

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – January 22nd 2020



Did you know.....Preston Grange is a Reading Recovery School?



**Reading
Recovery®**

Reading Recovery is a literacy programme designed for the lowest achieving children, aged around six, which enables them to reach age-expected levels within 20 weeks. It involves a short series of daily one-to-one lessons

for 30 minutes with a specially trained teacher; in our school, this is Miss Minto.

What parents are saying...

...it has brought him along leaps and bounds

... I can see a huge improvement

... has progressed massively

... has so much more confidence.

Our school is very fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity to our younger pupils and Miss Minto is grateful to the pupils' parents who support her work through the daily homework tasks.

Timmy the class attendance owl

Last week, these were the class attendances:

Reception – 95.8%

Year 1 – 97.7%

Year 2 – 98%

Year 3 – 99.6%

Year 4 – 99%

Year 5 – 100%

Year 6 – 99.4%

Our school target attendance is 96.5%. Congratulations to the classes who achieved above target attendance and wow Year 5!! 100% attendance is superb! They have earned Timmy the owl across the week!

Assam India

I have been selected to attend an international literary conference in Assam, India. As part of the visit, I have also been invited to work with a project team, who are planning to open kindergartens across Assam. I am delighted to share the excellent work and practice from our school on the visit.

I am very proud to be representing our school in an ambassador role overseas. It is also an amazing opportunity for me to forge some links with primary schools in Assam, which will benefit our children and will be a superb opportunity for our

school, as we journey towards achieving the Rights Respecting School Award. I leave on Wednesday 29th January for 2 weeks.

Theatre company in school

On Tuesday 25th February we will be having a theatre company, Image Theatre, perform Robin Hood in school for all classes. You will receive more information shortly. I am sorry in advance that we have to request a small voluntary contribution towards the event, as we find ourselves near the end of the school financial year.

Author visit

We have kindly been invited to take our Year 4, 5 and 6 children to Whitehouse Primary School to take part in an author visit. Author Lisa Thompson will be at the event, and the children are really looking forward to the visit. Please see below some of the books that the author has written:



Parents evenings Spring term

We will be holding our next parents evenings on Tuesday 3rd March. Appointments will start from 1.45pm. Mrs Royle will text all families once the booking system is live.

Read aloud month

February is 'read aloud' month, where we would like to promote reading stories to our classes. We are inviting people into school who would be prepared to read to a class of our children. You will only be needed for a maximum of half an hour and we will even provide the book! Please ring the school office if you would like to be involved thank you. Please follow the Twitter hashtag #ReadAloud during the month of February and help us to create lots of story opportunities for our children. Thank you for your support!



Attendance awards

Miss Clark was delighted to award 56 children (including Nursery) achieved 100% attendance awards for Autumn term. Thank you for your support in helping us continue to improve our attendance in school.

Theatre Royal production

Year 6 are studying the book 'Holes' in Literacy currently, and will be visiting the Theatre Royal on Thursday 27th February, after they have read the text. They are so excited to be seeing the stage production!

Valentine disco

On Friday 14th February in the afternoon, the Friends of Preston Grange have organised two discos for the children. You should have already received a flier

about the discos. Please contact the school office if you haven't received one thanks.

Early Years parent session

On Wednesday 12th February, would like to invite all of our Early Years families into school to join in some fine motor skills, funky fingers and phonics. More information to follow.



Hoops 4 Health

Our Year 5 children have received some additional coaching with Shaun from Newcastle Eagles, ahead of them being in the Hoops 4 Health basketball tournament on January 31st. We will be entering three teams, and the children will be at the Eagles community arena for the full day.

Parents may find their way there independently, and watch from the seating. Good luck Year 5!!

Dates for your diary

Thurs 23 Jan – Year 5 Hoops 4 Health coaching
Thurs 23 Jan – Early Years shared Chinese New Year morning
Thurs 23 Jan – Football team training with Simon Brown
Fri 24 Jan – Years 4, 5, 6 author visit at Whitehouse Primary
Fri 24 Jan – Year 2 & Year 5/6 dance each Friday
Wed 29 Jan – Year 4 ukelele with Chad each Wednesday
Thurs 30 Jan – Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 girls football (lunchtime) each Thursday
Thurs 30 Jan – Football team @John Spence 3.30pm
Fri 31 Jan – Hoops 4 Health tournament at Eagles arena (Year 5)
Thurs 6 Feb – Year 5/6 hockey (3.30pm – 5pm)
Fri 7 Feb – Year 4 @Quicksticks hockey tournament
Thurs 13 Feb – Year 1 Multiskills @JSCHS (pm)
Fri 14 Feb – Valentine discos (pm)
Fri 14 Feb – **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**

NB. Children return to school on Monday 24th February

Tues 25 Feb – Image Musical Theatre, Robin Hood production (pm)
Thurs 27 Feb – Year 6 to Theatre Royal (Holes)
Mon 2 March – Dance Festival rehearsal and performance (Year 2 and Y5/6 dance club)
Mon 2 March – Year 5 challenge day @John Spence
Tues 3 March - Parents evening, starting 1.45pm
Thurs 5 March – World Book Day
Thurs 5 March – Football team to John Spence 3.30pm
Mon 9 March – Science week starts
Tues 24 March – Able writers day at New York Primary (Year 5/6)
Thurs 2 April – Year 3 in Skipping Festival @John Spence
Thurs 2 April – Year 4 badminton @John Spence
Fri 3 April – **BREAK UP FOR EASTER**

NB. Children return to school on Monday 20th April

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