

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter – September 10th 2019

Welcome back

The children have come back to school and settled in extremely quickly to their new classes and teachers! We would like to welcome all new families to our school this term, and hope that you enjoy being part of our school community, and that your child is very happy at our school. We'd like to welcome these new children into our school in Reception, Year 3, 4 and 6. It feels like they are part of the school family already!



Breakfast club

As there are only limited places at breakfast club, it is essential for you to book and pay online at the start of the week for your child's place. **Places MUST be booked ahead online, otherwise you will be turned away from breakfast club.**

If there are any parents new to Reception, please call into the office to see Mrs Royle for help in setting up an online login so that you may book breakfast club places yourself.

Swimming

Year 4 will re-start their weekly swimming lessons this Friday (13th) and the lessons will run until Christmas. If you are able to help accompany the children to the swimming pool, please contact the school office thanks. We would ideally like to set up a rota of parents who can help each week. We require 3 parent helpers each week, and would be grateful for any offers of help.

Parking outside school

For all of our parents new to school, there is no parking on the school site. Therefore we ask that you park considerately outside and around school in the mornings and at the end of the school day. We have received a complaint from

a resident about the chaos of the cars around the estate. We ask that you park with care, so that the children are safe, the residents are happy and that there are no accidents.

Great North Run

We are incredibly proud that Mrs Brown, Teaching Assistant in Year 1, has run in the Great North Run. She is raising money for Bloodline. If anyone wishes to donate to the charity please see Mrs Royle in the office. Thank you!



Admissions 2020

On Wednesday 11th September, the application process for Reception places for September 2020 opens. There will be some information sent home this week. The Admissions team prefer for applications to be submitted online, and the information will be all in the details sent home. Please note: the application forms are not returned to school, but to the Access Team at North Tyneside. Also, even if your child is currently in our school Nursery, this does not guarantee them a place in next year's Reception class.

Early Years open morning

On the 6th November from 9.30 to 10.30am, we will be holding an Early Years open morning. This is for prospective Nursery or Reception parents for 2020. If you know anyone who will be applying to our school, we'd be grateful if you would share this date, thank you.

After school club with School's Out

School's Out, who run the after school club in the mobile classroom, will be open every night from now on. The session runs from 3.30pm until 5.35pm and costs £9. A place in after school club may be booked by phoning 07960 933450.



Jeans for genes

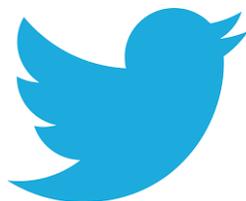
On Friday 20th September, we will be wearing jeans instead of school trousers or skirts, to support the Jeans for Genes charity. The children will still be asked to wear the top half of their uniform. We suggest a £1 donation towards the charity. Thank you for your support.

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme

Children in Reception to Year 6 are eligible for the nasal flu vaccination. Your child has had the letter and form about this last week. All forms MUST be returned to school by 10am on Friday 13th to be collected by the School Nursing Team. Late forms will not be accepted unfortunately.

Health & Safety

Children in school are not allowed to wear acrylic nails. It is not appropriate dress code for school and they are a potential health & safety risk for playtimes, PE and in the classroom. If your child has had them done over the Summer holidays, we would be grateful if they are removed as soon as possible thank you.



Twitter

For new parents, there is a newsletter uploaded to the school website at www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk every alternate Tuesday. Our main point of communication with families is our school Twitter account, which we tweet from on a daily basis. If you visit Twitter, you

will find us @pg_primary. If you need any help in getting started on Twitter, please contact the school office.

Parent helpers

If you are interested in helping at school, either for accompanying swimming, educational visits or to listen to children read, we'd be extremely grateful. Please complete the form below thank you. A timetable will be made up and your slot confirmed.

If you would like to start helping in school, you must have an enhanced DBS check. Please tick if you would like to be DBS cleared, and call at the office where you will be given guidance to complete the form online. The clearance usually through within a week. You will be able to help once the clearance is given to school.

Reading

As you know reading is very important to us at Preston Grange and we are always striving to improve children's reading. We believe the most important job you can do for your child, is to hear them read EVERY night. This is essential for their progress in school. In school we teach children to read, and they take part in shared reading each day. However, each child needs to practice reading, just as you likely remember doing when you were at school.

