

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – June 14th 2021



## **Robinwood**

Time is going quickly, and we are extremely relieved that the Robinwood residential for Year 4 & 5 can at long last go ahead! Children will be leaving school on Wednesday 23rd June, and returning on Friday 25th June. Parents received a google form to complete; thank you for completing these.

Staff going to Robinwood with the children are as follows:

Mrs Udberg (Group Leader)  
Mr Russell  
Miss Minto  
Miss Blythe TA  
Mr Whitenstall HLTA

Ordinarily we hold a meeting in school where we go through what the children will be doing when they are away. Sadly due to our risk assessment not allowing parents in school at the minute, we aim to send out the information to families along with a list of frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions once you have received this, I would be grateful if you could email your question to the school office [office@pgps.co.uk](mailto:office@pgps.co.uk), with Robinwood as the subject. We know that going to Robinwood is a fantastic experience, and one that the children are really looking forward to. All final details about the residential including the arrangements for dropping your child off with their luggage at school on the 23rd, will be explained at the end of this week.

## **Class teachers for 2021-22**

Please find below, a list of class teachers below:

Nursery morning session - Mrs Lawrence  
Nursery afternoon session - Miss Storey  
Reception - Miss Knowles  
Year 1 - Miss Wright  
Year 2 - Mrs Gibson & Mrs Blackett  
Year 3 - Miss Cheetham  
Year 4 - Mrs Udberg  
Year 5 - Mr Russell  
Year 6 - Miss Daley

## **Staffing update**

From September we welcome two new members of staff; Miss Storey will be our new teacher for afternoon Nursery, and Mr Fairley who was our School Direct student teacher last year, has been appointed and will be teaching Maths sets as well as working across Key Stage 2.

Sadly, at the end of July we will say goodbye to two valued members of staff; Mrs Royle has made the decision to retire at the end of term after working at school for 23 years! In her time

at our school, Mrs Royle has been a Teaching Assistant, a Governor, Senior Lunchtime supervisor and Office Admin Assistant. We are going to miss her SO much.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Jones who will be also moving on to pastures new. She will be taking up a leadership role at a school in Northumberland. We would like to thank her for being such fantastic teacher, and wish her the best of luck in her new position. Both members of staff have been amazing assets to the staff team and will be dearly missed. We wish them both well.

### **Cycle path**

I have been sent some information from the Local Authority about plans to extend cycle routes across the borough and I thought I would share this consultation with families, as one of the proposed cycle paths in North Tyneside could help our children to cycle to school along Rake Lane:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/news/28361/plans-revealed-enhance-public-transport-routes-and-expand-cycling-network>

If you would like to read about the proposal, please click on the consultation link on the web page linked above, find the scheme and leave a comment if you want. The one particularly relevant to our families is the proposed Rake Lane cycle path.

### **School lunches**

As of Monday 21st June, the school lunch menu will return to a 3 week rotational menu with choices, as it always was pre-Covid. If you would like to view the menu for the rest of the term, please see the flier that is attached to this newsletter.

### **Term dates for 2021-22**

Please see the list of school term dates for next academic year attached to this newsletter. There are FIVE teacher training days:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **After school club**

Due to Schools Out Northern no longer providing an out of school club at our school after Friday 9th July, we are currently considering if running an after school club would be a viable option for school or not. We are required to draw up a business plan and work out if the low numbers currently attending (averaging 5 children per night) could be supported.

During the last week of the term (week beginning July 12th) school unfortunately will not be able to support the families of children who currently access out of school club. Parents will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare, as there are no staff in school to cover this. If you are having difficulty finding alternative childcare for the last week, perhaps you might approach Schools Out Northern to ask if they will consider opening in the last week.

To outline the situation, schools can provide access to wraparound childcare, but *only if there is sufficient demand*, either on their own premises or nearby, but it is not a statutory requirement. We are keen to consider some alternative options and will inform parents as soon as we know if it is a viable option.

### **Appointments in the school day**

In line with our attendance policy (see website) parents are expected to make appointments for children outside of the school day wherever possible, particularly with routine check-up appointments. As well as monitoring attendance, we are now monitoring the increasing number of children who attend appointment during the school day. Recently there has been an increase in these, particularly on Fridays, and so I ask again that parents use school holidays, and make appointments outside of the school day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Dates for your diary**

Mon 12 June - Bikeability continues this week

Fri 18 June - Children singing to residents of Redesdale Court

Wed 23 - Fri 25 June - Robinwood residential Year 4 & 5

Fri 2 July - annual reports sent out

Fri 16 July - School breaks up for Summer

Tracey Taylor

Headteacher

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