enjoy families being in school so that they can have juice and a cake with you.

NTLT Star Awards

The nominations for the North Tyneside Trust star awards have now closed. Thank you to any parents that may have nominated one of the children in school. If you have done so, we would be grateful if you could please let the school office know who you have nominated, along with the category that you have entered them into thank you.

Uniform

As we approach the end of Summer term, please find the link below to our school uniform supplier:

<http://emblematic.co.uk/schools/pgps>

Dogs

It has been noticed that people are starting to bring dogs onto the school site. For health & safety reasons, I must remind you that there are no dogs on the site - in arms, or on a lead. This is the case for all North Tyneside schools, and there is signage up which states this at the gate and on the outside wall. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Sports Day

As in previous years, we are being ambitious in hoping that the weather will be kind to us next week, and we have planned to have Sports Day for on Wednesday 23rd May starting at 1.15pm. A letter will be sent out confirming the full arrangements.

Key Stage 2 SATs



This week our Year 6 children are sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. We are extremely proud of the way in which they have tackled these papers so far, with such determination and enthusiasm. Thank you to all parents at home for the extra support that they have been given, and a HUGE thank you to Miss Daley for the hard work in preparing the children so well for the tests. Three papers done, three more to go!

On Friday, we have organised a very well deserved visit from an ice cream van for Year 6 this Friday to help the children celebrate the SATs being over on the Thursday! This is kindly sponsored by Vision for Education, the teaching supply company that we use.

Scholastic books

If there are any parents who would like to order Scholastic books from the recent magazine, please send your order into the school office by this Friday thanks.

New School Menu

Our new three week school menu will start on Monday 4th June 2018, with a choice of four main courses and a selection of puddings prepared everyday by your school's catering team. In addition, children also have a choice of salads to choose from. You can view the menu online through JOINOS, www.joinos.com. Choose to save the link through your smart phone so you can see the daily menu whilst on the go. The menu is also available on North Tyneside Council's Website www.northtyneside.gov.uk

New to JOINOS

If you do not have a Joinos Account please e-mail joinos@northtyneside.gov.uk to request a JOINOS code, quoting your child's name, school, year and class and confirming you have parental responsibility for your child.

Paying for School Meals

JOINOS allows you to manage your child's school meal account. By using JOINOS you will be able to check meals taken, balances and make payments. Please register even if your child takes a packed lunch to ensure they are only coming in for a meal when you want them to. Please ensure you pay in advance to avoid receiving an invoice at the end of each academic year.

Contact catering

You can contact North Tyneside's Catering team by phone on 0191 6438355, email at catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk or on Twitter @FreshFoodNE.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 17th May - Year 2 Safetyworks visit (pm)

Fri 18th May - Year 5 Safetyworks visit

Fri 18th May - Year 3 coffee morning

Wed 23rd May - Sports Day (1.15pm start)

Fri 25th May - Year 4 coffee morning

Fri 25th May - Break up for May half term

Mon 4th June - Children return to school

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, May 15th 2018