We have arranged the following reading meetings for parents for each class across school, so that you will be able to learn about reading in each year group, and what the expectations are in the curriculum:

Early Years (Nursery & Reception) – Tues 17/9 9am

Year 1 & 2 – Wed 18/9 9am

Year 3 & 4 - Thurs 19/9 9am

Year 5 & 6 – Fri 20/9 9am

Reading tipi

As you may remember, last term the roof of our tipi blew off in the wind and rain got inside for a very short time. This meant that the cushions that the children sit on became damp. We have invested in some new waterproof padded cushions (modelled beautifully by our children here) and also bought a large mat for the centre of the tipi.



Aldi stickers

There is a promotion at Aldi at the minute, that if you spend £30 or more, you will receive a sticker. These stickers when collected by schools may be exchanged for sports equipment. We would be grateful if families would start collecting these for school. Thank you for your support!

Tuck shop

If you remember, our school council (two children from each class) reviewed what we were selling at tuck shop in light of us going for the Healthy School award once again.

They chose a company called Fruit to Suit, and the children have chosen healthy snacks that satisfy the school food standards label. Each item will cost 50p, and we are allowing the children only to buy one item each week. Please send your child's 50p into school in a purse or envelope clearly marked with their name and class. Thank you!

We will text all parents once we have received the new items.

PE kits

We ask that every child brings their PE kit into school on Monday morning and keeps it on their peg. This is so that if there are changes to the PE timetable, their kit is available all of the time. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 9th October, we are holding Harvest coffee mornings and afternoons across the day, with the Friends of Preston Grange organising cake and coffee for families. In addition to the coffee and cake, each session will have the children doing a short performance. Once they have done this, they may sit with their family to enjoy some cake and juice.

Please note, we will be asking for donations of canned and jars of food, or dry foods such as pasta for the Bay foodbank this year. We'd be grateful for any support. More info nearer the time.

Scholastic books

Later this week Mrs Royle will send home the Scholastic book magazine. Orders should be returned to the office by Friday 20th. For new parents, we receive points for each order and as a school we can redeem these for library books.

Hoops for Health

Tomorrow the Newcastle Eagles whole basketball team will be in school in the afternoon to deliver their Hoops 4 Health school programme to Years 5 and 6.

Dates for your diary

Wed 11/9 – Newcastle Eagles in school with Y5/6 (pm)

Thurs 12/9 – Y5 ukulele with Chad (each Thurs till half term)

Fri 13/9 – Swimming starts for Y4

Tues 17/9 - Early Years (Nursery & Reception) reading meeting for parents 9am

Wed 18/9 - Year 1 & 2 reading meeting for parents 9am

Thurs 19/9 - Year 3 & 4 reading meeting for parents 9am

Fri 20/9 - Year 5 & 6 reading meeting for parents 9am

Wed 9/10 – Harvest coffee mornings & afternoons

Fri 18/10 – Wear it Pink day (non-uniform day for charity)

Tues 22/10 – parents evening (starts 2.15pm)

Thurs 24/10 – Halloween discos (2.30-3.20pm Early Yrs/KS1, 3.30 – 4.30pm KS2)

Thurs 24/10 – Break up for October half term

Fri 25/10 – **TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

Mon 4/11 – Children return to school

Advanced notice: Whole school trip to the Theatre Royal pantomime 5th Dec (pm)

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, 10/9/19

Volunteers in school– Autumn Term 2019

Reading helpers in school

I _____ would like to volunteer to listen to readers.

Preferred age range: Reception and Key stage 1

Key stage 2 (Please circle)

Days I would be available to volunteer (Please Circle)

Mon	am	pm
Tues	am	pm
Wed	am	pm
Thurs	am	pm
Fri	am	pm

I am happy to help for more than one session

I am/ am not DBS cleared.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Child's name: _____

Swimming helpers in school

I _____ would like to volunteer to accompany Year 4 swimming on Friday afternoon

I am happy to help for more than one session

I am/ am not DBS cleared.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Child's name: _____