

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - May 8th 2015

Year 3 class assembly

Well done to Year 3 who did a class assembly for parents and the rest of school this week. It was on the theme of poetry, and was absolutely excellent. It took us to Poetry Land, where two characters Po and Etry introduced us to rhyming couplets, onomatopoeia and alliteration. The children were fabulous and had learnt their words perfectly. Thank you to Mrs Monaghan and Year 3 for their hard work. We were really proud of them all.

SATs week for Year 6

Next week it is SATs week for our Year 6 children. These are statutory assessments that all children in Year 6 have to sit. We wish them all the very best of luck in their tests and we know how hard they have been working up to them.

Congratulations

I am pleased to inform you that both Mrs Gibson and Mrs Udberg are expecting babies, and will be taking maternity leave at some point in the autumn term. Congratulations to both of them!

Year 1 Phonics test

In June, all children in Year 1 have to sit a phonics test each year. All parents of Year 1 children will be receiving further information about the test after the half-term holiday.

Residential visits

This year at the end of June Year 4 are visiting Robinwood in Alston, Cumbria. Year 5 & 6 are visiting London at the beginning of July. Thank you to parents for the final payments for the trips.

Please note that in line with our Managing Medicines Policy, we are not allowed to give children ANY medicine that is not prescribed for them. For example, this includes travel sickness medication, hayfever medication and pain relief medication. If your child requires any of these medicines, please have it prescribed by your GP. We also require all medication for residential visits to be handed in to school TWO full days before we leave for the visit. We will not accept any medication on the day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Electric gates

We have had the electric gates installed at the front entrance to school now. This means that there will no longer be any site traffic, and access will be restricted to staff, deliveries and authorised persons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Training days for next year

This year, August Bank Holiday is Monday 31st August. Tuesday 1st September is a teacher training day, and then the children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. The following dates in 2016 are also teacher training days:

Monday 4th January 2016

Friday 27th May 2016

Wednesday 20th July 2016

After school clubs

We are really pleased that the new ballet after school club has had such a successful start. The children are really enjoying the class, and the dance teacher has been very complimentary about the childrens' behaviour and attention.

Please also find attached the letter about next half-term's after-school clubs. Please return the form (with payment if required) no later than **15th May** if your child is interested in applying for any clubs, thank you.

School uniform orders

Please find attached with this newsletter, a school uniform order form. Any orders that are placed by **June 26th** will be delivered in the last week of term.

Well done !

We are really proud of Nina in Year 2 for raising £27 for Maggie's Centre, all by herself. Nina has been making items out of Hama beads as well as clay keyrings which she has sold to friends in school. Well done Nina !

Dates for your diary:

Mon 11th May - SATs for Year 6

Wed 13th May - Year 4 at rugby festival, Kingston Park

Thurs 14th May - Year 2 at Safetyworks, Newcastle

Fri 15th May - Year 6 at Safetyworks, Newcastle

Mon 18th May - Year 4 tennis competition

Mon 18th May - Safety talk to Year 6: dangers of public transport

Tues 19th May - Mad Hatters Tea Party (Reception class, letter to follow)

Wed 20th May - Year 3 tennis competition

Wed 20th May - Year 4 class assembly 9.15am

Fri 22nd May - Islamaphobia workshops Year 5 & 6

Fri 22nd May - Break up for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 1st June - children return to school

Wed 3rd June - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
Thurs 4th June - Year 6 cricket competition, Tynemouth cricket club
Thurs 4th June - Year 3 road safety sessions in groups (runs for 4 wks on Thurs)
Wed 10th June - Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
Wed 10th June - Sports day 1.15pm
Fri 12th June - St John's Ambulance - the big first aid lesson (KS2)
Wed 17th June - Reception class assembly 9.15am
Fri 19th June - Fathers Day stall in school (morning break)
Mon 22nd June - Year 2 & 3 at Whitley Bay Playhouse: Jeremy Strong (author)
Wed 24th June - Year 4 to Robinwood
Wed 24th June - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am
Thurs 25th June - Year 1 & 2 NUFC football festival at John Spence (am)
Wed 1st July - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
Wed 1st July - Goalden goal NUFC fundraising event in school (details to follow)
Thurs 2nd July - Year 5 & 6 to London
Thurs 2nd July - Reception new starters afternoon (1.15 to 3.15)
Mon 6th July - end of year reports to parents
Mon 6th July - Year 5 Bikeability (group 1)
Mon 6th July - move up afternoon within school
Tues 7th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 2)
Wed 8th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 3)
Thurs 9th - Bikeability Year 5 (group 4)
Thurs 9th July - Parent 'book look' with your child in the hall
Thurs 9th July - Reception new starters afternoon (1.15 to 3.15)
Fri 10th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 5)
Mon 13th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 6)
Mon 13th July - Angel of the North event at The Sage
Fri 17th July - Break up for Summer

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, May 8th 2015