

Preston Grange Primary School

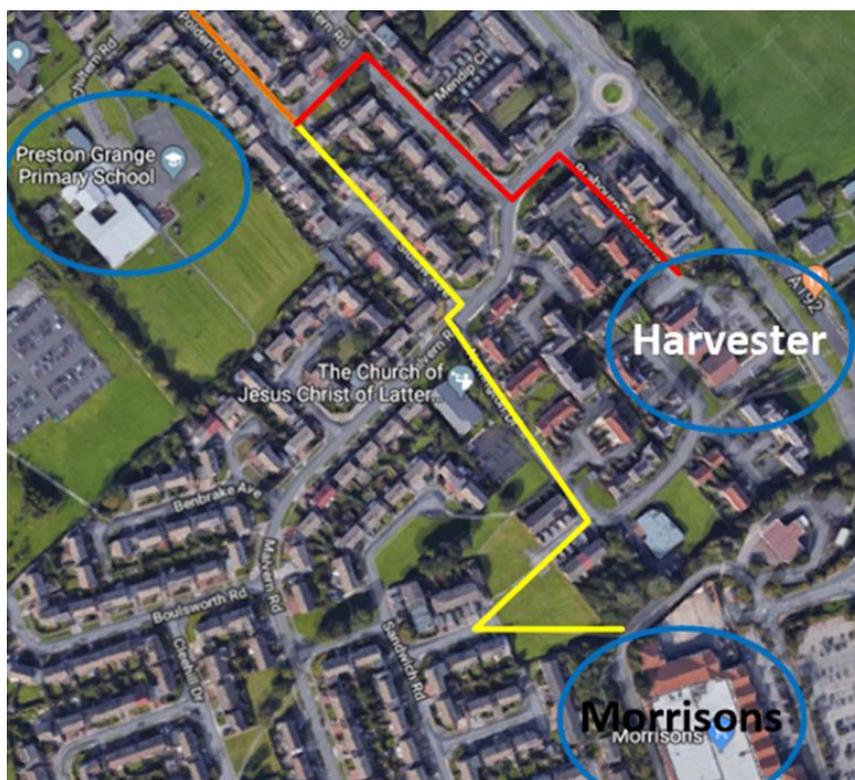
Newsletter - November 21st 2018



Go Smarter to School

Our school is teaming up with North Tyneside Council's school transport project, Go Smarter. The project promotes sustainable and active travel by school children, while encouraging and enabling safe and healthy ways of doing so.

As a first step, and in order to help reduce traffic volume and air pollution around the school gates, two local businesses have kindly offered use of their car parks to create 'Park and Stride' sites for our school.



Parents and carers are welcome to park their cars at drop-off or pick-up times at The Harvester Restaurant (red route on the map). Those feeling a little more energetic can park at Morrisons, where there is a pleasant, slightly longer walk to school (yellow route).

Parking is allowed at both establishments at the two points in the day but it is important that cars are not left there all day.

In both cases, this is a permanent offer until

further notice, and is effective immediately. Vehicles and contents are left at owner's own risk.

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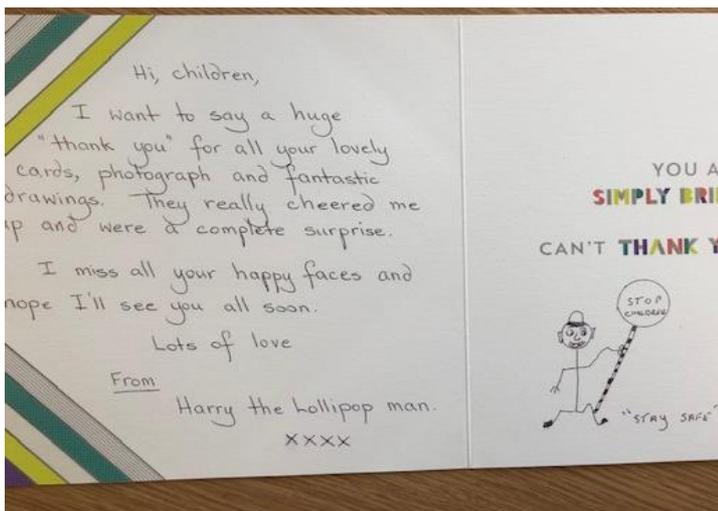
Please note that newsletters will be uploaded to the website on Wednesdays from today, and alternate Wednesdays after. Parents who have a paper copy sent to them, this will be on alternate Wednesdays too.

Badminton after school club

Mr Pilkington from John Spence is running a badminton after school club at John Spence on Tuesdays from 4-5pm. The sessions cost £1.50 each, and children aged 5-11 are welcome to attend. A flyer is being sent home with each child in Years 1 to 6 today, and if you present the flyer at the club the first session is free. Sounds like a fabulous opportunity!

Thinking about Harry

In Castles a couple of weeks ago, the children made cards for Harry the lollipop man to let him know that they are thinking about him. Harry sent the children a lovely card back. We send him and his family lots of love from everyone at school.



Christmas performances

Next Monday we will be sending out a letter about the tickets for the Christmas performances, which will explain how to order your tickets and it will inform parents of the collection date for tickets.

New member of staff

We are delighted to inform parents that we have appointed an additional Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) for Wellbeing, Guidance & Support. Miss Clark will be starting with us in January; more details about her role will be explained in due course.

Teacher Training Day

On the holiday and term list of dates that was sent to families in Summer term, it showed the remaining teacher training days as Friday 21st December and Monday 3rd June 2019.

However, we have brought forward the staff training which is required at the start of Spring term, as part of our School Improvement Plan.

So, the remaining training days are: **Friday 21st December and Monday 7th January 2019. There will no longer be a Teacher Training day on Monday 3rd June 2019.**

Staffing after Christmas

When Mr Burgess left, Miss Knowles became Acting Deputy Head. The appointment of a permanent Deputy Head will take place in the Spring term, with the post commencing in Summer term. Mrs Jones will therefore continue to teach Year 3 in the Spring term until Easter.

Individual photos

If you would like to order your child/children's school photograph, please return the order to the school office by Friday this week at the latest. This is the deadline date, so no orders may be submitted after Friday as the company will be collecting the orders after school on that day.

Football team

We are over the moon that our football team are so awesome!! They recently played in two impressive matches and came away with a draw and a 1-0 win. Special mention to Lewis L in Year 5 for scoring his first goal for the team, and a special shoutout to Daniel from Year 6, who scored in the final seconds of the match - in fact it was the last kick of the game!! Huge congratulations to the team and thanks to Simon Brown!



Tracey Taylor,
Headteacher, November
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